



Make crispy 2021 treats

FUN FACT
The largest Rice Krispies treat on record was made in California and weighed 10,314 pounds.

Ingredients

- 3 Tbsp. butter
- 10 oz. marshmallows
- 6 cups Rice Krispies cereal
- Nonpareil candies in assorted colors
- Candy melts in assorted colors
- Sprinkles in assorted colors

WARNING!

Ask an adult's permission before using the stove.

Our most popular recipe of the year

In October, *The Week Junior* published a Halloween recipe for crispy monster treats. Readers loved it—in fact, we received more photos of kids making that recipe than any other we ran in 2020. To celebrate, our recipe creator made this New Year's version of it. We hope you enjoy it!



Instructions

1. In a large saucepan, melt the butter over low heat. Add the marshmallows and stir until completely melted. Remove from heat.
2. Add the cereal and a tablespoon of colorful nonpareils and stir until well coated. Set aside until cereal mixture is cool enough to handle but still flexible.
3. Using greased hands, form the cereal mixture into the numbers 2021. Arrange on a rack set over a rimmed baking sheet to cool completely.
4. Melt the candy melts according to package directions. Transfer each color of candy melts into a piping bag or a plastic bag with a corner snipped off. Quickly drizzle each candy melt color over the first number. Immediately decorate the number with sprinkles and nonpareils.
5. Repeat with the remaining numbers. Tip: If candy melts get too firm in their bags, soften by heating bags in the microwave for 20 seconds on 50% power.
6. Arrange numbers on a platter. Cut into pieces to serve.

DID YOU KNOW?

A terrarium is a tiny garden in a sealed bottle or jar. It waters itself with water vapor.



Create your own terrarium

What you need

- Clear glass jar and lid
- Small gravel or pebbles
- Horticultural charcoal
- Small, moisture-loving plants such as ferns, aurea, and baby tears
- Potting soil
- Optional: craft stick, chopstick, plastic animal

A top craft this year

Readers loved this project when we featured it in April. It's also a fun indoor activity to do in winter.

Instructions

1. Place a layer of gravel or pebbles about a half-inch thick at the bottom of your jar. Tip: Make a funnel with a rolled-up piece of paper to evenly aim gravel around the bottom of the jar.
2. Add a thin layer of the charcoal on top of the gravel or pebbles.
3. Take your plant and soil out of its pot and gently lower it into the jar. Position your plant so it doesn't touch the sides of the jar. If you have more plants and enough room, add other plants.
4. Spoon in extra soil around the plant. Use a craft stick or chopstick to reach in and even out the soil. Add a plastic animal if you like.
5. Spritz plants with a spray bottle until they're moist. Don't water them too much. Water shouldn't collect at the bottom of the jar. Put lid back on jar.