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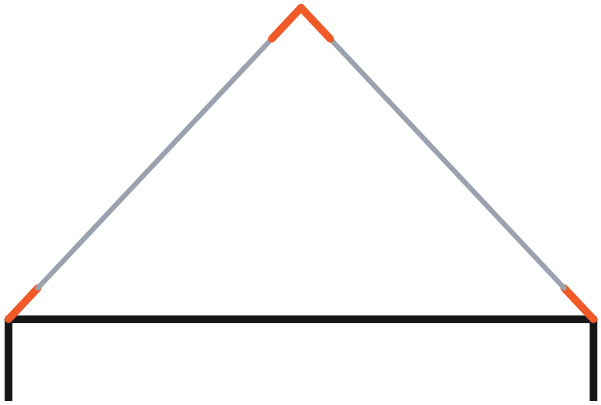
Build a gingerbread house from simple shapes, then choose the sweets for its roof.

1. Start with a wide rectangle.



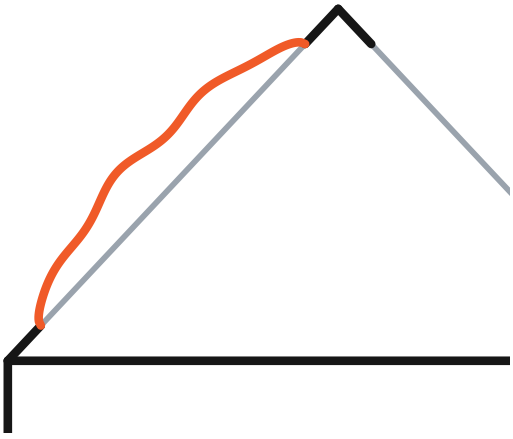
Draw the top edge once, then the sides and bottom. The top edge will also be the roof base.

2. Join the corners to a roof peak.



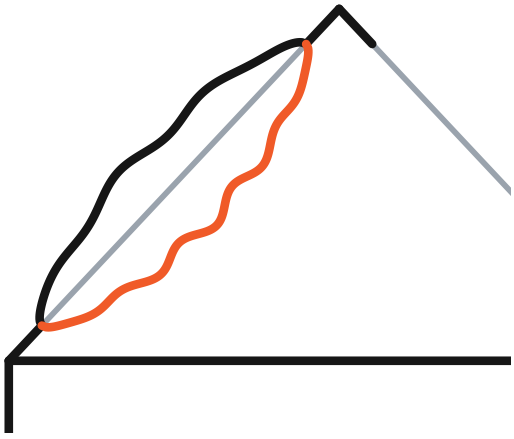
Keep the middle of each slope light for icing. Keep the peak, corners and shared base.

3. Curve around the outside of the slope.



Start where the gray line begins. Make a broad, soft wave outside the roof and meet the gray line near the peak.

4. Close the broad strip of icing.



From the same upper point, make soft scallops down inside the roof. Join the lower starting point.

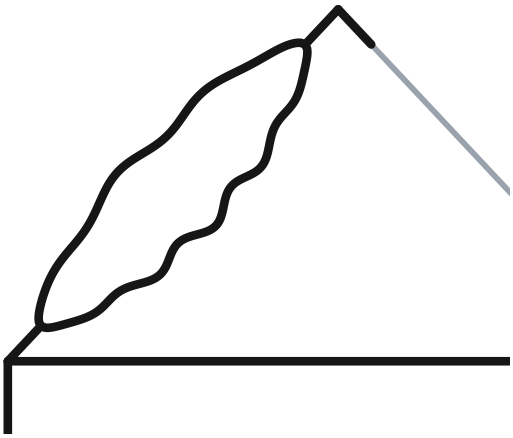
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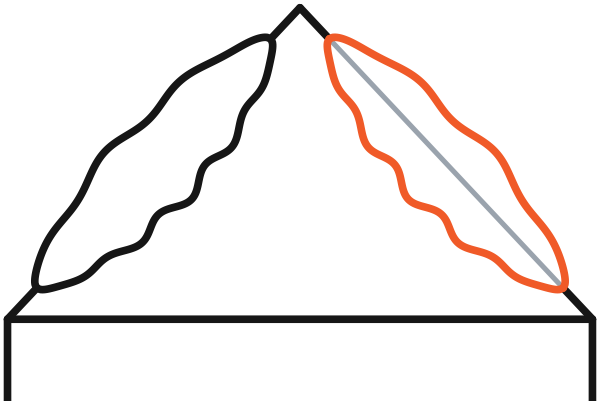
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5. Erase the gray line inside the icing.



