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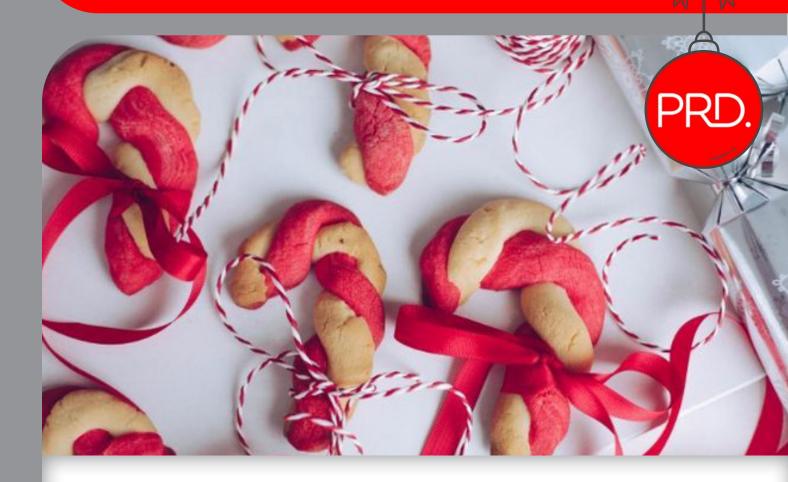




# RECIPES

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## **CANDY CANE BISCUITS**



#### Ingredients:

180 g butter (softened)
1 cup caster sugar
1 egg
2 tsp peppermint essence
1 tsp vanilla extract
2 1/4 cups plain flour
2 tsp red food colouring (liquid)

#### Method:

- 1. Using a mixer, cream the butter and sugar together. Add the egg, peppermint essence and vanilla extract.
- 2. Add the flour a little at a time until well combined. Remove half of the mixture and set aside. Add the red food colouring to the remaining dough and mix well.
- 3. Preheat oven to 180°C fan forced. Line a baking tray with baking paper.
- 4. Gather the dough and roll 8cm lengths of each colour and twist into candy cane shapes.

5. Bake for 8-10 minutes until candy canes are lightly brown. Leave to cool on the tray.

https://www.kidspot.com.au/kitchen/recipes/christmas-candy-cane-cookies-recipe

## **MELTED SNOWMAN BISCUITS**



#### Ingredients:

80 g unsalted butter (softened) 1/2 cup caster sugar 1 egg 200 g plain flour 1/2 tsp baking powder 1 tsp vanilla extract salt

#### Method:

- 1. Preheat oven to 180°C (160°C fan-forced) and line two trays with baking paper.
- 2. Cream the butter and sugar together with an electric mixer until pale and fluffy. Add the egg and beat well. Fold in the vanilla, flour, baking powder and salt.
- 3. Mix into a dough, shape this into a disc, then wrap in plastic and let rest in the fridge for 30 minutes.
- 4. Roll out and cut into circles (using a biscuit cutter or the base of a glass tumbler). Transfer these to a baking tray and bake for 10 minutes or until golden.
- 5. Let the biscuits cool completely. Slice up a few licorice strips into thin strips for arms, scarves, etc. and tiny dots for eyes or triangles for bow ties.
- 6. Make up a basic white icing (just add a tiny bit of boiling water to pure icing sugar and stir, then add more water until you reach the desired consistency should be fairly thick).
- 7. Decorate the marshmallows with eyes, noses, mouths etc. To decorate the biscuits, spoon on a little white icing and spread over the surface of your biscuit, then press the marshmallow down in the middle and decorate at will!

https://www.kidspot.com.au/kitchen/recipes/melted-snowmen-christmas-cookies-recipe

## **RUDOLF PANCAKES**



#### Ingredients:

- 1 cup (250ml) milk 1 egg, lightly beaten 1 cup (150g) self-raising flour 2 tbsp butter
- 4 rashers streaky bacon 4 white marshmallows 8 dark choc chips 4 strawberries

