

# 3D gingerbread trees

## Makes about 6 trees

It's always a good idea to have an adult help you in the kitchen - they're good for dealing with the hot oven bit, as well as taking over the stirring when your arms start to ache :O)

## Ingredients

160g flour  
60g unsalted butter  
50g dark brown sugar  
2 tablespoons of golden syrup  
2 teaspoons of ground ginger  
½ teaspoon of ground nutmeg  
½ teaspoon of ground cinnamon  
½ teaspoon of bicarbonate of soda  
Writing icing  
Silver/coloured balls to decorate

## Utensils

2 baking trays, lined with greaseproof paper  
Large mixing bowl  
Saucepan  
Spoon for stirring  
Rolling pin  
Sieve  
Star cutters in different sizes (or printable templates)  
Apron (to keep you clean :O)

## Method

Preheat your oven to 170C, gas mark 3, then put on your apron before the messy stuff starts :O)

Sieve the flour, ginger, nutmeg, cinnamon and bicarbonate of soda into the bowl.

Put the butter, sugar and golden syrup into the saucepan and carefully melt them together over a gentle heat – remember to stir it regularly to stop it sticking to the bottom of the pan.

Stir the melted ingredients into the dry ones to make your dough – as the mixture combines it might get more difficult to stir, so hand over to mum if your arms start to get tired :O)

Sprinkle some flour on a clean work surface and roll out the dough until it's about 5mm thick (that's about the same as two £1 coins stacked on top of each other).

Press your cookie cutters into the dough, lifting out the shapes and placing them on the lined baking trays. You'll need about 5 or 6 stars different sized stars to make one tree.

Shape the leftover dough into a ball, roll it out again, press out more shapes and repeat until you've used up as much of the dough as you can.

Bake in the oven for about 10 minutes, or until the biscuits have turned a lovely golden brown. Then take them out and leave them to cool.

Stack the stars, largest at the bottom smallest at the top, to make your trees. Then decorate, using the writing icing to draw tinsel and to stick on your 'baubles' :O)



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