

Cute DIY GIFT IDEA

Amanda Bowden from Felixstowe Sewing School shows us how to make a lovely Christmas gift

You will need

A large clean jam jar, a luggage tag and pen, 50cm ribbon, a gingerbread shaped cutter and a wooden spoon (optional), piece of ginger brown felt 15 cm x 30 cm, a handful of toy stuffing, small buttons for the gingerbread eyes and buttons, white embroidery floss and a 4cm strip of magnetic tape. Scissors, paper, pencil, pins and a needle.
For the gingerbread recipe



in the jar: 100g brown sugar, 1tsp ground ginger, ½tsp cinnamon, ½ tsp allspice, 225g plain flour, ½tsp baking powder, ½tsp bicarbonate of soda.

Felixstowe Sewing School presents this easy little Christmas gift project. It makes an excellent present as the felt gingerbread man can be a decoration that gets used every year and there's fun to be had making the gingerbread too!



Create a label with the luggage tag and pen. Write out these instructions on the recipe label: Mix 150g melted butter with 1tbsp golden syrup and one egg yolk. Add to the dry ingredients, mix well, knead to a dough. Chill for 15 mins then roll out. Cut into biscuits and bake at 200C for 8-10 mins. Cool on a wire rack. You can decorate the label with stamps or personalise for the lucky recipient!

MAIN COURSE

Freshly Roasted Turkey Breast and All The Trimmings

Grilled Salmon Fillet Veronique, with a creamed white wine and grape sauce, served on Lyonnaise Potatoes

Braised Beef Bourguignon slow cooked in red wine with mushrooms, bacon, onions and a rich gravy

Brie, Basil and Sundried Tomato Tart roquette and parmesan garnish dressed with pesto oil

A Medley of Seasonal Vegetables, Roast Potatoes & Rich Roast Gravy will accompany the meal to the table

DESSERT

Home-made Christmas Pudding and brandy cream

Belgian Chocolate & Raspberry Terrine with raspberry coulis and crème fraiche

Platter of Cheese & Biscuits

Beechden Farmhouse Dairy Sticky

Toffee Fudge Ice Cream

Tea or Coffee & a Mince Pie

Two Course Menu : £10 per person



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Fill the jar. Mix the baking powder and bicarbonate of soda with the flour. Pack it into the bottom of the jar. Add the spices to the sugar and pack this into the jar. Seal the top.

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Make a gingerbread man pattern. Trace around the gingerbread cutter using the pencil to create a paper pattern of the shape. Use this to cut two gingerbread shapes out of the felt. Using one of the gingerbread shapes, sew buttons onto the front and in position for the eyes. Use backstitch to add a smile and decorations.



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Pin the two gingerbread shapes together and using either an overstitch or blanket stitch sew around the edge **BUT** remember to leave a 2cm gap to stuff the shape. Finish stitching the edges together. Stick the magnetic strip onto the back.

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Tie the ribbon around the jar and attach the luggage label and spoon. The gingerbread man can lie down on the top.

