

# Cookie Decorating

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## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Each student will decorate 2 dozen gingerbread cookies with white royal icing, sanding sugar and candy decorations. I'll cover the methods and materials I use to make elaborate layered designs. We'll approach our work from the point of view of drawing, design, and improvisation rather than a customary cookie decorating class (which usually focuses on how to replicate a specific motif). I'll cover my approach to planning, flooding, piping and embellishing. We'll have conversations about technique, equipment, suppliers, ingredients, packaging and storage.

The decorations in the supply list below (sanding sugar and sugar pearls/dragees) is the minimum a student will need for the work in this class, folks may bring more if they like – I'll bring my collection of decorations and can sell small jars of things to interested students. Students may already have many of the materials and tools on the supply list below – the rest can be found at craft and kitchen stores or online suppliers. It should be noted that metallic dragees are non-toxic, but the FDA recommends them for decorative purposes only. They cannot be shipped to California. Sugar pearls are a good substitute for those who want to avoid dragees. I've ordered from 3 companies:

- The Baker's Kitchen (good prices, but expensive shipping and they've sometimes made some mistakes in my orders: [thebakerskitchen.net](http://thebakerskitchen.net))
- Country Kitchen SweetArt (good shipping rates but limited choices and a less than organized site, you have to pay careful attention or you might order a pound of sugar when you wanted 4 ounces: [countrykitchensa.com](http://countrykitchensa.com))
- Layer Cake Shop (well organized site, wide selection, reasonable shipping rates, a bit more expensive: [layercakeshop.com](http://layercakeshop.com))

I'm happy to answer any other questions by email.

## **MATERIALS LIST**

- Sanding sugar: 4 oz.
- 6-7mm sugar pearls or dragees: 2+ oz.
- 4mm sugar pearls or dragees: 2+ oz.
- 2mm sugar pearls/dragees, or non-pearls: 2+ oz.
- (1) #2 round pastry tip
- (1) #4 round pastry tip
- (2) pastry bag couplers
- (2) reusable 10-12" pastry bags or (6) disposable pastry bags
- (1) ¼ sheet pan (9" x 13")
- Parchment paper (a roll or around 10 sheets)
- (1) natural bristle pastry brush (not silicone)
- Tweezers and/or culinary tongs (I like the ones with a curved tip)
- Bamboo/wooden skewers
- (1) stainless steel spatula (not plastic or silicone)
- (1 or 2) mini silicone spoonulas
- Several twist ties, rubber bands or binder clips
- (1) fine point sharpie (not ultra-fine)
- Paper towels
- (optional) if you have them and are not flying: 1 or 2 pint glasses
- \*Flash drive (to protect and save data to and from Library computers)
- \*Padlock for your studio locker, if desired (For rent in the Supply Store for the week)

*All Items marked with an "\*" are available for purchase in the Supply Store*

## **COVID-19 UPDATE**

In accordance to Arrowmont's COVID-19 policies, Arrowmont recommends that all students bring multiple face coverings in accordance to the CDC guidelines (2-ply, cloth face covering). Along with additional masks, students should consider bringing additional PPE that they may need personally, including but not limited to hand sanitizers and gloves. When asked to bring a respirator or N95 for class, please consider the best option for the supply in your area with health care workers in mind.

In addition to the new operating policies due to COVID-19, Arrowmont is providing additional information to students about materials and tools that will be provided in classrooms. If a student already owns the below items and can travel with them, the student can choose to bring these additional items. Arrowmont will provide these items to students but wants to ensure that all students feel comfortable while on campus as some of these items will be shared amongst a class and are not guaranteed to be one per student.

### **SUPPLIES**

- Pastic Wrap
- Plastic Containers with lid (like glad snaps, etc.)
- Fine tip Sharpie
- Masking Tape ¾"

If a student chooses to mail tools and supplies to Arrowmont prior to the class, the packages will be placed in the student's classroom.

Please label packages clearly, including student's name and class week.

Students can mail packages to:

Arrowmont  
C/O Student Name and Class Week  
556 Parkway  
Gatlinburg, TN 37738

### **MATERIALS FEES: \$60.00-\$100.00**

**Materials fees** will be charged for materials used in the studio and/or provided by instructors for use in the studio by the entire class. In order to keep these fees as low as possible, fees are assessed on an individual class basis and may vary from class to class depending on the amount of materials used and the number of students in the class. Materials fees are paid on the last day of class.

**Please be advised that above course description and materials list is written and approved by the instructor**

If you have any additional questions about this class, below is the contact info for your instructor:

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