

Father's Day Ideas

Homemade Presents And A Party For Dad



Sports-themed cookies help make this Father's Day a memorable one.

(NAPSA)—San Diego Padres catcher Mark Parent's contract included a clause requiring that he be in the opening lineup on Father's Day. Fathers and sports go together like hot dogs and mustard. Now you can make Dad's favorite sport a Father's Day theme.

For example, a baseball day might include team flags and baseball cards decorations—and a game of catch in the back yard. Baseball-themed snacks such as cookies round out the celebration.

It can be easy to make basketball, baseball or tennis ball cookies this year. It starts with oven-fresh cookies you can bake yourself. All you need is your Easy-Bake Oven and some supplies:

- One four-pack of Easy-Bake sugar cookie and chocolate cookie mix.
- One Easy-Bake white frosting packet (included with Easy-Bake cake mix) or canister of white frosting.
- Red, yellow and blue food coloring.

- Black rope licorice.
- Sour tape.

Then decorate to celebrate any sport:

Basketball

- Make orange frosting by adding 1 drop of red and 2 drops of yellow coloring to frosting; cover cookies with frosting.

- Make basketball stripes using 4 pieces of black rope licorice.

Baseball

- Frost a cookie with white icing.

- Cut strips of sour tape to create the baseball stitching.

Tennis

- Add one drop of blue food coloring and three drops of yellow food coloring to white frosting to make green icing; cover cookies with frosting.

- Use the sour tape to create the white line on the ball.

Cookie and cake mixes for your Easy-Bake Oven are available at supermarkets and toy stores. For more tips and ideas, go to www.easybake.com or call 1-800-255-5516.