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Juliet's Corner

## Galentine's Day Gingerbread

Seinfeld created Festivus, and Parks & Rec brought us a fabulous holiday, Galentine's Day! Amy Poehler's character Leslie Knope describes Galentine's Day as a celebration of friendship with girlfriends the day before Valentine's Day, and it has completely taken off as a widely celebrated holiday. Since the Galentine's Day episode originally aired in 2010, women have come up with creative ways to celebrate.

No matter how you have your own Galentine's Day celebration, here is a foolproof gingerbread recipe that I've been making for decades. I originally started making this when I was pregnant with Eva. I didn't have morning sickness, but people kept giving me things with ginger in them and I discovered a love for it, so I explored the cookbook section deep in the basement of the Riverside Public Library downtown next to the Mission Inn. I've made this so many times that I can make it by heart, but I still have the original photocopied recipe from The Joy of Cooking.

This is really good with fresh whipped cream. Enjoy!

1. Preheat oven to 350. Melt  $\frac{1}{2}$  c. butter in heavy pan and let cool.
2. Add  $\frac{1}{2}$  c sugar and 1 egg and beat well.
3. Sift together  $2\frac{1}{2}$  c sifted all-purpose flour, 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. baking soda, 1 tsp. each cinnamon and ginger, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. Salt
4. Combine:  $\frac{1}{2}$  c light molasses,  $\frac{1}{2}$  c honey, 1 c hot water, and (optional) 1 T. grated orange rind
5. Add the sifted and liquid ingredients alternately to the butter mixture until blended. Bake in a pressed pan about 1 hour.



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# Valentine Tic Tac Toe Snack Craft

## INGREDIENTS:

- Graham Crackers
- ½ cup Pink Candy Melts/Discs
- ½ cup White Chocolate Melts/Discs
- Candy Conversation Hearts



## DIRECTIONS:

1. Take your pink candy discs and put in a microwave safe bowl. Microwave for 30 seconds, then stir. Continue to do this until discs are all melted. Do the same for the White discs.
2. Place each color chocolate in their own separate sandwich size baggie. Snip corner of baggie. These will become your piping bags.
3. Draw two vertical lines and two horizontal lines, in the shape of a tic tac toe board on each graham cracker.
4. Let dry for about 5-10 minutes.

For Full Instructions: <https://www.sippycupmom.com/valentine-tic-tac-toe-snack-craft/>

## INGREDIENTS: **Valentine Lollipops**

- Heart-shape cookie cutter
- Lollipop sticks
- Non-stick foil
- Baking tray
- Assorted hard candies
- Sprinkles or small candies



## DIRECTIONS:

- Preheat oven to 350°F. For each pop, place a cookie cutter on top of a pop stick on a 5-inch piece of nonstick foil; position the stick where you want it to be in the lollipop. Bring foil around the outside of the cutter & the pop stick, folding foil to the shape of the cutter. Transfer to a small baking sheet. Remove cutter
- Place the candies in the mold. Bake for 10 minutes or until candy is completely melted. Immediately sprinkle with desired decorative candies. Let cool completely and carefully remove foil.

For Full Instructions: [https://www.bhg.com/holidays/valentines-day/recipes/valentine-lollipops/?utm\\_source=pinterest.com&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=bhg\\_bh-g\\_2805513&utm\\_content=video\\_seasonal&utm\\_term=valentinesday\\_201901](https://www.bhg.com/holidays/valentines-day/recipes/valentine-lollipops/?utm_source=pinterest.com&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=bhg_bh-g_2805513&utm_content=video_seasonal&utm_term=valentinesday_201901)

# VALENTINE HEART RAG WREATH

The full directions can be found here:

<http://www.housewivesofriverton.com/2015/02/diy-valentine-heart-rag-wreath.html>

## SUPPLIES:

- Wire hanger
- Pliers
- Scissors/ rotary cutter
- 1 yard of cloth material (white, red, or pink)
- Another color of cloth



## INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Take a wire hanger and shape it into a heart with a pair of pliers.
2. Cut cloth into 1 inch strips. Cut as many as you think it will take to fill the hanger.
3. After you have finished cutting all of the material into strips tie your strips one at a time around the wire until your wreath is full.
4. Add a secondary color of cloth by repeating step 2 & 3
5. Enjoy!

## Wooden Hearts

### SUPPLIES:

- Assorted wooden hearts
- Craft paint
- Paintbrush
- Awl(optional)
- Craft glue (optional)
- Screw-eye hook (optional)
- Cotton ribbon



### DIRECTIONS:

- Paint heart tops and edges; let dry completely, then flip and paint backs. Repeat until color is fully saturated.
- Optional: If desired, add a hanging loop: Make a dip in top edge with awl. Add a drop of craft glue; push in screw-eye hook. Let dry. Thread ribbon through hook and tie knot.

Full Instructions: <http://www.marthastewart.com/1535425/painted-wooden-hearts>



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Happy Valentines Day!



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## What Do You Do When The Trustee Will Not Give You A Copy Of The Trust?

First, never take “no” for an answer. If you are a trust beneficiary, then your common sense tells you that you are entitled to get a copy of the trust. You are right.

Second, you or your trust litigation attorney sends a written demand to the trustee for a copy of the trust. The demand doesn’t have to be fancy and it should never be rude. Your demand letter may be an exhibit during a court proceeding. Therefore, make sure it says what it should and you would comfortable having it displayed to the world.

Third, give the trustee sixty days to respond. If you get the trust in that time then your problem is solved. If the trust isn’t send to you then go to step four.

Fourth, have your trust litigation attorney file a petition with the probate court. This will compel the trustee to provide you with a copy of the trust. This will also compel them to pay attorney’s fees and costs for you having to file the petition.

The Grossman Law Firm, A.P.C. helps clients protect their rightful interests to a California estate or trust. Our office will pursue legal action against trustees, administrators, or executors, and we will handle other trust and probate litigation matters in the California probate court.

If you or someone you know needs help with getting a copy of a trust with a California trustee, contact our office and talk with our staff to see how we can assist you.