#### Method:

- 1. Make a basic pancake batter by whisking together milk and egg in a large bowl. Sift over flour and whisk until smooth.
- Melt 2 teaspoons butter in a large frypan. Pour in batter to form one large circle, one smaller circle and two triangles for ears. Cook for a couple of minutes until bubbles form, flip and cook for a further minute until cooked through. Remove and keep warm. Repeat with remaining ingredients.
- 3. Cut bacon rashers in half and cook until crisp. To arrange Rudolph, place the large pancake on a plate. Place smaller pancake on top. Position rashers for antlers and the triangular pancakes for ears. Decorate with marshmallow eyes and strawberry nose.

4. Cut marshmallows in half. Press a choc chip into the centre of each half.

https://www.kidspot.com.au/kitchen/recipes/christmas-rudolph-pancake-recipe/ks62ctbi

## **CLASSIC TRIFLE**



#### Ingredients:

Jelly crystals of your choice Fruit of your choice Vanilla custard Vanilla essence Thickened cream Soft cake of your choice (eg swiss jam roll, cinnamon doughnuts, pancakes) Caster sugar

#### Method:

- 1. Pop your jelly crystals in a large mixing bowl and top with boiling water. Stir until crystals completely dissolve. Top up with cold water, stir through and set aside to cool.
- 2. Tear large chunks of your cake apart and arrange in a single layer in a deep trifle dish.
- 3. Add some of the fruit into the middle. Carefully pour the jelly liquid over the cake pieces until just covered. Pop in the fridge for around 3 hours to set.
- 4. Pop the cream in a large mixing bowl or stand mixer. Add the vanilla essence and sugar. Whip on high speed until the cream thickens and holds a nice shape (around 3-5 minutes).
- 5. Once your jelly is set, use a large spoon to layer the custard over the jelly. Smooth off with the back of the spoon once all the custard had been added. Gently place spoonfuls of whipped cream over the custard. Then using a fork, very lightly spread the cream to cover the custard and make the third and final layer before topping with more of the fruit.

## **PULL-APART CHRISTMAS TREE**



#### Ingredients:

Ib. refrigerated pizza dough
 Egg wash (1 egg whisked with 1 tbsp water)
 7 mozzarella sticks
 1/4 c. melted butter

tbsp. Thinly sliced basil
 tbsp. chopped parsley
 tbsp. chopped rosemary
 Marinara, warmed (for serving)
 1/2 c. finely grated parmesan

#### Method:

- 1. Preheat oven to 450°. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper. Cut mozzarella sticks into 1" pieces and set aside.
- 2. On a floured surface, divide pizza dough into two pieces. Stretch and roll each piece of dough into a long rectangle, then cut dough into 2" squares (you'll need 33 total).
- 3. Wrap a dough square around each piece of mozzarella, forming a tightly sealed ball. Place balls seam-side down on the baking sheet in the shape of a Christmas tree (they should be touching). Brush egg wash on dough balls and bake until golden, 15 to 20 minutes.
- 4. Meanwhile, whisk together melted butter, Parmesan and herbs. Brush on baked pizza balls. Serve warm with marinara for dipping.

www.delish.com/cooking/recipe-ideas/recipes/a50528/pull-apart-christmas-tree-recipe/

# **CRAFTS**



## SANTA ADVENT CALENDAR



Help Santa nail his Christmas look – one cotton ball at a time!

