ALUTIIQ GINGERBREAD PEOPLE

MATERIALS:
- Gingerbread Cookies
- Red & White Frosting
- Colored Sugar Sprinkles
- Toothpicks
- Zip Top Bags
- Alutiiq Clothing Images

INSTRUCTIONS:
• Bake cookies and cool completely. Use your favorite recipe. We like Martha Stewart’s because it makes sturdy, delicious, cookies can be used as ornaments. (www.marthastewart.com)
• Study Alutiiq clothing designs for parka decorating ideas – see below.
• Pipe frosting onto cookies with a piping bag or a zip top bag with the corner cut off. For finer details, use a toothpick to spread frosting.
• Use sugar sprinkle to make parka details – see below.
• Add a petroglyph design face – see below.

Snow Falling Parka: outline with white and red frosting and use red and orange sprinkles to make tassels. To make fur puffs use white pearl sprinkles

Squirrel Skin Parka: decorate with white and red frosting and use brown and red sprinkles to make the tassels.
Petroglyph Faces:

Parka Examples:

Snow Falling Parka
This parka is made from the throat skins of cormorants and adorned with tassels of red leather, white fur, and orange puffin beaks. Parkas like this were worn on special occasion, and when people danced in them, their tassels would float like falling snow. This parka was a symbol of wealth. It is from the Etholen Collection at the National Museum of Finland.

Squirrel Skin Parka - Qanganaq
This everyday parka was sewn from ground squirrel pelts decorated with strips of white ermine. Mink and caribou fur adorned the chest and sleeves while tassels of dyed squirrel skin, otter fur, ermine puffs, and red cloth decorated the entire parka. This parka was made for the Alutiiq Museum by Susan Malutin, Grace Harrod, and community members.