Checklist

Items You Must Have:
Candy, cookies, and other edible decorations (including ready-made sugar decorations)

Ingredients for the gingerbread dough (or purchase store-bought, pre-baked pieces)

- flour
- vegetable shortening (good quality)
- sugar
- baking powder
- unsulfured molasses
- salt
- ground ginger
- cinnamon

Ingredients for royal icing

- powdered sugar
- meringue powder

- Pattern (or cutters or mold)
- Sturdy base

Very Useful Items:

- Cake decorating bags
- Shiny, heavy-gauge aluminum pans
- Cookie rack for cooling pieces
- Small, angled spatula used to spread the icing
- Couplers and tips
- Toothpicks
- Drying table
- Turntable for turning the house while decorating
- Foil covering for base
- X-acto knife
- Heavy-duty stand mixer
- Yard sticks, rulers, or special rubber bands for your rolling pin to help ensure even dough thickness
- Marble rolling pin
- Parchment paper
- Paste colors to color icing (or dough)

Some of the items listed are discussed in detail on pages 9-14 (in the order they appear in this list).