



## Zion Farmers Market KidCraft

### Candy Roses



These candy roses are incredibly simple, cheap and fun to make!

#### Supplies

- Starburst: 6-7 pieces for each rose
- Green airhead candy (optional -if you choose to make leaves)
- Green apple licorice sticks
- Tools:
- Sharp kitchen knife,
- Cutting surface,
- Microwave safe plate
- Microwave
- Clear treat bags or sandwich bags

#### Instructions

Start by placing the 6-7 pieces you are going to use on a microwave safe plate, spaced apart. Microwave for 5 seconds on high. No more, no less. This heats them just enough so they are pliable to work like clay. Any longer and they will become too sticky to work with.

To form the center of your rose take a wad of starburst and shape it around the top of a green apple licorice piece. Work it into a bud-like shape. You can also use sucker sticks for the stem if you can't find green licorice.

Take each starburst piece and work it flat with your fingers. You can make these petals to look like a potato chip or a square with rounded edges- just as long as they are flattened. Start wrapping each petal around the bud one by one. Try not to make your arrangement symmetrical. At this point, feel free to arrange the petals a little to make the bloom appear more open.

This part is optional but helps them keep their shape. Cut a slit in the bottom of a silicone cupcake liner and slip the stem through the slot and place the entire thing in a glass. Place this in the freezer to chill for a few minutes. You will find that it is not as flexible or sticky afterwards.

Leaves are cut out of Airhead candy. Watermelon is the one you want. Start by cutting off the end in a diagonal or at least two cuts that form an obtuse angle and repeat the leaf shape on the other side. Gently score the middle and cut little slits in the sides of the edges. Finally, poke little dots on the surface of the leaf. You can apply these leaves by a long end around the stem of the rose.

Wrap the tops in treat bags and/or place in sandwich bag. Makes great gifts for anyone!

### ***Rose Facts for Kids***

Check out our fun rose facts. Learn how many species of rose there are, how the rose has been used throughout history, where the scent of a rose comes from, and much more.

- There are over 100 species of the rose.
- We usually call the sharp spikes on the stem of a rose bush "thorns". But these are in fact technically prickles.
- The flowers of most species of rose have five petals except for the species 'Rosa sericea' which has only four.
- The name "Rose" is often used as a girl's name in English speaking countries.
- For hundreds of years the rose has been widely recognized as a symbol of love, sympathy or sorrow.
- The rose is most commonly used as an ornamental plant grown in the garden for its beautiful flowers.
- The rose can be used in perfumes. The nice scent of the rose comes from microscopic perfume glands. Sometimes rose petals are also dried and packed for commercial use as decoration or for scent.
- Because they're low-maintenance and nice to look at, rose shrubs (classified as a shrub even though some are climbing shrubs for example the climbing rose) are used as landscape plants for hedging (the thorns can discourage animals) and planted on hillsides as a slope stabilizing method to stop soil erosion.
- The fruit of a rose is called a rose hip. The berry-like hip are usually red in color but some can be dark purple.
- Rose hips of some species are extremely rich in vitamin C, because of this the hip is sometimes made into tea or brewed for tea. The hip also has minor medicinal uses, used in food supplements and can be pressed or fried to make rose hip syrup. Hip seed oil is also used in skin products and makeup products.
- Historically the rose was of great importance to the Romans and Egyptians. Romans would use them as room scent or wear them on string around their neck and anything which was said "under the rose" was deemed to be secret. The famous Cleopatra of Egypt was believed to have covered the floor of her palace room with roses before Mark Antony came to her.
- The rose can come in all colors although a "black rose" is not actually black it is usually a dark red. Each color has a different meaning or symbolises something different to us for example red means love, orange - desire, yellow - friendship.
- Traditionally England is signified by the rose, it is the country's national flower. The rose came to prominence during the 'Wars of the Roses', 1455 to 1485 when the house of Lancaster was represented by the red rose and the house of York which was represented by the white rose.

- In 1986 the rose also became the floral emblem of the United States. It is the official flower of four states: New York, Iowa, North Dakota and Georgia.