

How to make a chocolate covered snowman

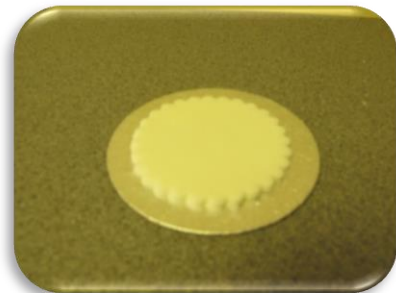
Ingredients:

- Mars bar
- White sugar paste
- Green sugar paste
- Red sugar paste
- Brown sugar paste
- Orange sugar paste for the nose
- Black edible pen
- Circle cutter (78mm)
- Round silver cake card (I used 3½ inch board)
- Edible glue/water
- Cellophane and ribbon to wrap
- Cornflour/icing sugar for dusting or rolling
- Rolling pin



Method:

1. First cut out a round disc of white sugar paste (the thickness of a £1 coin) ready to place your snowman on; this can be left to one side to harden up for a few hours. Once the disc is dry, you can glue it to your silver cake card using edible glue or water.
2. Next make the snowman's head. Take a small piece of white sugar paste and roll it into a ball. This will need to go hard before you can attach his hat, nose and eyes.



3. Now make the snowman's flat cap. Take your brown sugar paste and mould it into the shape of a hat, then set it aside to dry. Once dry, glue his hat onto his head and then set aside again. Take a small amount of orange sugar paste to make into a carrot nose, and then glue it onto the head.



4. Take a bit of brown sugar paste and mould it into your chosen kind of walking stick – this snowman has a crooked stick, but you can make any type you wish. Set aside to dry.

5. Next take the Mars bar and cut off the bottom – this will give you a flat base so your snowman will stand up straight. I will leave it up to you how tall you want it to be! Roll out some white sugar paste into a rectangle just large enough to cover the Mars bar fully, cutting off any excess. Just leave a little seam down the back; this can be glued down using edible glue or water. Neatly tuck at the top and bottom and set aside. Once it is dry, glue it onto the white disc.



6. Use the black edible pen to draw on the snowman's eyes. Then glue the head to his body.

7. Take some red sugar paste and make a rectangle long enough to wrap around your snowman, and secure with edible glue. Use a pair of scissors to snip the ends to make it look like a scarf. Now draw on your snowman's buttons.



8. Once the walking stick is nearly dry, you will be able to glue it up against the snowman's body (hold it in place for a few seconds).



9. Now onto the snowman's arms. Roll out two sausage-shaped arms using white sugar paste. Then glue them to the side of your snowman's body. Putting one arm around his walking stick.

10. Now take your holly cutter and your green sugar paste and cut out your holly to place onto the snowman's hat, attaching with edible glue. Make one red ball to use as the holly, and glue as before.

11. Finally, if it is to be given as a gift or has a bit of a wait until Christmas, wrap in cellophane and tie with ribbon to decorate.



All cake decorating supplies can be purchased from:
Once Upon a Cupcake, 39 The Avenue, Minehead, Somerset TA24 5AY.