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KCSV would like to thank everyone for coming to our annual Christmas Celebration!** | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A person holding a cane and a bag  Description automatically generated |  |  | | --- | | A person sitting in a chair  Description automatically generated | | | |  | | --- | | A group of women posing for a photo  Description automatically generated | | | |  | | --- | | A person and person standing together  Description automatically generated |  |  | | --- | | A person in a red coat  Description automatically generated | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A group of people posing for a photo  Description automatically generated |  |  | | --- | | A person in a yellow shirt and black mask standing next to a person in a garment  Description automatically generated | | | |  | | --- | | A group of people in a room  Description automatically generated | | | |  | | --- | | A group of people wearing masks  Description automatically generated |  |  | | --- | | A person standing next to a table  Description automatically generated | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **COUNT DOWN UNTIL CHRISTMAS** A red and white calendar with a date and a white tree and a white reindeer  Description automatically generated **Activity: Gingerbread Houses Using Graham Crackers.**  **Supplies Needed:**   * 2 egg whites * 1 teaspoon lemon juice * 1 box confectioner's sugar * 1 large box of graham crackers * Hard Christmas candies for decoration * Frosting     **How To Make Gingerbread Houses Using Graham Crackers.**    **Part 1: Prepare the House.**  **Step 1:** Separate your Christmas candies into bowls. This step saves the hassle of opening bags of candy with sticky fingers later.  **Step 2:** Place an aluminum pie tin upside down in front of you.  **Step 3:** Combine the egg whites and lemon juice in a large bowl to [make royal icing](https://www.wikihow.com/Make-Royal-Icing). Beat the egg whites on a high speed until they are white and frothy. Add powdered sugar 2 tablespoons at a time to combine gradually, on a speed just high enough that the sugar doesn't fly up all over the counter. The icing should have the consistency of stiff peanut butter by the time all the sugar has been combined. The icing will secure the graham cracker walls of the house and stick the candy decorations to the surface.  **Step 4:**  Place large spoonfuls of the royal icing into quart-size zipped style freezer bags. Avoid regular thickness sandwich bags because the plastic is too thin and will not hold up to the punishment of being used as a pastry tube. An unzipped plastic bag the size of a bread bag will also work, and it will hold more icing. Approximately 1 cup of icing each small bag is enough. If decorating with friends or family, make sure that each gingerbread artist has his or her own bag of icing.  **Step 5:** Seal the bags.  **Step 6:**  Use scissors to snip 1/4" (6 mm) off one corner of the icing filled bag. You now have an "icing tube". As you decorate, you'll squeeze the icing toward the snipped corner and use it to dispense a bead of icing on your gingerbread house.  **Part 2: Assemble the House.**  **Step 1:** Count out six whole, uncracked, unseparated, unbroken crackers. Set four of them aside to form the roof and the two long sides of your house.  **Step 2:** Cut the two remaining cracker sheets to form end gable pieces. Use a gentle "sawing" motion with a serrated knife. Use the short end of a cracker to measure the angled line from the center of the long side to the centerline of the cracker.  **Step 3:** Repeat for the second gable end.  **Step 4:** Squeeze icing along the edges of a gable end and 1 whole graham cracker  **Step 5:** Place the long edge of the wall cracker vertical to the base edge of the gable end cracker. Stick the side edge of the gable end cracker to the bead of icing on the flat side of the wall cracker. The walls should hold each other up.  **Step 6:** Add the other gable end and wall in the same manner. Use a bead of icing along the bottom to stick the pieces to the pie tin. Also, use a bead of icing where the two walls will join at the corners.   **Step 7:** Add the roof crackers in the same manner as the wall crackers but pipe the icing on the flat of the roof, not on the edges. Then, stick the flat of the roof to the top edges of the gable ends and walls. Allow the icing to set for 15 to 20 minutes before handling the house again. If you place candies on it too quickly, you risk collapsing the house.   **Part 3: Decorating the House**  **Step 1:** Line the roof with icing where you want to add shingles.  **Step 2:** Add the shingles using your chosen candies**.**   * You can also use cereal for the shingles   **Step 3:**  Use your imagination and decorate the entire house whatever way you like | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **A Birthday Shout-Out to our KCSV Program Coordinator Mary Moses!** A person standing next to a balloon  Description automatically generated  A group of cupcakes with candles  Description automatically generated  **Happy Birthday to those born in the month of DECEMBER!**  12/5 - Estelle Oliver  12/8 - Bertie Bell 12/14 - Estella Moses 12/21- Joyce Ann Freeman 12/28 - Mary Moses 12/29 - Emma Tolar  A bag full of food  Description automatically generated**Kingdom Care Senior Village Food Pantry Closed Until January 4, 2022.**    **Mask Mandate Reinstated- New Testing Options Available.** The Mayor issued a new COVID-19 [Situational Update](https://capitolhillvillage.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9bfe44a14b406ac0bb75ef5fe&id=949f411546&e=02d0594c8f).  The bad news is that case rates are increasing pretty dramatically in DC and elsewhere.  The good news is that DC government is responding in helpful and appropriate ways.  Among the changes being instituted this week:   * The public health emergency which was set to expire on Friday is extended until January 31, 2022. * Indoor mask mandate is being reinstated as of tomorrow. * New testing resources are being made available.   + Additional sites to access Self-test PCR kits are now available at Southeast Library, Northeast Library, as well as several other [Ward 6 sites](https://capitolhillvillage.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9bfe44a14b406ac0bb75ef5fe&id=b7fef11a85&e=02d0594c8f), including Arthur Capper Recreation Center and Rosedale Library   + Rapid tests (two per day) will become available for free to DC residents with proof of residency beginning Wednesday.  The site in Ward 6 will be Shaw Library.  Supplies will be limited initially to 1000 per day per site but should increase over time.   For both of these self-test options, you need to register either your submission (PCR) or your results (Rapid tests) online.  Please let CHV know if we can help you. (CHV is requesting a supply of test kits to make it easier for us to help you get tested.)  To review the Mayor's Presentation from earlier today, click [HERE](https://capitolhillvillage.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9bfe44a14b406ac0bb75ef5fe&id=1be4fbd379&e=02d0594c8f) For more information visit [https://coronavirus.dc.gov/](https://capitolhillvillage.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9bfe44a14b406ac0bb75ef5fe&id=b65b0729b5&e=02d0594c8f) | | |
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