

Gingerbread Houses

Grade 3

Watercolor/Markers

Objective:

Students will view and discuss why the houses of the Victorian period were called Gingerbread Houses. While learning about this style of Architecture, students discovered the three characteristics of a Gingerbread House;

1. Front porches
2. Painted using 3 or 4 colors
3. Decorations for trimmings and shingles
4. Symmetry

Students will create and illustrate a Gingerbread House using pencils, markers and watercolor paint showing the four characteristics found in this particular architectural style.



Materials:

12x18 White Drawing Paper

Pencils

Rulers

Erasers

Watercolor Paint

Water Cups

Paper Towels

Resources:

Teacher Created Slideshow of the Gingerbread Houses at OakBluff on Martha's Vineyard

Student and Teacher Activities:

Day 1 and 2:

Students will view teacher created slideshow of the Gingerbread Houses at OakBluff – then discuss what the characteristics may be of these particular houses.

Students will follow step-by-step instruction on creating the basic structure of the house – using ruler to create square bottom and triangle top.

Students will begin to add the various details (windows, doors, shingles, decorations and etc.) using pencil – Once they have completed their pencil drawing, the students will use sharpies to go over the lines.

Day 2:

Teacher will demonstrate technique of using watercolor paint to prepare the students for Day 3.

Day 3:

Students will begin to use Watercolor paint – keeping in mind the techniques demonstrated the previous day – and only using 3-4 colors on the house itself.

Day 4:

Finish watercolor painting.

Orally critique their projects – review.

Evaluation:

	Commendable	Satisfactory	Needs Improvement
Characteristics: Students must show the four characteristics of creating a Gingerbread house.*	Shows all four characteristics	Shows 2 or 3 of the characteristics	Shows 1 or no characteristics
Painting Techniques	Followed correct painting techniques	Followed painting techniques with efforts	Followed painting techniques some or little effort
Overall Artwork	Is the artwork done creatively and neatly?	Is the artwork done neatly?	Is the artwork done with little or no effort?

*Four Characteristics:

Front Porch

Symmetry

Decorations

3-4 Colors