

Decorating Candy Ideas

There are several different types of candy that can be used as decorations. I like to buy candy during after-holiday sales. The candy is less expensive and it is fun to decorate with different holiday candy (Halloween, Valentines Day, etc).

Roof Tile Decorations

Crackers. Look in your kitchen cupboards for stale crackers or browse your supermarket aisle. I try to find unusual shaped crackers.

Multi-Colored Necco candies, M&M candies, Skittles candies, Cereal, Gum (sticks) , Red - Big Red gum, Black - Black Jack gum, White - JucieFruit or Spearmint gum, Frost your roof and sprinkle with candy sprinkles, Lifesavers.

To make roof tiles for your house, run a line of frosting across the bottom of your roof. Place the first row of crackers/candy's at the bottom edge of your roof. For the second row, offset the shingles by starting with $\frac{1}{2}$ a shingle. Continue until your roof is covered.

When decorating, be careful not to place too much weight on your roof. Heavy candy or too much frosting could cause your roof to cave in.

Chimney Decorations

Red Hots, Cereal (Rice Krispies, Fruity Pebbles), Broken Necco's, PEZ candies, Smarties, M&M's, Skittles

An easy way to decorate a chimney is to spread a good amount of frosting on all sides of your chimney. Now press the candy into the frosting. The frosting will fill-in around the edges forming a "mortar" between the candy.

Porch / Posts

Stack graham crackers to create a simple porch. Use Candy Canes to support your porch roof, which can also be made out of graham crackers. Be sure to first decorate the wall that is covered by your porch. It is very difficult to decorate a window that is covered by a porch AFTER the porch roof is created.

Wall / Window Decorations, Red Hots, Candy Canes, M&M candies, Candy Corn, Gum Drops, Silver Draggees

To quickly decorate around your windows, pipe frosting around each window then press the desired candy into the frosting.

Broken Necco candies, Oyster Crackers, Stick Gum, Toffee Bits, Candy Corn, Chocolate Chips, Vanilla Chips, Butterscotch Chips, Crackers, Red Hots

An easy way to create a walkway is to spread a good amount of frosting in the shape of your walkway. Now press the candy into the frosting. The frosting will fill-in around the edges forming a "mortar" between the candy.

Ground Cover

Coconut, Coconut with green food coloring, Frost ground and sprinkle with green crystals, Sprinkle ground with powdered sugar.

Before adding trees, bushes or fences, sprinkle your gingerbread base with some kind of ground cover. Coconut works the best. For green coconut, place coconut in a plastic bag along with some green food coloring. Shake the bag until the coconut is colored green.

Trees / Bushes

Rice Krispie Treats (green food coloring added) - makes great bushes - try using several different kinds of cereal! Ice Cream Cones frosted green

To make an Ice Cream Cone tree, pipe frosting onto an inverted sugar cone, starting at the bottom edge. Make one row around the bottom edge, continuing up the cone to the top. Sprinkle green crystals onto the wet icing. Do not roll the tree in frosting or the frosting will flatten. Leave the top of the tree unfrosted. Put the tree in place and then frost the top of the tree.

Lamp Posts

Candy Cane, Lifesavers (base - to hold candy cane), Gum Drop.

There are many other candy's not listed here that can be used for decorations. Browse your supermarket candy isle or bulk food isle for more candy decorating ideas.

Fences/Posts

Small Pretzels, Large Marshmallows, Gum Drops, Chocolate Kisses

You can also use candy "Rocks" and create a rock fence.

Another good idea for a fence is to use candy canes that have been cut-off at the base of the "hook".

Other Ideas

- ❑ Purchase pumpkin candy (similar to candy corn but shaped like a pumpkin) at Halloween time and create a pumpkin patch for your gingerbread house!
- ❑ With green frosting and round tip, create a vine up the side of your house. With colored frosting and a flower tip, make flowers to create a colorful flower vine.
- ❑ With green frosting and a leaf tip, place leaves on the bottom of each window. With Red frosting and a flower tip, make red flowers on top of the green leaves. Place a yellow dot of frosting in the middle of each flower and you have nice Poinsettia flowers under each window.
- ❑ Purchase Red Vine Licorice. Create a bow out of a piece that is approximately 6 inches long. Squeeze the bow together in the middle (so it stays together) and apply to doors with a dab of frosting.
- ❑ When finished with your gingerbread house, lightly sprinkle your house and landscape with powdered sugar to create the look of fresh snow (a flour sifter works nicely).
- ❑ When finished, place a small piece of batting (craft stuffing) in the chimney to resemble smoke.
- ❑ You can also decorate the inside of your gingerbread house. If you choose to do so, make sure you do this before assembling your house (gluing your walls and attaching your roof).

