

Celebrate Easter With Cookie Pops

Family Features

For a fresh take on Easter treats, these egg-shaped cookie pops will surprise and delight. Easy and delicious, each one is uniquely decorated - an unexpected, but festive way to say "Happy Easter!"

To begin, a simple butter cookie dough flavored with vanilla and almond extracts is cut into egg shapes with a cookie cutter. Once they're baked and cooled, tint white Candy Melts (or use colored) with favorite Easter colors - pastel, bold, or both - then "dye" the eggs by pouring the melted candy over the cookies.

Now the decorating fun begins. Pipe with melted candy to make spirals and stripes, then attach confetti sprinkles. Other decorating options include brushing with pearl dust for a luminous effect, or sprinkling with colored sugars. You could even write messages on them. After decorating, use a dab of melted candy to attach the "pops" stick to the backs of the cookies.

A decorated flower "pot" is an ideal way to present the pops. Place the pops in the convenient insert that comes with the Flower Pot Kit and add some green curling ribbon for grass. This bouquet of pops can do double-duty as a centerpiece for the table, or as an Easter gift for friends and family when wrapped in clear bags and tied with ribbon.

Visit www.wilton.com for more Easter project ideas, to order supplies including the Pops Flower

Pot Kit, or a copy of the new Wilton book, "Pops! Sweets On A Stick!"

Fresh Eggs Cookie Pops

MAKES ABOUT 3 DOZEN COOKIES

2 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened
1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
1 egg
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon almond extract
White Candy Melts, melted
Primary, Garden Candy Color Sets
Yellow, White Pearl Dust
Imitation Clear Vanilla Extract
Blue, Lavender Colored Sugar
Jumbo Confetti Sprinkles
Cookie Treat Sticks

Preheat oven to 400°F.
In medium bowl, combine flour, baking powder and salt. In large bowl, beat butter and sugar with electric mixer until light and fluffy. Add egg; mix until blended. Add vanilla and almond extracts. Stir in flour mixture. Do not chill dough; divide into 2 balls. On floured surface, roll each ball into a circle approximately 12 in. in diameter and 1/8-inch thick. Dip egg shaped cookie cutter in flour and cut dough; place on ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake 6 - 7 minutes or until cookies are lightly browned. Cool 2 minutes on cookie sheet. Remove from sheet and cool completely on cooling grid.

Tint melted white candy desired colors. Pour over cooled



cookies to cover. Tap to settle; chill until firm.

Use melted candy in cut parchment or disposable decorating bags to pipe spirals, stripes and attach Confetti Sprinkles. While still wet, sprinkle some shapes

with Colored Sugars. Brush set candy decorations with Pearl Dust/vanilla mixture. Attach sticks to back of cookies using melted candy. If desired, place in assembled Pops Flower Pot Kit.

New MMC Board Of Trustees Announced

Mount Marty College is pleased to announce the addition of seven new members to the college's Board of Trustees.

JAMES BREAM

Reverend James Bream, a priest of the Sioux Falls Diocese, was ordained 47 years ago; he retired after 44 years of active parish ministry in the Sioux Falls Diocese. He lives in Sioux Falls, where he was raised. He received a Bachelor's degree from St. Mary's University, Winona, MN; and then attended St. Paul Seminary, St. Paul, MN, for four years. He was pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Yankton, from 1989-1999. His retirement from parish life came in 2008 from Immaculate Conception Parish, Watertown.

WILLIAM CAHOY

William Cahoy, Ph.D. of Cold Spring, Minn. is currently Dean of Saint John's School of Theology-Seminary in Collegeville, Minn. He has been on the faculty at Saint John's since 1990, where he also served as Chair of the Department of Theology. Prior to that, he served as a Theology faculty member at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota. Cahoy received his B.A. from Saint John's University, M.A.R. and Ph.D. from Yale University.

He is active on various boards including the Louisville Institute, Collegeville Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research, and the Society for Arts in Theological and Religious Studies and is a member of the Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools.

CLARICE KORGER, OSB

Sister Clarice Korgor, OSB, is currently serving as Pastoral Minister at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Grand Island, Neb. She has been a member of the Benedictine Sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery in Yankton since 1994, when she entered as a postulant. Prior to entering monastic life, Korgor worked as a practical nurse for over ten years. She also served as a case manager with Lutheran Social Services Refugee and Immigration Center in Sioux Falls and as Family Life Director at a shelter for homeless pregnant women in Omaha, Neb. While in Omaha, she served as an Advisory Board member for the Omaha Catholic Worker House. Korgor received a Diploma of Practical Nursing from Central Community College, Columbus, Neb. in 1984. She later attended Mount Marty College, then transferred to Augustana College in Sioux Falls and received a B.A. in Social Work. Korgor continued her education in San Antonio, Texas receiving a M.S.W. in Social Work from the Worden School of Social Services at Our Lady of the Lake University.

RICHARD FOSTER, M.D.

Doctor Richard Foster, New Castle, Indiana, has been a practicing physician for 35 years and currently serves as a Doctor of Internal Medicine at the New Castle Clinic. Presently, he is also C.E.O. of Belleville Auto. Foster received his M.D. from the Indiana School of Medicine and did post-graduate training in Internal Medicine. He is a board certified physician with membership in the American College of Physicians, American Society of Internal Medicine, Indiana Medical Society and Henry County Medical Society. Foster spent his early years in Yankton, attended the Mount Marty Model School and is a graduate of Sacred Heart School.

