








# STAINED GLASS COOKIES

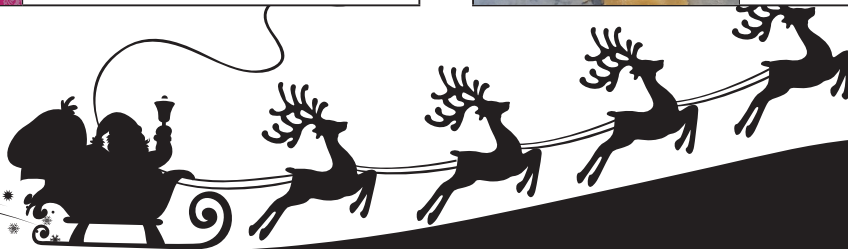
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Make these Christmas stained-glass window shortbread cookies which are perfect for hanging on your tree.

**Preparation time:** less than 30 mins | **Cooking time:** 15-20 mins

	<p><b>What you will need:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 125g/4oz butter</li> <li>• 55g/2oz caster sugar, extra to sprinkle on the cookies</li> <li>• 180g/6oz plain flour</li> <li>• Colourful hard boiled sweets</li> </ul>		<p><b>Step 5:</b></p> <p>Use your cookie cutters to cut out the shape of your cookie. Using a smaller cookie cutter or a knife cut out the centre</p>
	<p><b>Step 1:</b> Preheat the oven to 190C/375F/Gas 5</p> <p><b>Step 2:</b> Beat the butter and the sugar together until smooth</p>		<p><b>Step 6:</b></p> <p>Place your cookies onto a lined baking tray (you may need more than one tray or do them in batches)</p>
	<p><b>Step 3:</b> Stir in the flour to get a smooth paste</p>		<p><b>Step 7:</b></p> <p>Use a straw to make a hole in the top of the cookie for the ribbon to go and finish the cookies with a fine sprinkle of sugar</p> <p><i>Place the tray in the fridge for 20 minutes</i></p>
	<p><b>Step 4:</b> Put on your work surface and gently roll until the paste is 1cm thick</p>		



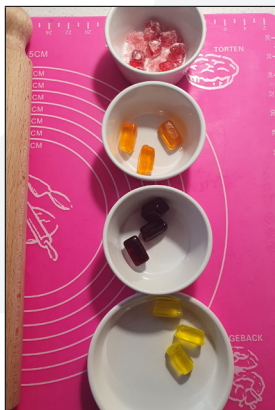
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**Step 8:**  
Whilst the cookies are in the fridge, crush your hard boiled sweets (place your sweets by colour into a bag and use a rolling pin to crush the sweets)



**Step 9:**  
Take the cookies out of the fridge and place the crushed sweets into the centre of the cookies



**Step 10:**  
Bake the cookies for 15-20 minutes, or until pale golden brown and the sweets have melted  
*Take the cookies out to cool – be careful the sweet centre is extremely hot*



**Step 11:**  
When the cookies are cool and the sweet centre has hardened, thread ribbon through the hole

**Step 12:**  
Hang the cookies on your Christmas tree and see the light shine through the stained glass windows

