



Christmas Treats

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Special treats mark the holiday season. Here are a Christmas pudding topped with a cookie and a yule log. Each is made from air-dry clay.



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What You'll Need:

- Air dry clay (Crayola Model Magic)
- Red seed beads
- Tiny garland
- Acrylic paint: Brown, Ochre, White, Red
- Toothpick
- White craft glue





1. For cookie base, roll out a piece of clay about the size of a half dollar. Cut, using a flower-shaped cookie cutter. Let dry.
2. For pudding, make a ball of clay about the size of a gumball. Press it over a round plastic object, (I used a model car wheel rim or decorative button), pressing down so it squishes out around the bottom of that shape. (Try various objects to find a shape you like.) Let dry.
3. The top piece is more clay, rolled into tiny balls about 1/8" diameter. Place one ball on the table. Put five balls around it. Using something flat or your thumb, press down lightly. Make one more ball for the top. Let dry.
4. Paint the cookie base with a mixture of brown and ochre paints. Let dry. Paint a white band around the edge. Let dry. Paint the remaining area red.
5. Use the same colors for the pudding. Paint grooves white. Paint red towards top.
6. Paint the topper white. Let dry. Dip a toothpick in red paint. Touch one dot on each circle.
7. Paint the top ball red before gluing it atop the topper, then glue and add white paint and a dot of red.
8. Add greenery as desired. Glue red beads among greenery.
9. Glue pudding to cookie base.

Christmas Yule Log

What You'll Need:

- Air dry clay (Crayola Model Magic)
- Craft knife (or half-dollar size cutter)
- 6 red beads or tiny round pieces of foam
- Foam plate (optional)
- Acrylic paint: Red, White, Brown, Dark Green
- White craft glue
- Sponge
- Toothpick (round)
- Clear nail polish



1. Roll a piece of clay about 1/8 to 1/4 inch thick about the size of a half-dollar. Cut around an object that size, or cut using a circle cutter. Air dry.
2. To make log, roll out and flatten clay. Roll flattened clay into log about 2 1/4 inches long. Let dry.
3. Roll clay into three little oblong shapes to make leaves like this: . Put shapes next to each other then flatten with your fingers. Slightly lift the outer edges. Let dry.
4. Berries can be either red beads or white bits of foam that you've rolled in red paint on a foam plate.
5. Paint the plate red. When dry, dip toothpick in white paint and touch around edges to make dots.
6. Paint log brown. Let dry. Dip toothpick in white paint and paint a swirl  on each end.
7. Dip a sponge in white paint. Dab off, then apply lightly to top to simulate powdered sugar.
8. Paint leaves dark green. Let dry. Paint a second coat.
9. Glue everything in place on top of plate. ■

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