

Peck's Popcorn Ornaments

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In the A Very Tricky Christmas episode, Peck gives Toby a popcorn ball ornament to hang on the tree. Make a batch of your own popcorn ball ornaments with this fun and easy recipe.

Reminders

- All actions involving knife cutting, cooking, grilling, stove, and oven usage should be handled by a grown-up.
- Ask parents if partygoing children have any food allergies.

Ingredients

- 10 cups plain popped popcorn
- 10 oz. package of marshmallows
- 1/4 cup butter, cubed
- 1 tbsp. of cooking oil
- Mini candy canes
- Various colored candies for decoration: candy-coated chocolate pieces, jelly beans, gumdrops, sugar sprinkles, etc.

Directions

1. Place popcorn in a large bowl. Set aside.
2. In a large saucepan on low heat, cook marshmallows, butter, and cooking oil. Stir often until melted.
3. Once marshmallow mix is fully melted, pour into the bowl of popcorn and mix well.
4. Grease your hands (you can use nonstick cooking spray or cooking oil), grab a handful of popcorn, and shape and compress into a ball. Place on waxed paper.
5. While popcorn ball is still warm, decorate with candies and reshape back into a ball as necessary to make sure the candies stick and the balls retain their shape.
6. Gently insert a mini candy cane to the top of the ball for hanging on the tree. Let popcorn balls stand until set.

Fun Tips

- You can use rice cereal instead of popcorn
- Add food coloring to the marshmallow mix to tint the popcorn balls
- These popcorn balls can also be used as place cards at the kids' table
- Make balls in various sizes and stack them to create popcorn ball snowmen



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