

MINI COOKIE BIRTHDAY CAKES

Makes 12

115 g white compound chocolate
24 vanilla sandwich cookies (as shown in picture)
12 birthday candles
Small round edible pink pearls or dragées
Rainbow sprinkles

1. Melt the chocolate (see page 220) to pouring consistency.
2. Take a cookie and place $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon of melted chocolate on top. Place a second cookie on top to create a four-layer biscuit and allow to set.
3. Cut the top 2.5 cm off a candle and set aside along with 8 round pearls and some sprinkles. Take 1 teaspoon of melted chocolate and drop it in the middle of the top cookie. Tap on the work surface until the melted chocolate drizzles over the sides.
4. Add 8 pearls as “cherries” around the outside edge, place the candle in the centre, and top with sprinkles. Repeat to make a total of 12 birthday cakes.

Kids in the Kitchen: Get the kids to help stick the cookies together and decorate. This can get a little messy, but there’s almost no preparation and loads of room for creativity.

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