#### Materials:

Cotton balls (at least 30) White paper Red paper Black marker Scissors Sticky tape

#### Method:

- 1. First, cut out Santa's head, beard and red hat on pieces of white and red paper.
- 2. Glue them together and draw on his eyes, pink cheeks and nose, then jot down 1-25 on his beard.
- 3. Tape a cotton ball to the end of his hat.
- 4. Starting 1 December, each day tape a cotton ball until Santa's beard is complete.

https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/holidays/christmas-ideas/g34112389/christmas-crafts-for-kids/?slide=17

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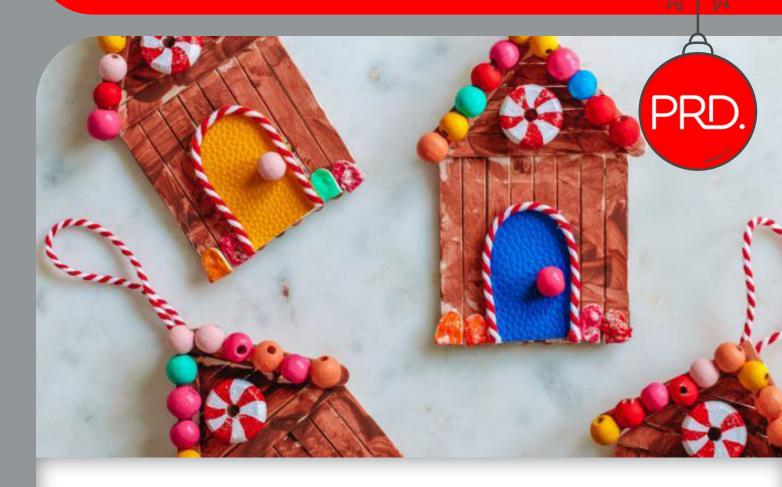
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## **GINGERBREAD HOUSE ORNAMENT**



#### Materials:

Wooden paddle pop sticks (at least 16 for each house) Glue Colourful beads or buttons Brown paint and a paint brush Red and white striped string Coloured craft paper Ribbon (optional)

#### Method:

- 1. You'll need eight sticks sticks to create the base of the house. Snip of the ends on one side and can save the trimmings to make gumdrops later on.
- 2. Line up the eight sticks and glue another stick horizontally across the bottom to glue them all together. (You might have to trim the stick so that it fits accordingly across the back of them)
- 3. Flip the whole thing over and glue another stick across, this time along the top.
- 4. Glue two more sticks to the top, forming a triangle. Again, you might have to trim these based on how tall you want the roof to be.
- 5. Flip the piece back over and fill in the space of the triangle by gluing sticks horizontally.
- 6. Next, paint the house brown and let it dry.
- 7. Decide what size/shape you want the door to be and cut it from some craft paper, then glue onto the house.
- 8. Now the fun part! Decorate the house by adding dots of glue and stiocking on coloured beads, buttons and anything else you want. Add trim to the door if desired by gluing on the striped string, and add a bead for a door knob.
- 9. Add a loop of string or ribbon to the back of the top of the house so you can hang it on the tree!

https://studiodiy.com/diy-popsicle-stick-gingerbread-house-ornaments/

## EGG CARTON CHRISTMAS CHARACTERS



#### Materials (Santa):

3 egg carton cups Paint – red Paint for the face Red glitter paper Cotton Balls Small black buttons Googly eyes Small white and red pom pom

#### Method:

- Paint 3 egg carton cups 2 red and 1 the color of your choice for the face. Glue and stack them on top of each other. To stack your cups, you will need to add spacers in between to allow the cups to sit higher. In order to make the spacers, you will need to cut out a small strip from the egg carton lid. Fold the strip into a square. Glue this square to the top of one egg carton.
- 2. Continue this step for the next cup. Make the Santa hat by cutting out a red glitter paper circle. Make a slit in it and fold it around to form a cone. Trim off any excess from the hat as needed and glue together. Glue cotton balls around the brim of the hat and glue a white pom pom on top.
- 3. Glue the hat to the top egg carton.
- 4. Make the Santa face by gluing on googly eyes and a red pom pom nose. Add cotton balls around the face for the beard.

