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Christmas Goodies

How to Make Gingerbread Cookies

By: Carly Kent

A lot of people enjoy gingerbread cookies especially at Christmas time. They are often decorated with icing and candy to resemble people. These treats are fun to make and are loved by many people so I hope that you enjoy the recipe. It makes 24 servings.

Ingredients:

- 3 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) butter, softened
- 3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup molasses
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

Directions:

1. Mix flour, ginger, cinnamon, baking soda, nutmeg and salt in large bowl. Set aside. Beat butter and brown sugar in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy. Add molasses, egg and vanilla; mix well. Gradually beat in flour mixture on low speed until well mixed. Press dough into a thick flat disk. Wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate 4 hours or overnight.
2. Preheat oven to 350°F. Roll out dough to 1/4-inch thickness on lightly floured work surface. Cut into ginger-

bread men shapes with 5-inch cookie cutter. Place 1 inch apart on ungreased baking sheets.

3. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until edges of cookies are set and just begin to brown. Cool on baking sheets 1 to 2 minutes. Remove to wire racks; cool completely. Decorate cooled cookies as desired. Store cookies in airtight container up to 5 days.

Recipe from:

<https://www.mccormick.com/recipes/dessert/gingerbread-men-cookies>



How to Make a Gingerbread House

By : Hannah Frede

Ingredients:

- 1 stick of butter
- 1/2 cup of dark brown sugar
- 1/4 cup light molasses or dark corn syrup
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon 1/4 cup light molasses or dark corn syrup
- 1 tablespoon ground ginger
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cloves
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons water

How to make :

Get a large mixing bowl, cream the butter, brown sugar, molasses, cinnamon, ginger, cloves and baking soda together until the mixture is smooth. Blend in the flour and water to make a stiff dough. Chill at least 30 minutes or until firm.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.

Cut out the following paper patterns for the gingerbread house template:

Two rectangles, 3 by 5 inches, to make the front and back of the house. Two rectangles, 3 by 5 1/2 inches for the roof. Two pieces for the ends of the house, 3 inches wide at the base, 3 inches to the roof line, and slanted to a peak 5 1/2 inches from the bottom. Four smaller rectangles, 1 1/2 by 1 inch for the roof and sides of the entryway. And one piece, 2 inches wide at the base, 1 1/2 inches to the roof line, and slanted to a peak 2 1/2 inches from the bottom for the front of the entryway.

Roll gingerbread dough out to edges on a large, rimless cookie sheet. Place paper patterns onto the rolled out dough. With a sharp, straight edged knife, cut around each of the pieces, but leave pieces in place.

Bake at 375 degrees F for about 15 minutes until dough feels firm.

Place patterns on top of the gingerbread again and trim shapes, cutting edges with a straight-edged sharp knife. Leave to cool on baking sheet.

Place royal icing into pastry bag with a writing tip and press out to decorate individual parts of house, piping on decorations, windows, door, etc., as desired. Let dry until hardened.

Glue sides, front and back of house together at corners using royal icing. Place an object against the pieces to prop up until icing is dry (it only takes a few minutes).

Glue the two roof pieces to the pitched roofline of the house. Then, similarly, glue the sides and roof of the entryway together with icing. Attach the entryway to the front of the house.

Continue decorating the house, gluing on gumdrops, licorice and peppermint, as desired.

Icing:

Mix all of the ingredients together using an electric hand mixer, until the icing is smooth and thin enough to be pressed through a pastry bag with a writing tip. Add more lemon juice, if necessary.

Source : <http://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/gingerbread-house-recipe-1963254>

Pharaoh- Christmas Creative Writing

By: Claire Anderson

In the big city of New York a lot of people have Christmas spirit, but quite a few don't. One night on Christmas Eve there was a very famous puppy named Pharaoh. He was a Yorkshire Terrier. He would do tricks and everybody loved it. Every year he became less and less popular, so one day his owner threw him out and said, "You're done with show business!" After that she waddled back into the house.

Two days after Pharaoh got kicked out of his house, he started to get very hungry. There was a child that fed him, but for some reason she had not come today. Pharaoh started to walk around to try to find a home. Today was the hardest day so far, because all he could think about was a new home, but it hasn't been successful.

Two weeks later Pharaoh found a home! It was this very nice family of four. The dad is named Noah, and he loves fishing and painting. The mom's name is Joanna, and she loves baking and teaching. Their daughter's name is Ava and she is 13. Last but not least is their son, his name is Chase and he is 8. Their last name is JaMcali (J a m ck a l i).

