



Gingerbread Patterned Paper Chain

Materials:

- Light brown, red & green construction paper
- Crayons
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- White puffy paint
- Hole punch
- Yarn
- Stapler

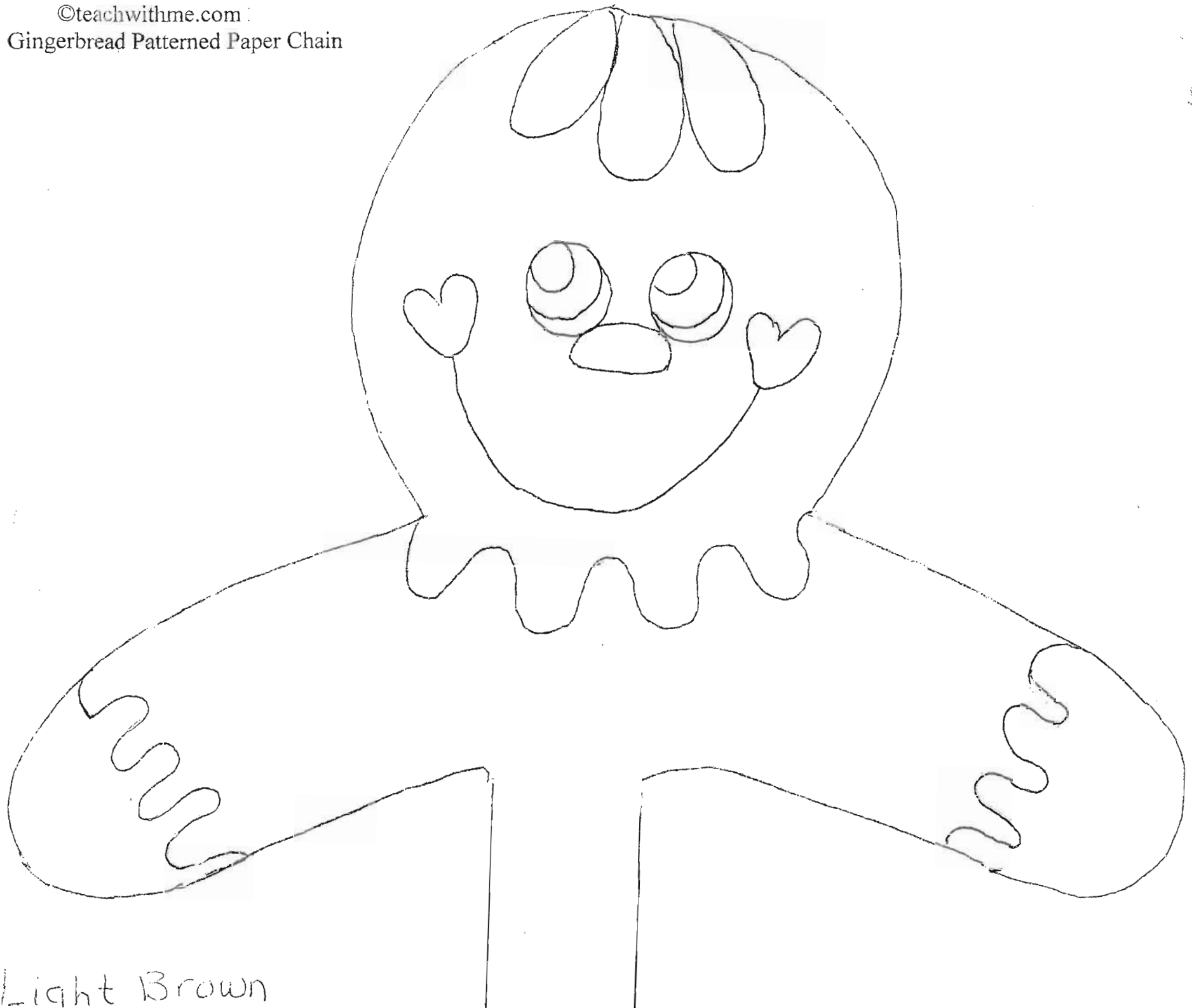
Directions:

PREP:

- Run off masters
- Cut red & green paper strips. I make them the width of a ruler and use a paper cutter to cut off the short end of a 9 x 12 sheet of construction paper. I cut 5 at a time.
- I also cut an additional 4 inch brown paper strip as I couldn't make the master connector link long enough.
- I have other gingerbread for my students to cut out that day, so I also have the gingerbread pre-cut.

The next day:

1. Children COLOR the gingerbread.
2. Children make a 6 to 10 piece PATTERN paper chain.
3. I have them choose between ABAB or AABB.
4. I use this as a whole group assessment tool.
5. Children bring their chain and colored gingerbread man to me.
6. I staple the additional brown strip to the connector and link their chain to this loop.
7. I write their name in green marker across the base of the front of the gingerbread man's arms.
8. Punch a hole in the top of the head, tie a yarn loop.
9. I put puffy paint "frosting" on the "loopy" parts of the gingerbread man.
10. We set aside to dry; hang from the ceiling or along a wall in the hallway.



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