5. Glue on 2 small black buttons.

https://www.thebestideasforkids.com/egg-carton-christmas-crafts/

## PAPER PLATE SNOWGLOBE



#### Materials:

Styrofoam foam balls White disposable plate Clear, round plastic sheet Colored craft paper Scissors Craft glue

#### Method:

- 1. Take a paper plate and paint the top of the plate a blue color for the sky. Let the paint dry.
- 2. Cut out some shapes to make a penguin and some trees, and glue the cutouts to the lower middle portion of the paper plate. You can even cut out a photograph of yourself to make it look like you're inside the globe!
- 3. Sprinkle a small handful of styrofoam balls in the middle of the plate. Be sure to clear the outer edges of the plate of any snow because this is where the clear acetate sheet needs to be attached!
- 4. Glue the clear sheet on top of the light blue plate. Make sure every edge of the plate is glued down to prevent any snow from coming out. Let it dry. On top of the clear sheet, you could also add the rim of another plate.
- 5. Shake the paper plate snow globe to see how it works!

## **POM POM CHRISTMAS CARDS**



#### Materials:

Brown cardstock paper Red, green and white glitter pom poms Gold glitter paper Green paper Glue Black marker Red ribbon

#### Method (tree):

- 1. 1. Cut a letter-size cardstock paper into half and fold it from the middle.
- 2. Cut out a triangle shape from a green construction paper. Glue pom-poms on the paper such that it covers it entirely as shown below. Let dry.
- 3. Glue the completed tree on the cardstock paper.
- 4. Cut out the shape of a star and tree stem from gold glitter paper and glue onto the card.
- 5. Personalise the card by writing a message inside.

#### Method (wreath):

- 1. Cut a letter-size cardstock paper into half and fold it from the middle.
- 2. Trace a circle on folded cardstock. Glue pom-poms along the circle and let it dry if you're using regular school glue. We used hot glue to stick the pom-poms for ours.
- 3. Cut a piece of red ribbon and tie a bow.
- 4. Glue the bow on the wreath and cut out the shape of a star and tree stem from gold glitter paper and glue onto the card.

5. Personalise the card by writing a message inside.

https://www.thejoysharing.com/2019/11/pom-pom-tree-christmas-card.html

## **CHRISTMAS SLIME**



#### Materials: 1 Bottle of glitter glue

Green food coloring 2Tbsp water Red, green and silver or gold sequins 1/2Tsp Baking Soda 1½Tbsp of Contact lens solution

#### Method:

- 1. First, add your bottle of green glitter to a bowl. Add in your baking soda and water and mix.
- 2. Then, add in any sequins, glitter or stars to your slime. Slowly add in your contact lens solution. Reminder: your contact lens solution should contain boric acid or your slime will not form. Add in a 1/2 teaspoon at a time and mix in.
- 3. Knead and mix thoroughly before adding more as you do not want to add too much or your slime will get too hard. You may not need the full amount so take this step slowly. If you find the slime to still be too sticky, add only a 1/2 teaspoon more at a time. Most of the time if you keep kneading your slime it will become less sticky.
- 4. Store in a jar for later use and have a slime of a time!

# ACTIVITIES





## **COLOURING IN**



## **WORD SEARCH**

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Santa's Office

A mischievous elf wants one of Santa's cookies. Can you find the seven differences betweeen the two pictures?





