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Who will live/work in your gingerbread structure?

How will your design help with climate change?

Where in Boston will it be located?

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SKETCH IDEAS
Use the space below or a piece of paper to sketch out your design. Use your sketch as a plan to guide you as you build.

BUILD

CHOOSE MATERIALS
Review your sketch and choose which materials your design needs. Use the list of materials below as inspiration for what to build your design with.

- Boxes
- Pretzel Sticks
- Graham Crackers
- Cones
- Twizzlers
- Gum Drops
- Gum Sticks
- M&Ms
- Kit-Kats
- NECCO Wafers, Smarties
- Candy Canes
- Coconut Flakes, Sugar
- Marshmallows
- Frosted Mini Wheats

SHARE

TAKE PHOTOS
Use a camera, phone, or computer to photograph your gingerbread design. For more tips and tricks, see page 3 of the Welcome Packet.

SUBMIT AN ENTRY
Drop off your final gingerbread design at the BSA on December 5, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. Complete the following submission form before arriving.

Submission Form

SHARE ONLINE
Share your design process with the BSA on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, or LinkedIn. Tag #BSAGingerbread2022.