

## Peppermint Hershey's Kiss Cookies

We would like to wish everyone the happiest of holidays this month from the LTC Team! A great way to enjoy this winter season is by making and sharing (and, let's be honest, eating!) Peppermint Hershey's Kiss cookies! While sharing cookies is nice...We promise not to tell anyone if you eat them up all by yourself!

- 1 17.5 oz. package sugar cookie mix
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1 large egg 3 Tbsp. flour
- 1 tsp. peppermint extract
- 4-5 drops red food coloring
- 18-20 dark chocolate Hershey kisses



### Preparation

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees
2. Dump cookie mix into a large mixing bowl.
3. Add softened butter, egg and one tablespoon of flour. Using an electric mixer or your hands, mix until it forms a soft dough. Divide dough in half.
4. Add peppermint extract to one half. Knead it into the dough until well-incorporated. Add a tablespoon of flour if dough is too sticky.
5. Add red food coloring to the other half. Start with 4 drops of food coloring, and add more until you get a nice, deep pink color. Add a tablespoon or two of additional flour if the dough is too sticky.
6. Pinch off a teaspoon of pink dough and a teaspoon of white dough. Stick together and form a ball. Important: Don't knead them together, or the dough will all turn pink. You want a nice candy cane stripe.
7. Place balls 1 inch apart on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 10-15 minutes, until cookies are lightly browned on the bottom.
8. Remove from oven and immediately press a Hershey kiss in the middle of each cookie.

## Monthly Shout Out: **Amanda Szuch**



Contact Sonia at [sdykhuizen@arioncaresolutions.com](mailto:sdykhuizen@arioncaresolutions.com) to nominate your favorite provider. Recipient will receive a \$50 gift card.

**Amanda Szuch** has been my daughter's provider for around nine years. Throughout the years, she has been a constant provider, teacher, mentor, helper, and friend to Katie. She is in-tune to the goals needed to move Katie towards independence, yet she shows understanding and patience. Family life is hectic with work, appointments, and the like, but she is always willing to work with our schedule. Amanda is truly committed to helping Katie become as independent and capable as possible. She has been a God-send.

## How to buy safe TOYS

- ✓ Is the toy age-appropriate?
- ✓ Are there any small, loose parts that your child can swallow?
- ✓ Could any part of the toy be bitten swallowed?
- ✓ Does the toy have a string, ribbon, cord longer than 7 inches?
- ✓ Is your toy non-toxic?
- ✓ Could any part cut small hands or fingers?
- ✓ Does the toy include magnets?
- ✓ Could the toy be a fire hazard?
- ✓ If you're considering a ride-on, is it sturdy and stable?
- ✓ Does the toy include any throwing or shooting projectiles?
- ✓ Could the toy contain questionable chemicals?
- ✓ Has the product been recalled?



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