GERALDINE (GERRY) LIKNES

Gerry Likness, a 30-year resident of Watertown, SD, works in the insurance and investments industry at the Scott Munger Agency. Prior to her employment there, she worked with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans in the non-profit division from 1995-2003 and as an Elementary & Special Education teacher from 1974 to 1997. Likness received her B.S. in 1974 from the University of South Dakota, later attending graduate school at Augustana College, University of Sioux Falls and then Mount Marty in Watertown. She has served as a board member of the Avera Foundation Board and is an Ambassador/Wish Grantor for Region 4 of Make-A-Wish Foundation of South Dakota. She has also served as Scout Master for both Girl Scout and Boy Scout Troops in the Watertown area for over 12 years and was the second female Scout Master of a Boy Scout Troop in the United States. In her free time, she enjoys gardening and travel with her family.

NORMA NORTON, OSB

Norma Norton, OSB, is currently Chaplain of the Avera Sacred Heart Monastery Care Center in Yankton. She has been a member of the Benedictine Sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery in Yankton since 1981. Prior to her work at the Care Center, she worked at Avera Saint Anthony's Hospital in O'Neill, Neb. for 11 years and as Director of Chaplaincy at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls for seven years. Norton received her B.A. from Mount Marty College in 1986. She currently serves on the Sacred Heart Monastery Council and is on the Yankton Women's/Children's Shelter Board.

STEVE SLOWEY

Steve Slowey, Yankton, S.D. is the owner of Slowey Construction, Inc., Charlie's Pizza House and several hotel properties including Holiday Inn Express of Yankton. He graduated from the University of South Dakota in Springfield. Slowey is involved in Yankton Area Progressive Growth and has worked in various capacities to encourage economic development for the city of Yankton. Throughout his years in Yankton, Slowey has been involved in numerous other organizations.

Q&A

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fully explored? Do you have ideas on how the city could improve its economic development approach?

Economic development is a dynamic process. While I am not an ED expert, I have the skills to listen, observe and learn from those in the profession. Having served on the ED Council for the past year, I fully understand that new ideas are integral to Yankton's growth. What I bring to the ED table is an open-mind willing to take balance risk and reward.

3. Do you have any ideas for cost cuts or savings in the city budget? Are there areas where the city needs to re-prioritize and spend more money?

Every year we spend hours mulling over the budget numbers submitted to us from staff. I respect staff's ability to prioritize projects and equipment needs, knowing that financial resources are limited.

The budgeting process gives the commission the opportunity to discuss what the priorities are for the upcoming year. Those priorities are then worked into the five-year capital improvement plan. I am still amazed every year how many projects we would like to complete that need to be moved to an out-year because of budget limitations. I would like to see a full-time

code enforcement officer on staff to help alleviate ordinance violations. I would also like us explore upgrading some of our technology, especially in the finance and accounting area.

4. Renovation of the Meridian Bridge into a recreational trail is set to conclude this year. The city has done a lot of planning for the downtown area to prepare for this eventuality. Once the renovation is complete, what steps do you think the city needs to take to capitalize on this unique project?

I feel the proper steps are being taken to put together the appropriate plan for the Meridian Plaza and downtown area. This is a project that should include a lot of community input and discussion. We have a wealth of creative talents in Yankton and we need to incorporate them in the planning process. While we will not all necessarily agree, I feel we need to be creative and keep an open mind to new and innovative opportunities. It should be an area that is utilized and not just looked at. We want the entire downtown to be a destination, not just a drive-by.

5. Any closing thoughts?

I appreciate your willingness to become educated on your City Commission candidates. I have worked hard to earn your respect over the past 6 years. Your vote matters and I ask you to choose "Nancy Wenande" on April 12.

when they were a kid can race their car if they want," Hill said. "They can have a little fun watching their car go down the track again."

With the numerous activities and learning opportunities, Hill hopes area residents take advantage and attend the event.

"We encourage people to come in and see what we do," he said. "It's going to be a real good time."

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As they left the White House after the evening meeting, Reid and Boehner issued a brief written statement that said they had narrowed their disagreements and said they would "continue to work through the night to attempt to resolve" the remaining ones.

Republicans want deeper spending cuts than the Democrats favor and also are pressing for provisions to cut off federal funds to Planned Parenthood and stop the EPA from issuing numerous anti-pollution regulations.

"They're difficult issues. They're important to both sides and so I'm not yet prepared to express wild optimism," said the president.

For all the brinksmanship — and the promise of more in the Senate on Friday — there was agreement that a shutdown posed risks to an economy still recovering from the worst recession in decades.

The political fallout was less predictable, especially with control of government divided and dozens of new tea party-backed Republicans part of a new GOP majority in the House. Twin government shutdowns in the mid-1990s damaged Republicans, then new to power in Congress, and helped President Bill Clinton win re-election in 1996.

This time, individual lawmakers worked to insulate themselves from any political damage. Sens. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, and Ben Nelson, D-Neb., both seeking new terms in 2012, became the latest to announce they would not accept their congressional salary during any shutdown. "If retroactive pay is later approved, I'll direct my part to the U.S. Treasury," said Nelson.

EXPO

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• fossils presented by Ashfall Fossil Beds.

There will also be a special pinewood derby event, which will feature three different scout classes, as well as an open class the public can enter for a \$5 fee. "Adults who have a car from

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