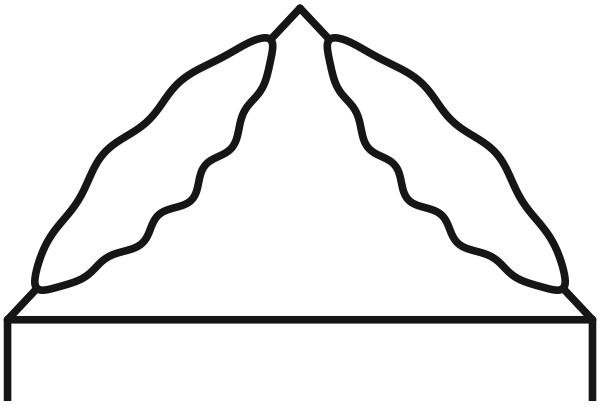
Remove only the covered middle slope. Keep both icing edges, the peak, corner and black base.

6. Make the same icing on the right.



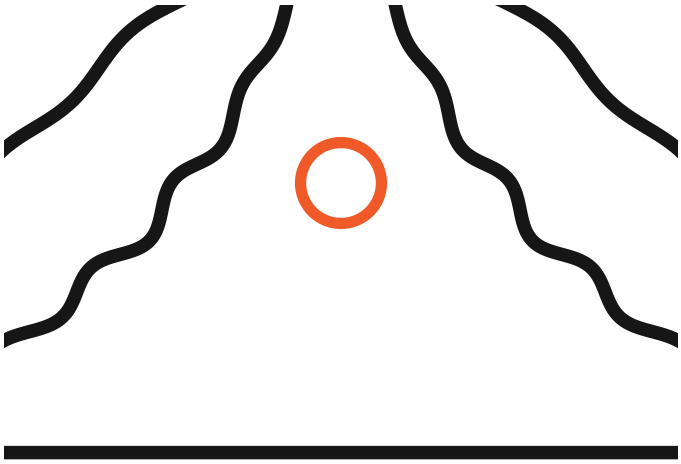
Draw its outer wave upward, then scallop back down inside. Join the same endpoints and leave the roof middle open.

7. Clear the second strip of icing.



Erase only its gray middle slope. The black roof ends and the shared base stay.

8. Draw one round candy completely.



Draw a small circle in the open middle of the roof. Close it where you started, with space around every side.

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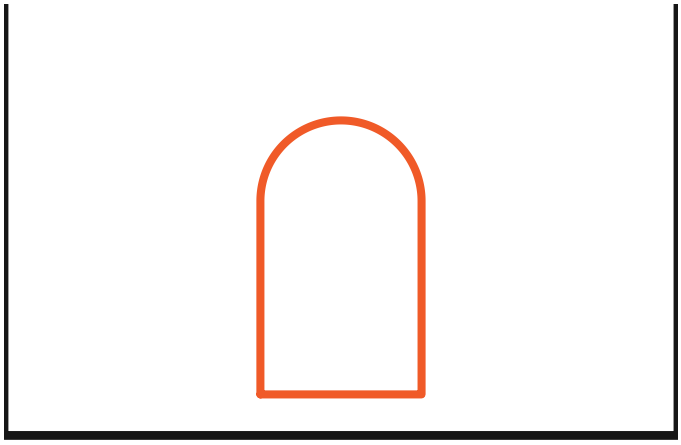
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9. Add two more round candies.



