

## Four Gingerbreads Cookies

In 2009 I offered Four Little Paper Dolls as the free song of the month, and this is a seasonal variation. On the next two pages you'll find patterns and directions for making your own "gingerbread cookies".

Using the small pattern you can make two sets of four "cookies" from one sheet of paper, or use the larger pattern for a "teacher/librarian" model. If you make the larger one, use card stock and simply tape four large cookie shapes together to make a folding book. Either way, follow the instructions below as you sing the song.

Begin song with paper gingerbread cookies open, showing four. As each verse is sung, fold one on the end back against the others, so it's a fan fold. When you get to the third verse, only one cookie will be visible. For last verse open them all up. There is instrumental time in the recorded song which should allow you (or children) time to open or close the cookies.

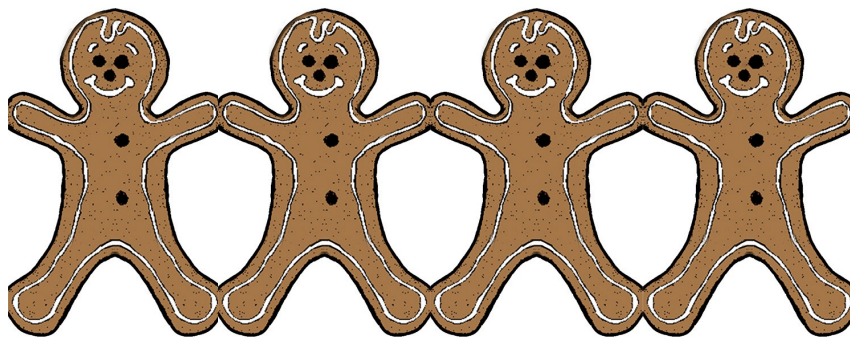
### Four Gingerbread Cookies

Four gingerbread cookies in a row  
One said, "Sorry, but I have to go"

Three gingerbread cookies in a row  
One said, "Sorry, but I have to go"

Two gingerbread cookies in a row  
One said, "Sorry, but I have to go"

One gingerbread cookies said, "Where are my friends?"  
They all came back..... And this is the end



Traditional paper dolls are made by folding a piece of paper like a fan, cutting a shape (not cutting through the folds), and opening it to reveal identical shapes joined at the fold. This calls for freehand folding and cutting. It's easy to do, but if you want more exact directions, you can use the pattern below. You will get two sets of paper dolls from each sheet of paper.

### Directions for Making Paper Dolls

1. Fold a piece of 8 1/2 x 11 paper in half vertically along the long side. Now fold in half again so you have 4 sections (these folds are just used to divide the paper so you'll know where to make the fan folds).
2. Now, open the paper and re-fold like a fan.
3. Cut the paper in half perpendicular to the folded edges. This will give you two separate folded papers the right size for the doll patterns below.
4. Trace a gingerbread cookie pattern on each of the folded pieces of paper (you can do 2 the same, or 1 of each).
5. Cut out each set, being careful NOT to cut through the folds at the end of each of the hands. This is how your paper doll cookies will join.
6. Open the paper, and you will have 4 gingerbread cookies. Decorate with crayons, markers, glitter, or anything else you like!
7. Hold up the open shapes, and sing the song. As each verse is sung, fold up a cookie.
8. On the last verse, open up the dolls as the lyrics indicate.

**PARENTS & TEACHERS:** On the next page is a large gingerbread man if you'd like to print 4 pieces of paper with the gingerbread man and tape them together at the hands. If you want, you can glue them to a piece of cardboard to make them sturdier and save them for future use.