Today is the day that the family will get everything that Pharaoh wants or needs, food bowls, toys, clothes, etc.. Pharaoh could not be happier. Not even when he was famous. The first couple days were like a dream come true for him, but there was one thing, the neighbors. They would always come over and eat food, like they were raccoons. They literally had a pet raccoon named Rocco!

Rocco was orange not like many raccoons. He also didn't have a mask sorta like a cat. Now that Pharaoh thinks about it, IT IS A CAT! When Pharaoh found this out he was shocked. Rocco was a very mean rac... CAT!

Pharaoh lived for 15 years and his family adored him. He got very close to his family, but 2 weeks before his 15th birthday he fell ill. They had no idea what happened, they took him to all the vets in the city. They had one promise, he would live to his 15th birthday.

Class Spotlight- 1st grade Selm

By: Alex Jude Boland and Cannon Dean Carmosino.

This Newspaper's Class Spotlight will feature Ms.Selm's 1st grade class. Our First Question was what is the most exciting you have done in 1st grade and why? They all answered with " Work time ". Then we asked what do you like about Ms.Selm they answered with " She is crazy fun and fair ". Then we asked what is your favorite part of the day is they replied with " marble party, recess , lunch, calendar ,and religion ".

Teacher Spotlight

By: Jack Brinck, Nick Jungkunz, and Ethan Sharp

This teacher spotlight is featuring Mrs.-Cayton. Here are the answers to the questions we asked Mrs. Cayton. She went to grade school at Pleasant Hill Elementary School. She went to college at the University of Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky University, and Nova Southeastern University. Her favorite snack is gummies. She hangs out with family or goes shopping in her freetime. Her favorite subject is reading. Her favorite day of the week is Friday. Her favorite drink is diet Mountain Dew. She chose to work at this school because she love the small atmosphere and lives close to the school.

At the Movies

Wonder

By Audrey Hurlburt

* Spoiler Alert *

* We recommend this movie to anyone who likes friendship, trust, and emotional movies, but warn that it can get a little forlorn. *

Wonder is a movie about a boy named August Pullman, who was born with a facial deformity. Growing up, Auggie has had 27 surgeries to help him see, hear, smell and even look a little bit more normal. Because of this, he has also been homeschooled his whole life.

In fifth grade, Auggie's parents decides to send him to Beecher Prep. Though Auggie is terrified of going to school, his parents force him, thinking it is the best year because everyone is starting middle school. On the first day of school, he is avoided by everyone except Jack Will.

Becoming friends, Auggie begins to enjoy school. Playing Minecraft, hanging out, and just enjoying each other's company are a few of the things that they do together. All is fun, playful, and nice until Halloween. Jack is hanging out with Julian and his friends in morning homeroom, unaware that Auggie has walked into the room. At first he hears Julian saying that his "Ghost Face" mask looks like Auggie's face. But Julian then asks Jack, " Why do you hang out with that freak?" and Jack replies, " I don't know. Mr. Tushman asked me to show him around on the first day of school, and now he just follows me around." But following up on the comments he and Julian's friends say, he says, " If I looked like him, I would kill myself." At this point, all trust and friendship that Auggie and Jack have built immediately is destroyed.

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The next few weeks that school is in session, Auggie avoids Jack. Jack doesn't know why, and begins to get anxious. Summer, a girl in Auggie's class, feels bad for Auggie, and makes friends with him to help him get through this hard time at school. One day, Jack walks up to Summer, asking if she knows what is wrong with Auggie. When Summer tells him to ask Auggie himself, Jack gets nervous. Noticing this, Summer gives him one clue: Ghost face.

All week Jack thinks about these words. Then, in science class, he has a flashback. He remembered what he said, and that the unknown person who had walked through the door staring at him must've been Auggie! The next day, Jack plays Minecraft with Auggie. Jack apologizes, and Auggie forgives him. They remain friends.

At the end of the year, Auggie goes on a field trip to a nature reserve, and gains more friends there. When he goes to graduation, Auggie wins the Henry Ward Beecher Medal, the highest ranking medal given. Auggie feels proud, and finally feels that he fits in.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from All of Us!

O Holy Night, the stars are brightly shining,
it is the night of the dear saviour's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till He appeared and the Spirit felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices!
O night divine, the night when Christ was born;



