

Stained Glass Window Biscuits

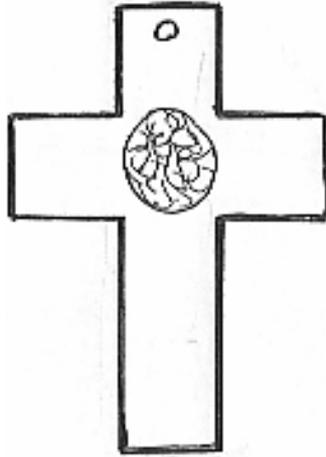
Makes about 20

Preparation time: 20 minutes plus 30 minutes refrigeration

Cooking time: 12 minutes

Ingredients:

- ◆ 125 butter
- ◆ ¼ cup dark brown sugar
- ◆ ⅓ cup treacle
- ◆ 1 egg
- ◆ 2½ cups plain flour
- ◆ 1 tablespoon ground ginger
- ◆ 1 teaspoon mixed spice
- ◆ 1 teaspoon bicarb soda
- ◆ assorted boiled lollies



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Method:

- ◆ Beat butter, sugar and treacle with an electric mixer until light and creamy.
- ◆ Add egg, beat well.
- ◆ Mix in flour, spices and bicarb.
- ◆ urn onto lightly floured surface and knead for 1 minute. Wrap dough in plastic and refrigerate for 30 minutes.
- ◆ Preheat oven to 180 degrees C.
- ◆ Crush boiled lollies.
- ◆ Roll out dough to 4mm.
- ◆ Cut large shapes from the dough (stars, hearts, crosses, angel).
- ◆ Cut out a smaller shape in the middle.
- ◆ Put biscuits onto baking tray lined with baking paper.
- ◆ Spoon crushed lollies in heaped mounds into the holes.
- ◆ Use a straw to cut hole for hanging.
- ◆ Bake for 10-12 minutes until lollies have melted and biscuits are golden.
- ◆ Cool on tray for 5 minutes, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.
- ◆ Thread string or curling ribbon through holes for hanging.

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Stained Glass Window Pictures

Stained glass window effects can be achieved in several ways:

Method A:

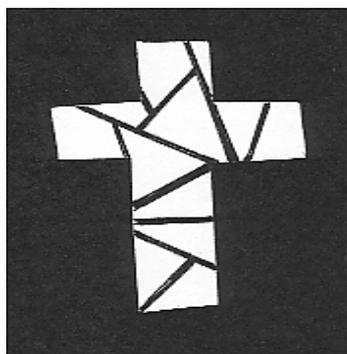
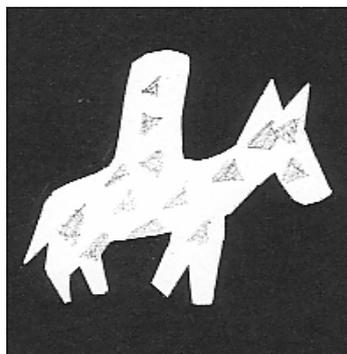
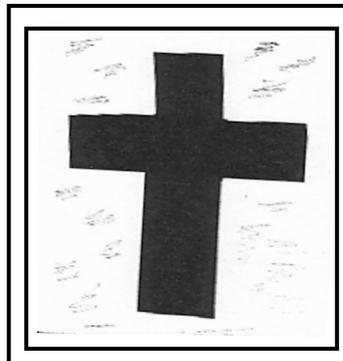
You will need:

- ◆ waxed paper
- ◆ newspaper
- ◆ crayon shavings
- ◆ cellophane scraps
- ◆ Easter shape templates
- ◆ black card
- ◆ an iron
- ◆ a border for the finished picture.

Method:

- ◆ Use 2 pieces of waxed paper per picture.
- ◆ Spread the bottom one out with a wad of newspaper under it, and sprinkle coloured crayon shavings over it.
- ◆ Put a black cardboard silhouette of a cross (or a donkey for Palm Sunday) in the middle.
- ◆ Lay the second piece of waxed paper over the top and place a further sheet of newspaper over it.
- ◆ Using a hot iron, iron over the newspaper until the crayons are thoroughly heated through. When it cools, the waxed sheets should have melted together.
- ◆ Staple a coloured border round the edges to neaten it up.

This can be used as an autumn activity also, with autumn leaves in it instead of Easter silhouettes.



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Method B:

Materials:

- ◆ black cardboard
- ◆ clear contact
- ◆ white tissue paper
- ◆ coloured cellophane scraps
- ◆ Easter shape templates.

Method:

- ◆ Cut the cardboard into the sized windows you want to make.
- ◆ Use the templates to trace a shape in the middle of the cardboard.
- ◆ Cut the shape out, keeping the edges of the remaining card outline neat.
- ◆ Cut a piece of clear contact the same size as the cardboard to cover the whole window on one side.
- ◆ On the other side, sprinkle bits of coloured cellophane over the sticky side of the contact.
- ◆ If you want to be really fancy, lay thin strips of black cardboard across at various angles to create 'lead' borders in the windows.
- ◆ Finally, cover it with white tissue paper. When held up with the tissue paper side to the light it will be transparent.

Template for stained glass window.
Enlarge to required size.

