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The Christmas Village Bakery Challenge

Edible Christmas Paintings

Welcome to the Christmas Village Bakery! The decorators have received their orders, but halfway through, the customers change their minds.

Can everyone keep up with the unexpected requests?

What You'll Need

- Large, flat sugar cookies, preferably rectangular (around 4 × 5 inches)
- Colored icing, edible decorating pens, and other decorations
- Customer Order and matching Surprise Amendment cards
- A timer

A smooth icing base can help with detailed designs.

How to Play

1. Guests can compete individually or in small teams. Give each decorator or team a cookie and decorating supplies.
2. Hand out the orders. Give everyone the same Customer Order or assign different ones.
3. Open the bakery! Allow 15 minutes for decorators to begin their edible paintings.
4. Deliver the surprises! Hand out the matching Surprise Amendment cards. Decorators must now adapt their paintings to meet the new requests.
5. Finish the paintings. Allow another 15 minutes for the changes. Adjust the timing to suit your group.
6. The Bakery Gallery. Display the finished cookies and let decorators explain how they handled their surprises.

Choosing a Winner (Optional)

The host chooses a winner, or everyone votes.
Consider:

- The Original Order: How well does the finished painting represent the customer's original request?
- The Surprise Amendment: How creatively did the decorator handle the unexpected change?

CUSTOMER ORDER

The Snow Queen's Ballroom

The Snow Queen wants a painting of her magnificent Christmas tree standing in the royal ballroom. The tree must be perfectly symmetrical, with all its decorations in white.



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CUSTOMER ORDER

The Mayor's Beloved Reindeer

The mayor wants a portrait of his beloved reindeer, complete with impressive antlers and a handsome bow tie.



2

SURPRISE AMENDMENT

A Royal Disaster!

A blizzard has swept through the royal ballroom, leaving the Christmas tree battered by the wind!
The Snow Queen now wants the painting to show the damage, but she still expects her tree to look elegant enough for a queen.



1

SURPRISE AMENDMENT

A Retirement Surprise!

The mayor has just remembered one important detail. The portrait is a gift for his reindeer's retirement celebration!
He now wants the painting to show how his reindeer plans to spend retirement.



2

CUSTOMER ORDER

The Gingerbread Inn

The innkeeper wants a painting of a cozy Christmas cottage, with a welcoming front door, glowing windows, and snow resting on the roof.



3

CUSTOMER ORDER

The Christmas Village Clockmaker

The clockmaker wants a painting of the village clock tower dressed for Christmas, with its beautiful golden clock face and festive garlands.



4

SURPRISE AMENDMENT

Snowed In!

Oh dear! An enormous snowdrift has buried the cottage's front door.
The innkeeper insists that guests must still have a way inside. Show how they can enter the cottage without removing the snowdrift.



3

SURPRISE AMENDMENT

Time Stands Still!

Oh no! The village clock has stopped just before midnight on Christmas Eve!
The clockmaker now wants the painting to show what caused the clock to stop.



4

CUSTOMER ORDER

Santa's Christmas Eve Delivery

Santa wants a painting of his sleigh flying through the night sky, with one reindeer leading the way.



5

CUSTOMER ORDER

The Woodland Post Office

The postmaster wants a painting of the village post office at Christmas, with a counter piled high with wrapped parcels and a letter addressed to Mrs. Claus waiting to be delivered.



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SURPRISE AMENDMENT

The Reindeer Takes a Holiday!

Santa's reindeer has decided to take Christmas Eve off!
Santa still needs to deliver the presents, so the painting must now show how his sleigh is flying without the reindeer pulling it.



5

SURPRISE AMENDMENT

A Mouse-Sized Makeover!

Oh dear! The postal mice have been busy turning the stacks of parcels into a miniature Christmas village!
The postmaster now wants the painting to show their handiwork. Turn the parcels into little cottages, complete with rooftops and windows.



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