

CANDY IS FUN!

PARTY FAVORS & DECORATIONS

GIFTS & CANDY FUN

Great Craft Activities Made with Candy



IT'S CANDY CRAFT TIME!



Everyone knows candy tastes great, but did you know it also is the perfect ingredient



in dozens of fun and delightful crafts? Candy comes in so many



shapes, colors and sizes it can be used to create everything from party favors and decorations to necklaces kids can nibble, gift boxes for special occasions to seasonal door wreaths that invite sampling.



The possibilities are only limited

by your imagination! The crafts in this brochure will get you started.



Most are edible.

If not, the "recipe" will specify.



Adult supervision is advised, and care should be taken with very young children for whom some candies may pose a choking hazard.



DECORATED BOXES

These gift boxes are fun to make and can be filled with the recipient's favorite candies.

MATERIALS REQUIRED:

Pre-formed paper-mâché box

Colored tissue paper, curled ribbon bows

Mod Podge® (combination sealer and glue)

Wrapped candies

Glue and glue gun

1. Spray the boxes inside and out with white paint (optional).
2. Cut small squares or other shapes from colored tissue paper.
3. Decoupage the boxes by spreading Mod Podge® on box one area at a time, then attaching tissue paper. When completed, apply Mod Podge® over finished surface to seal.
4. Attach a bow, candies and other decorations with a hot glue gun or fine wire.



PICTURE FRAMES

Colorful and useful.

This craft makes a wonderful gift or special party remembrance (not edible).

MATERIALS REQUIRED:

Pre-made frame

Preservative sealant

Glue and glue gun

Candies (non-chocolate)

1. Select colorful, unwrapped candies and spread on paper or paper towels.
2. Spray all sides of candy with craft preservative.
3. Arrange candy in pattern on frame and attach with a dab of hot glue.
4. Let dry for 30 minutes. For added fun, insert a Polaroid photo of each child.



CANDY SUNDAE

Fun and fancy,
a candy sundae is sure to please
as a special gift or centerpiece.

MATERIALS REQUIRED:

1 plastic sundae cup

3 different size styrofoam balls that will fit in the cup (e.g.: 2 inch, 2.5 inch and 3 inch)

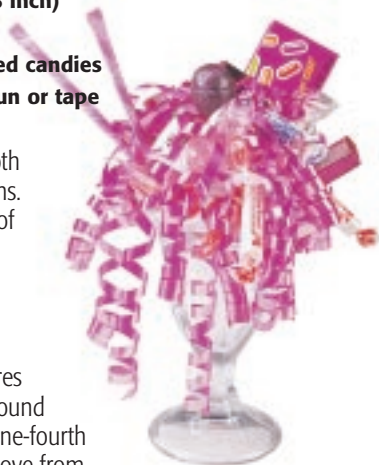
1 package (15 pieces) of white cloth stem wire (20 gauge, 18 inch)

Curling ribbon

Assorted wrapped candies

Glue and glue gun or tape

1. Cut all but five of the cloth wires into 4.5-inch lengths. Make a loop at the end of each cut wire and glue securely or tape a piece of candy to the back of each loop.
2. Take three full-length wires and wrap each tightly around a pencil, leaving about one-fourth of the wire straight. Remove from pencil to create curled wire and insert into ball.
3. Place styrofoam balls in sundae cup, starting with the smallest and ending with the largest. Secure with one wire pushed through the center of the balls.
4. Push the remaining wires with candy into the styrofoam balls to make a colorful arrangement.
5. Cut several 12-inch strands of curling ribbon. Twist one full-length wire tightly around the center of strands so they hang securely from the wire. Curl ribbon and push wire into sundae.
6. Add fun-shaped straw or candy straws as final touch.



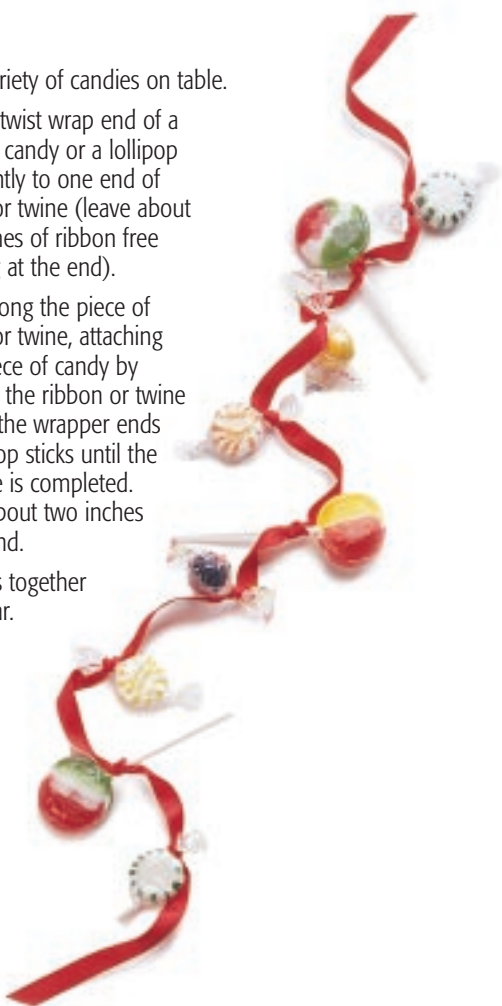
CANDY NECKLACE

Fun and edible,
a perfect party activity
that kids can wear and nibble on later.