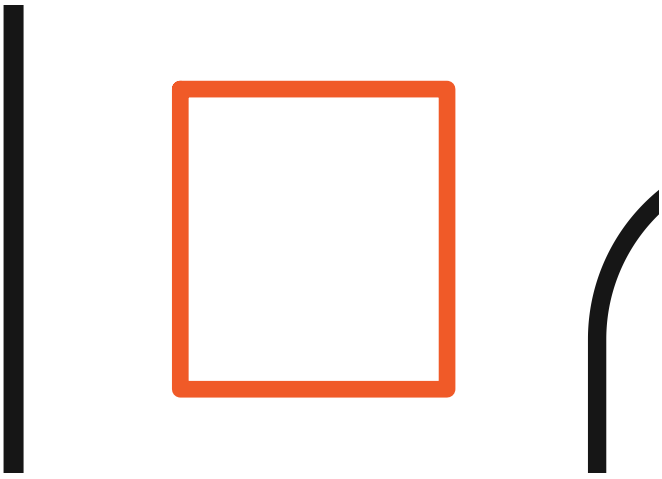
Draw one circle below and left, then one below and right. Keep clear gaps between the candies, icing and base.

10. Draw a door with a round top.



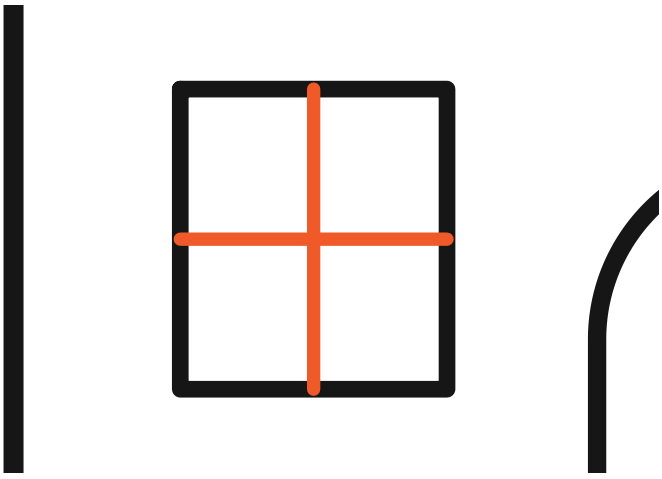
Go up, curve over the top, then come down and close the bottom. Keep the door inside the walls.

11. Draw one small window.



Make a rectangle to the left of the door. Leave room around every side.

12. Divide the window into four panes.



Draw a line down the middle and one across. Stop each line at the window edge.

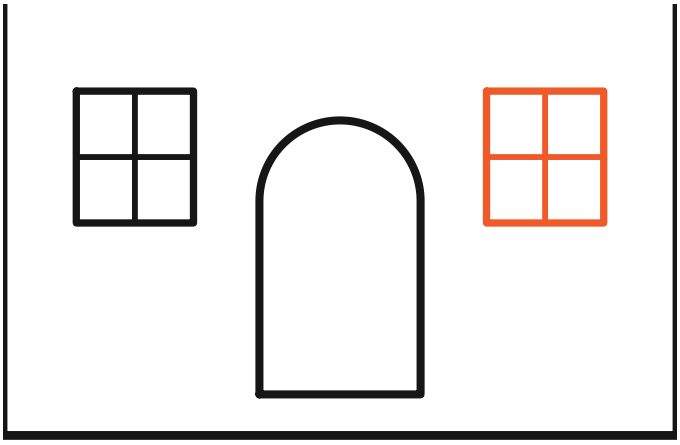
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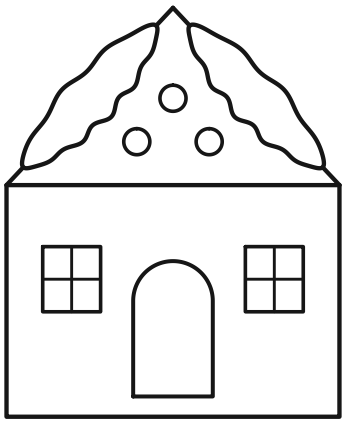
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13. Add a matching window on the right.



Draw the rectangle, then its two crossing lines. Keep both windows at the same height.

14. Check the icing and shared base.



Both gray slopes are gone. The black base stays; the three candies are closed and clear of the icing.

