

Icing is the only thing you have to make to construct this no-bake sweet fantasy house.

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To help answer the foul-weather question, "What is there to do?" Hallmark has put together a great family handleraft idea that is sure to delight - a nobake Christmas fantasy house! Even the youngest of children can join in the construction of this festive creation.

With some Christmas music playing and some bot cocoa on the stove, you can turn those sombre sad sacks into cheery cherubs in a twinkling.

FANTASY HOUSE

To construct the no-bake sweet fantasy house, you'll need ornamental leing (below), gumdrops, a rolling pin, wax paper?" assorted candies, candy canes, graham crackers and a Hallmark House novelty container.

ORNAMENTAL ICING

Combine in large bowl 16 oz. confectioner's sugar, 1/2 tsp. cream of tartar, 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract and 3 room-temperature egg whites. With mixer, blend until smooth, then beat at high speed until stiff. Use right away; keep bowl covered (note: icing dries quickly). Makes 3 cups.

READY, SET - GOT

Where necessary, 'saw' graham crackers with a serrated knife. Glue graham crackers to the Hallmark house using the ornamental icing. Ice the roof heavily and stick on halved, flat-rolled gumdrops for shingles.

With icing, fasten candy canes onto each of the four corners of the house. Line the doorway arch with small peppermint candies. To create the melting snow look, thin some of the icing with a few drops of water and apply to edges of roof. Ice a yard area on a sheet of wax paper and stake your claim by placing your house right in the middle!

SNOWY CANDY CHRISTMAS TREES

Turn ice cream sugar cones upside-down and ice heavily. Cover with halved, flat-rolled green gumdrops. Add tiny-dot fruit candles as ornaments. To add to yard, moisten a spot with more icing and 'plant' the tree!

CANDY DOGHOUSE

Use a tiny Hallmark hanging gift box to create a miniature version of the large house. Using more icing and an animal cracker, you can even put a puppy outside!

KEEP THE MEMORIES

You can store your fantasy house wrapped in plastic, and year after year you'll recall the fun you had putting it togethers

Boredom is quickly transformed into Christmas cheer when family crafts are as fun and easy as this one. With your added splash of imagination and dash of enthusiasm, you'll create 'sweet dream' memories that will last a lifetime.

