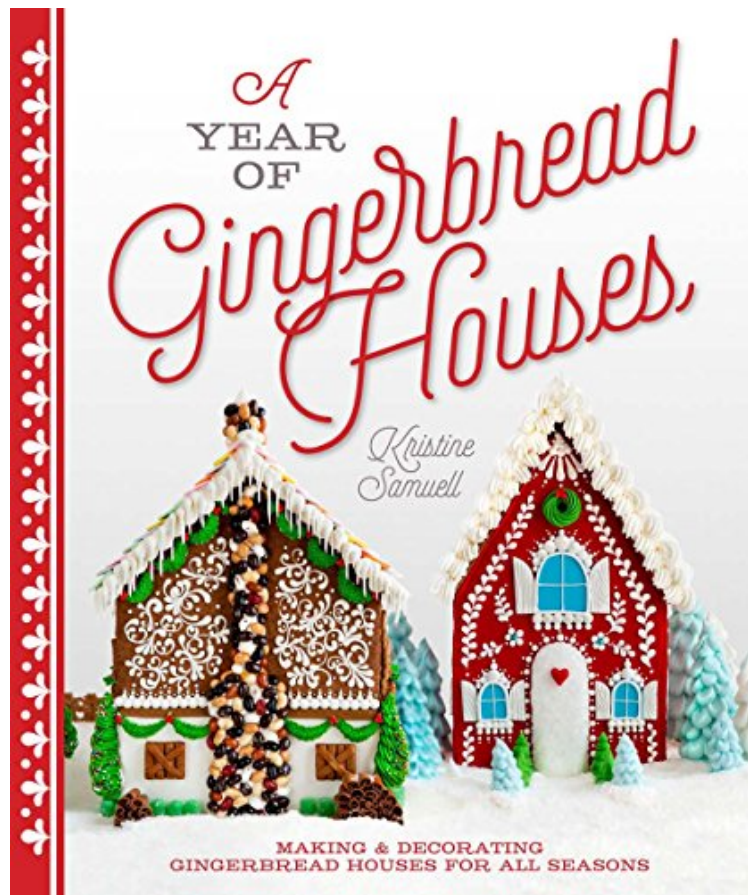


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Kristine Samuella : A Year of Gingerbread Houses: Making Decorating Gingerbread Houses for All Seasons before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Year of Gingerbread Houses: Making Decorating Gingerbread Houses for All Seasons:

12 of 12 people found the following review helpful. Outstanding! By K. J. A. Brown I have been making gingerbread houses for many years, and have many books on the subject. This is one of the best. Clear instructions, good dough recipes (vital for houses that are structurally sound), and charming design ideas. Much of the house decorating is in the Russian/Hungarian style, which involves intricate folk art designs, but here the highly formal piping work is adapted into a more relaxed style. My only slight disappointment is that the book does not include the wonderful homemade roof tiles, a la Necco wafers, that can be found on Samuella's web site. An excellent addition to my bookcase, and one that I am sure I will refer to again and again 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Library Journal ***

Starred Review *** One of the best gingerbread books available,By a readerLibrary Journal *** Starred Review ***One of the best gingerbread books available, Samuells debut is essential for serious gingerbread architects and decorators. Along with explicit instructions and step-by-step photographs, this book supplies piping templates and six unbelievable projects, including Karis Ski Cabin, Louisas Bakery, and Haunted Hideaway. Samuell demonstrates techniques for adding interior lighting, troubleshooting royal icing, and applying impression mats, plunger cutters, fondant, and pastillage. Many of her suggestions wont be found elsewhere.3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. **Nailed it!** HahaBy sansSo, I love this book- it was fun to read, and I used it for making my own gingerbread house this year (I used the gingerbread recipe, royal icing recipe, and baking/icing tips, but I pulled a house template off the internet that I liked better). The downside was that it took me like 10 hours to get the supplies, make and bake the recipes, cut out the house, decorate it, glue it together, etc. By the time I was done making the house I had decided never to make one from scratch again... Next year I will buy a kit and just do the decoration part! I will say that if you try to make a house that looks exactly like one of the author's, you might be disappointed that it doesn't turn out looking as good as hers- she is definitely a "pro". Brings to mind the "nailed it" memes you see on Buzzfeed...

Nothing's more enticing for any holiday or special occasion than an awesome, lusciously decorated gingerbread house. With designs for Christmas, Halloween, Valentines Day, and birthdays, these exquisite projects include a cottage, chalet, and two-story house. Options as customized windows, doors, chimneys, paths, trees, topiaries, and even lighting add to the charm. More than 200 helpful step-by-step process shots; informative sections on tools, techniques, and components; and patterns, piping templates, and tips on baking, assembling, and troubleshooting assure magical results.

About the AuthorKristine Samuell started her baking adventures at her mothers elbow, peering in wonder at her mothers gingerbread masterpieces. Many bags of flour later, she still loves to create houses for holidays, birthdays, charity auctions, and other special occasions. Kristine lives in Houston, Texas, with her husband and two children, who think the title of the book should be: Dont eat that! Its for the gingerbread house book."