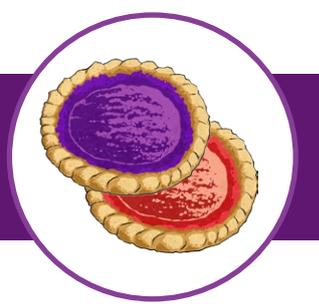


Terrifying Tarts



These spooky sweets are perfect if you need to whip up an easy treat for Halloween!

You will need:

150g plain flour

1 egg yolk

75g unsalted butter

3 tbsp caster sugar

a pinch of salt

cold water

blackberry and/or raspberry jam

12-hole bun tin

spooky jelly sweets (optional)



Instructions:

1. Sift the flour and salt into a mixing bowl.
2. Cut the butter into small cubes and add to the flour. Quickly press each cube flat between your fingers and then rub the butter into the flour until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs.
3. Add the caster sugar and egg yolk and stir in with a wooden spoon until the mixture is stiff.
4. Add the cold water a tablespoon at a time, stirring until the mixture comes together into a ball.
5. Knead briefly with your hands and then cover with plastic food wrapping and chill in the fridge for 15 minutes.
6. Preheat the oven to 190°C/375°F/Gas Mark 5.
7. Dust a board or worktop with a little flour, and roll out the pastry to a thickness of about 3mm.
8. Use a circular cutter to cut out 12 rounds of pastry and place them into the bun tin, pressing in gently.

9. Add a teaspoonful of jam to each pastry circle, ensuring you have an equal number of blackberry and raspberry jam tarts.
10. Bake the tarts in the centre of the oven for 20 minutes.
11. Cool the tarts on a wire rack.
12. Decorate with whatever spooky sweets you might have - we suggest jelly eyes, worms, or spiders.



Hints and Tips

- Pastry works best with cold ingredients, so make sure the butter and water are cold before you start, and handle the pastry as little as possible and with cool hands.
- Instead of jelly sweets on top, you could use a dusting of icing by cutting out a spooky shape from paper (perhaps a cat, witches hat, or spider web) and then shaking the icing sugar over the top,
- Use whatever jam you prefer - you could even use lime jam for its bold green!
- To save time, you can use ready-made shortcrust pastry.
- Hot jam is very hot – so make sure the tarts have cooled before you tuck in!

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