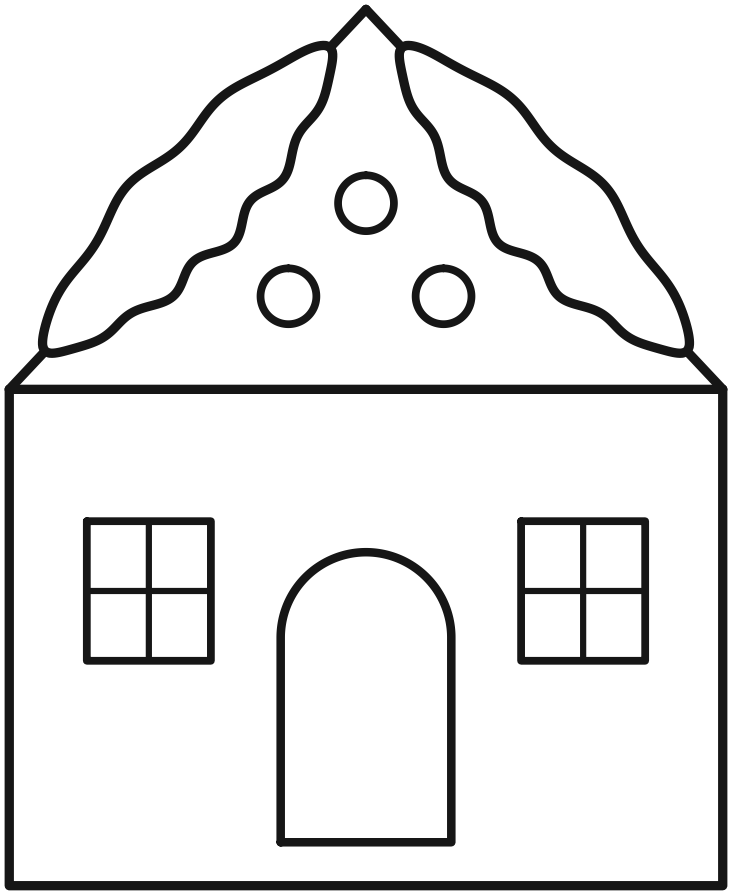
Try drawing it yourself

Use the steps to draw here. A pencil and eraser are all you need.

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Your finished drawing

The house is complete in line art. Colouring is optional.

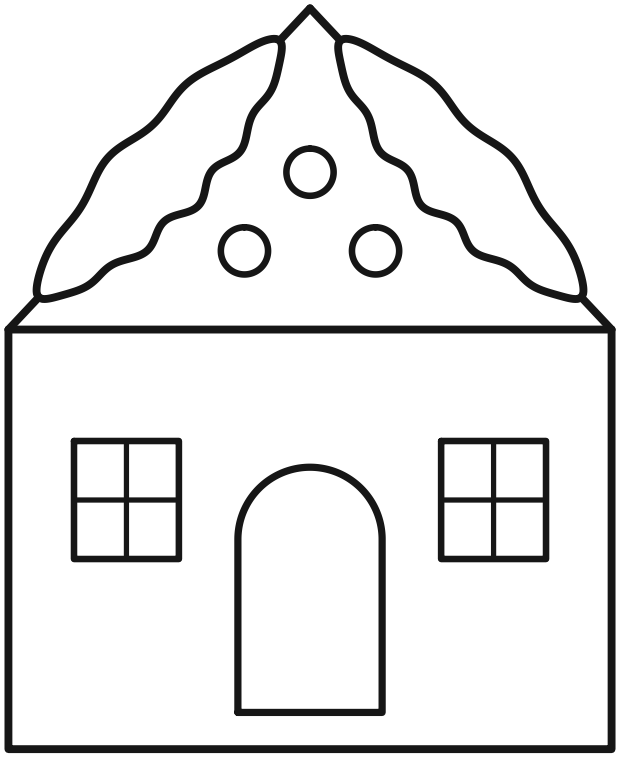


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Choose the sweets for your roof

Keep the round candies, or try short sprinkle marks in the same roof area.

Round candies



Short sprinkles