MATERIALS REQUIRED:

**Assortment of colorful candies
with twist wrap ends and lollipops
14-inch strand of thin twine or fabric ribbon**

1. Place variety of candies on table.
2. Tie one twist wrap end of a piece of candy or a lollipop stick tightly to one end of ribbon or twine (leave about two inches of ribbon free for tying at the end).
3. Move along the piece of ribbon or twine, attaching each piece of candy by knotting the ribbon or twine around the wrapper ends or lollipop sticks until the necklace is completed. Leave about two inches at the end.
4. Tie ends together and wear.



CANDY MASKS

Let your little ones create a sweet mask at their next party. Edible candies are attached with Royal Icing.

MATERIALS REQUIRED:

Sturdy white paper plates

Wooden paint stirrers or tongue depressors

Masking tape

Royal Icing*

Assorted unwrapped candies

1. Tape paint stirrer to back of paper plate.
2. Hold in front of child's face to mark the eyes.
3. Cut out eye holes.
4. Trim plate in shape desired to create cheeks, ears, hair, etc.



5. Decorate by attaching candy with Royal Icing.



*** Royal Icing**

1 cup confectioner's sugar
1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
1 egg white
1/3 cup boiling water

Mix all ingredients in a bowl; add 1/3 cup boiling water. Beat at high speed for 6-10 minutes. Frosting will form peaks.

Candy Wreath

Create a decorative, heart-shaped or round wreath of sweets as a door decoration. Vary the candies for birthdays and holidays.

MATERIALS REQUIRED:

Styrofoam heart-shaped or round wreath form

Glue and glue gun

Wrapped taffy or colorful wrapped hard candies

Bow

Fine wire

1. Attach candies to wreath with hot glue gun starting from outer edge and working toward center of ring.
2. Attach bow to top with stick pins or fine wire.



Party Favor “Crackers”

Kids love making their own party favors filled with surprises. These favors are perfect for any party by varying color of wrapping paper and decorations.

MATERIALS REQUIRED:

Wrapping paper, tissue paper

White craft glue

Ribbon or raffia

Small wrapped candies and trinkets

Toilet tissue cardboard tubes

1. Cut paper or tissue to cover cardboard tube with about 3 inches excess at ends.
2. Glue paper to tube.
3. Decorate tube, if desired, with stickers, buttons, etc.
4. Tie one end of tissue with ribbon or raffia.
5. Fill tube from other end, then secure tissue with ribbon.



Candy Sailboat Table Favors

Colorful and tasty treats that look like little sailboats. Place one by each place setting.

MATERIALS REQUIRED:

- Small pretzel sticks**
- Candy orange slices**
- Gummy bears**
- Peppermint rings**
- 1 Fruit roll**



1. Turn each orange slice so curved side is down (like a boat).
2. Place a pretzel stick in center of each orange slice.
3. For each favor, cut a little triangle from the fruit roll about two inches long and one inch wide at its base.
4. Attach to the pretzel to look like a sail; overlap the triangle so the fruit roll triangle can be squeezed together around the pretzel.
5. Cut a small piece from an unused orange slice to attach peppermint ring to side of orange slice boat.
6. Add gummy bear on top of orange slice, attaching with another piece of orange slice.



Balloon Weights

Use these candy bundles to weight down helium balloon bouquets. You can also print each guest's name on a separate balloon, attach to a candy bundle, and use as a combination "place card" and take-home goodie.

MATERIALS REQUIRED:

- Helium Balloons**
- Colored mesh netting from fabric store**
- Ribbon**
- A variety of wrapped candies**

1. Cut the mesh into 8-inch squares.
2. Place a handful of candy in the center of the square.
3. Pull the ends together around the candy and tie securely with the ribbon.
4. Tie balloon ribbon to top of mesh bundle.



CANDY

its a fun food
that fits any healthy and active lifestyle.



Does sugar make kids hyperactive?

No. Many published studies have shown no link between sweet foods and beverages and hyperactivity. The party or event is the likely cause of a child's excitement.



What about candy and tooth decay?

According to the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, any food that contains carbohydrate (sugar or starch) can cause cavities. Proper brushing and flossing are key to a healthy smile.



Will candy make my child gain too much weight?

No single food causes someone to be overweight. Weight gain is the result of eating too much food overall compared to the number of calories burned. Eaten in moderation, candy fits any lifestyle.

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