## WHO AM I?

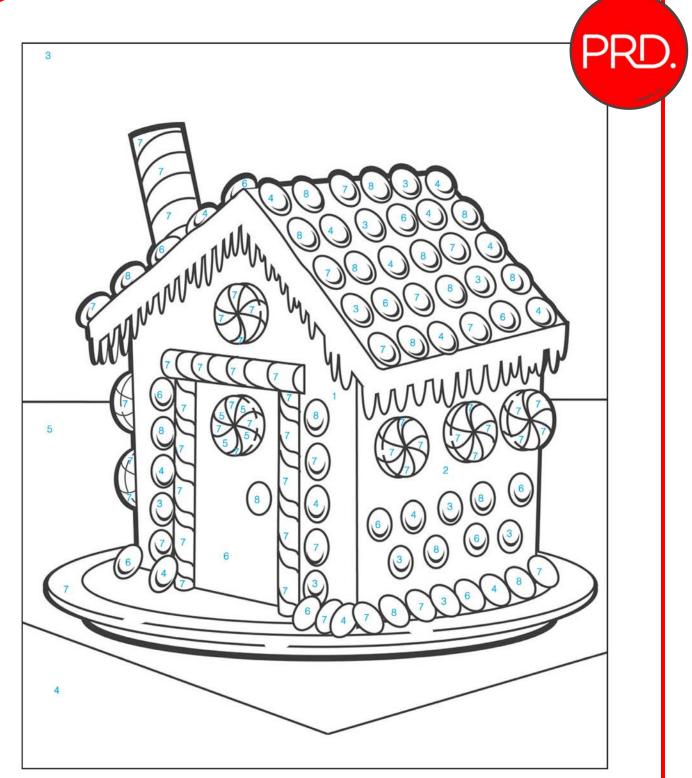
A Christmas twist on the classic celebrity heads game!

Simply print the cards, cut them out then shuffle and draw a card each without looking. Then tape to your forehead and take turns asking questions until you figure out who you are.





## **COLOUR BY NUMBER**



Colors: 1-Tan 2-Pink 3-Light Blue 4-Purple 5- Light Green 6-Dark Green 7-Red 8-Yellow

## LETTER TO SANTA

This year, send a letter to Santa before he sets out on his sleigh.

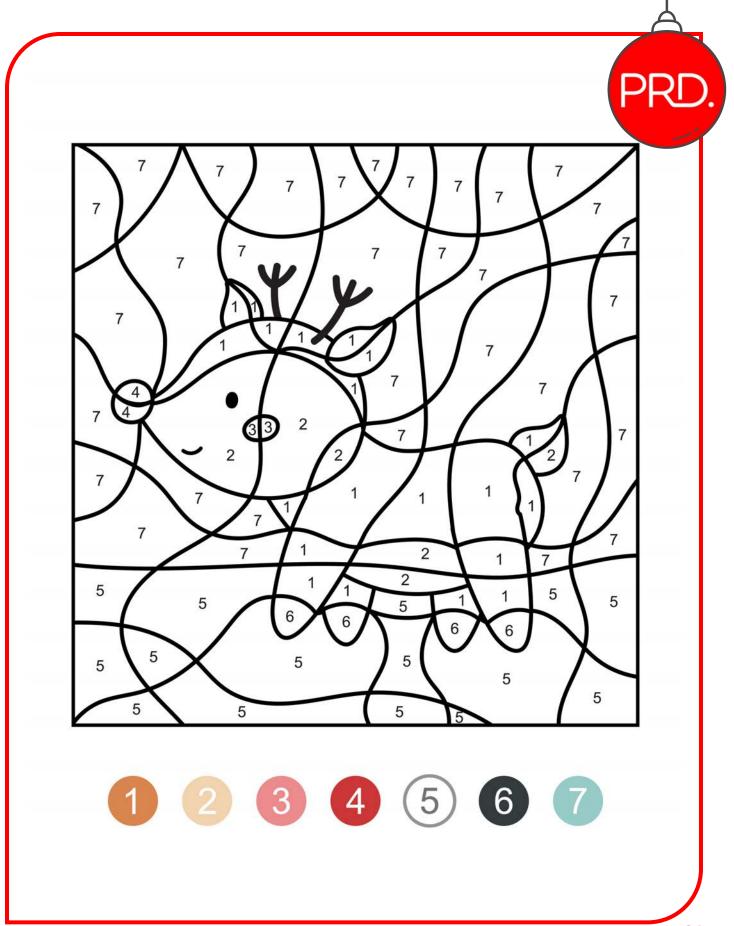
Print, cut out and write your letter, pop it in the post and look forward to Santa's return letter!

(date) <b>Dear Santa ,</b> Merry Christmas to you in the North Pole! Here are some of the nice things I've done this year:	
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## **COLOUR BY NUMBER**





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