





Snow-covered gingerbread trees from *Nixie Wonky Winter Wonderland*

You will need an assistant, so make sure that an adult helps you!

Ingredients:

 75g softened butter	 3 tbsp golden syrup	 1 tsp ground cinnamon
 50g caster sugar	 2 egg yolks	 1 tsp ground ginger
 1/2 tsp bicarbonate of soda	 250g plain flour	 300g icing sugar

1. Preheat your oven to 180°C, gas mark 4.
 2. Start your dough by beating together the caster sugar and butter with a wooden spoon until the mixture goes smooth.
 3. Then add the bicarbonate of soda, golden syrup, and egg yolks and mix well.
 4. Sift in the flour, cinnamon, and ginger then bring together with a wooden spoon—you should now have a big lump of gingery dough.
 5. On a lightly-floured surface knead the dough with your hands until you can feel it become firm and springy. Once kneaded, chill your dough in the fridge for 30 minutes.
 6. Take your dough out of the fridge and roll it out with a rolling pin to around 1cm thickness. If you have a tree cutter, press this into the dough to form your trees. But if not, don't worry—you can ask your assistant to help you cut tree shapes into the dough with a knife—a simple triangle shape works well.
 7. Next, place your trees onto a lined and greased baking tray and pop into the oven. Bake them for 10–12 minutes.
 8. Once baked, cool your trees on a rack.
 9. Now it's time to ice your trees! Mix your icing sugar with 3–4 tbsp of water and spread the icing over each tree shape.
- Your gingerbread trees are ready and will taste great just as they are, but if you'd like to decorate them with sprinkles or sweets, do so!**

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This activity is taken from *Nixie Wonky Winter Wonderland*, a refreshingly fun look at the world of fairies, who are not all goody-goodies, but are actually a little bit mischievous at times.

This winter no-one is safe from Nixie's expertly aimed snowballs or her mischievous wand. But one fairy is missing out on all of the fun, where is Fidget the butterfly fairy? It's up to Nixie to find her and prove that she's not such a bad, bad fairy but a rather ingenious one!

