

Gingerbread

Nativity

Materials

Stable

- Gingerbread (or Honeybread) Slab
- Display plate or tray

Holy Family figures

- Packet of Premixed Hard Icing
- Liquid food colouring
- Icing sugar for dusting

Optional Extras

- Marshmallows for sheep.
- Licorice for fencing.
- Other lollies/candy to decorate.

Basic Gingerbread

1. Preheat oven to 180°C.
2. Beat 125g softened butter and 1/2 cup brown sugar until pale and creamy. Add 1/2 cup golden syrup and 1 egg and mix well.
3. Sift 2 1/2 cups flour with 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda. Stir into mixture with 1 tsp ground ginger and 1 tsp allspice.
4. Knead the dough on a floured surface until smooth. Wrap in plastic and refrigerate for 20mins.
5. Roll dough into a rectangle shape about 1 cm thick.
6. Bake on a greased cookie tray for 10 minutes or until golden.

Assembly

Step 1. Make an 'A Frame' stable: Cut the gingerbread slab into two equal squares. Shave off the gingerbread to make a bevelled edge along the side that will form the apex of the 'A Frame'. If desired, bevel the edges that make contact with the tray.

Step 2. Make three icing 'snakes' and use these to 'cement' the two squares to the tray and each other at the apex as shown.

Step 3. Colour some icing yellow and mould a star. Attach it to the top of the (A) Frame.

Step 4. Colour portions of icing as desired (green, blue, brown, etc). Use these to make figures for the Nativity scene.

Mary Make a 1 cm ball of white icing for the head. Using two shades of blue icing shape a kneeling body with clasped hands (light blue) and veil (dark blue). Add some hands (white).

Joseph Make a 1 cm ball of white icing for the head. Using two shades of green icing shape the body and arms (light green) and headdress (dark green). Add some hands (white) and insert a twig or toothpick for the staff.

Jesus Make the manger with some brown icing shaped like a trough. Create some needles of straw using yellow icing and place in the trough. Create the baby using a small ball of white icing for the head and a larger one for the body.

Step 5. To finish, lightly dust the Nativity with sifted icing sugar to create a snow effect.



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