

something to bake

Kid friendly Shortbread

Ingredients

125 g caster sugar
125 g cornflour
2 cups plain flour
250 g butter

method

- 1/ Preheat the oven to 170°C.
- 2/Mix all the dry ingredients in a bowl. Add the melted butter and stir until it's all combined.
- 3/Line a 28cm x 18cm lamington tin with baking paper and press the mixture in.
- 4/Bake at 170°c for 30 minutes
- 5/Remove from oven, cut into 24 squares, sprinkle evenly with caster sugar and prick each piece with a fork.
- 6/Return to oven for 15 minutes. Cool in tin.

(don't skip the last step!)

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Frozen Christmas Pudding

Ingredients

700 g Christmas pudding
1 tub vanilla ice cream
2 tbs Ice Magic

method

- 1/ Leave the ice cream in the fridge overnight to defrost. Put a serving plate in the freezer to chill it.
 - 2/Place the plum pudding into a large bowl and break it up with a fork. Pour the melted ice cream over and give it a good mix.
 - 3/Line a 2L pudding steamer with glad wrap and spoon the ice cream mixture into it. Freeze it overnight.
 - 4/When you are ready to serve, get your chilled plate ready and demould the pudding onto the plate. allow it to come to room temp to make it easy to slide out.
 - 5/Once the pudding is out, put it back in the freezer for 10 minutes to harden up before you add the Ice Magic.
 - 6/Spoon the Ice Magic over the top of the pudding. (Don't squirt it straight out of the bottle as it needs to hit the ice cream to harden up and it's easier to control if you spoon it on.)
- Garnish with cherries (fresh or maraschino) and serve.

something to Gift

Christmas Chocolate Spoons

Ingredients

200g white chocolate
200g milk chocolate
Sprinkles and cake decorations
bamboo desposable spoons

method

- 1/ Lay spoons out on a tray covered with baking paper. Prop the end of the spoons up so they are level.
- 2/In a glass bowl, heat the white chocolate for 30 second increments in the microwave, stirring constantly until it is melted and smooth. Pour into a ziploc bag. Repeat with the milk chocolate.
- 3/Snip a small corner of the bag and fill half of the spoons with white chocolate and half with the milk chocolate. Tap each spoon so the chocolate is a level spoonful.
- 4/Pour the remainder of each chocolate into fresh ziploc bags. Snip a very small corner off and pipe your chosen designs on the spoons.
- 5/sprinkles and decorations. Tie ribbons around the spoons. Place spoons in the refrigerator to set.

something to make

Mason jar snow globe

Make your own snow globe!

- 1) find an old jar (last night spag bol will do) make sure is clean and dry.
- 2) get the kids to pint the lid (if you are game add glitter)
- 3) once the lid is dry glue a little christmas figurine to the inside of the lid (even the felt mushroom from this pack is adorable) hot glue guns are the best for this but craft glue works too you just have to wait for it to dry
- 4) while you glue get the kids to make a snow mix from dessicated coconut, & glitter
- 5) fill a 1/4 of the jar with the snow mix
- 6) screw on the lid, turn upside down and you are done!

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Eggs Brew

Ingredients:

Baking Soda
Food coloring
Glitter
Dishsoap
Vinegar
Glass jar Small plastic containers
Tray

Instructions:

- 1/ Fill the jar halfway with vinegar, then add a few drops of one color of food coloring and some glitter.
 - 2/ Squeeze in some dish soap, stir, and place the jar on a tray.
 - 3/Now have your child add in a heaping teaspoon of baking soda, stir again, and watch the foaming begin! The soap makes it foam rather than fizz.
- To keep the reaction going continue adding baking soda and vinegar when the foam starts to slow.
To make it change colors, add a tablespoon of vinegar mixed with a new food coloring every so often.
Make sure to dump the colored vinegar into the center of the brew.

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Pine cone Bird feeder

Make a beautiful Nature bird feeder to hand in the trees this Christmas

- 1) Find a large pine cone the wider the better.
- 2) tie a long piece of twine to the top of the pine cone (long enough to tie around a branch of a tree)
- 3) spread peanut butter over the pine cone
- 4/ press birdseed over the peanut butter (the more the better)

Tie pine cone in a tree and let the birds enjoy.

Random act of kindness

Buy a Stranger a drink

buy a stranger a coffee or a milkshake or hot chocolate anything really to show the spirit of giving this christmas.

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Donate used books and toys

get the kids together and sort through their books and toys DONATE to a crisis centre or shelter to show the spirit of giving this chritmas.

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Make Holiday Decorations for Others

make the neighbours, the kids teachers or friends something they will treasure. pull out the paints or string some popcorn & pass it onto someone to make their day extra bright.

Sensory Snow

HOW TO MAKE

Step 1: Add clean water to a clean bucket or tub ready for mixing.

For each litre of water you will need 10-15 grams (2-3 teaspoons) of Snow granules

Step 2: Stir water while adding sensory Snow to prevent "gel-blocking"

Step 3: Continue to stir for 3 to 4 minutes as the Sensory Snow mixture starts to thicken

Step 4: In just a few minutes your Sensory Snow becomes firm & dry. If snow is too wet, add more granules - if too dry, add more water

Step 5: Your Sensory Snow is now ready for play or display!!

Calming Sand

connecting sensory sand scented with lavender for emotional regulation and brain stimulation

Contents of fillers

Sensory snow
Water beads
Threading shapes
Reindeer food
Christmas Calming dough x3
Calming sand
Shells
Flowers
Spinning top
Chunky crayon
Coloured pencils
Seeds
Colour in Christmas decoration
Mini felt Xmas tree decoration
RAK Cards- x3
Something to make- x3
Something to bake - x2
Something to gift x1

Shells Flowers

Threading Shape

use a wool needle or simply tape the end of wool with sticky tape to create a firm end to thread

Reindeer Food

sprinkle on the lawn at night.

The moon make it sparkle bright.

Sensory Water Beads

Empty contents into 1/2 a litre of water and soak for 6-8 hours to allow beads to expand.

Use a strainer to remove excess water and use as desired.

Gingerbread Calming Dough

Christmas Cake Calming Dough

Candy Cane Calming Dough

Thank You

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Merry Christmas

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