

Household News

by Lynn Chambers



Make Merry With Cookies and Candies!
(See Recipes Below)

Xmas Gift Boxes

Christmas is the time for giving! Thus runs the refrain during this festive season. And what could be more appropriate, more welcome, more welcome than gaily wrapped boxes packed right in your own kitchen—boxes full of sweet, crunchy cookies warm and fresh from the oven, candies, tempting tidbits of sweetness made with spices and nuts. Cookies and candies wrapped with waxed paper in small tin boxes will delight the heart of that boy you may have sent to camp, your daughter away at school, or a neighbor.

***Bran Filled Hermits.**
(Makes 45 medium-sized cookies)
½ cup butter or margarine
1½ cups sugar
2 eggs
½ cup milk
¾ cup all-bran
3½ cups flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1½ teaspoons cinnamon
1 teaspoon cloves
½ teaspoon mace
½ teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup mincemeat or preserves

Cream shortening, add sugar and eggs and beat well. Add milk and all-bran. Sift flour with remaining dry ingredients and add to first mixture. Mix well and chill. Roll dough to an eighth of an inch thickness on lightly floured board. Cut into rounds. Place 1 teaspoon mincemeat on one-half the rounds and top with remaining rounds. Crimp edges with a fork. Bake on ungreased cookie sheet in fairly hot oven (400 degrees) for 12 to 15 minutes.

Cookies right in tune with the Christmas season are these with red or green sugar dusted on them. Make them in fancy Christmas tree, Santa Claus or wreath shapes with a cookie cutter. Use butter for a really good flavor, cut them thin and chill well before cutting.

***Christmas Butter Cookies.**
(Makes 6 dozen small)
½ pound butter
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon almond extract
½ teaspoon salt
2 to 2½ cups flour

Cream butter and sugar. Combine beaten eggs and flavoring with creamed mixture. Add flour and salt. Mix well and chill. Roll thin, cut into shapes. Dust with colored sugar. Bake on a sheet about 15 minutes or until light brown, in a moderate (400 degrees) oven.

Make your cookie and candy boxes provocative with tiny squares of rich, delicious peneche. These pieces can be dressed up in individual wrappings of gold, silver, green or yellow gift paper.

LYNN SAYS:

Now is the time to make your selection of gifts: perhaps you'd like to give away some of that brightly colored jelly or jam you put up last fall. Wrap it in gay paper, and tie it with a bit of silver and blue ribbon. Bring out the fruit cake and plum pudding, someone will be mighty proud to have them, too.

When packing cookies and candies for gift boxes you can make the box more attractive by alternating the kinds of cookies and candies used. To assure freshness, use waxed paper between the layers.

Gift Box Suggestions
*Bran Filled Hermits
*Christmas Cookies
*Brazilian Peneche
*Popcorn Brittle
*Popcorn Fudge
*Recipes Given

***Brazilian Peneche.**
2 cups brown sugar (packed firmly)
¾ cup top milk
½ teaspoon vanilla
1 tablespoon butter
½ cup chopped Brazil nuts
Dash of salt

Combine sugar, salt and milk. Cook, stirring constantly over low heat until sugar is dissolved and mixture boils. Cook until a small amount forms a soft ball when dropped into cold water (238 degrees). Remove from heat. Add vanilla and butter without stirring. Cool until lukewarm and beat hard until creamy. Add nuts and turn into greased pan. Sprinkle with sliced nuts. Cut into squares.

An old favorite, popcorn, is featured in a new role in these candy recipes. If you don't want to go through the business of popping the corn yourself, you can get along nicely by using the popcorn that comes tightly sealed in tin cans. It's as fresh and nice as if you made it yourself.

***Popcorn Fudge.**
2 cups brown sugar
1 cup thin cream
1 tablespoon butter
2 cups popcorn
1 teaspoon vanilla

Combine sugar with cream and stir over low heat until sugar is dissolved. Cook until the soft ball stage (238 degrees) or until it forms a soft ball in cold water. Remove from heat and let stand in cold water until cool. Add butter, popcorn, and vanilla. Beat until creamy. Pour into buttered plate and cut.

***Popcorn Brittle.**
2 cups granulated sugar
1 cup dark corn syrup
½ cup water
1 quart popcorn (slightly salted)
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 teaspoons soda

Cook sugar, syrup and water in a heavy skillet. Stir until sugar is dissolved, then boil until mixture will crackle when dropped into cold water. Remove from fire, add vanilla and popcorn. Add soda and mix well. Pour into shallow, buttered pan. When cold, break into pieces.

No Christmas box of cookies would be complete without the delicately flavored Swedish Sprits cookies:

Swedish Sprits.
(Makes 4 dozen)
1½ cups butter
1 cup sugar
1 egg yolk
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon almond extract
¾ cups flour
½ teaspoon baking powder

Cream butter and sugar thoroughly, add egg and flavorings. Beat well. Blend in dry ingredients until mixture is smooth. Press through cookie press into various shapes and decorate with candied fruit, if desired. Bake in a hot oven (400 degrees) 8 to 10 minutes. Cookies hard to make? Not if you use this recipe:

Krispie Marshmallow Stars.
(Makes 16 to 18 stars)
½ cup butter
½ pound marshmallows
½ teaspoon vanilla
1 package oven-popped rice cereal
4 ounces semi-sweet chocolate, melted

Melt butter and marshmallows in double boiler. Add vanilla and chocolate and beat thoroughly. Put cereal in a large buttered bowl and pour in first mixture, stirring briskly. Put in a shallow buttered pan and allow to cool. Cut into stars or circles with a cutter. (Note: this cookie is not baked.)

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Elaborate Applique Shown on Daytime and Evening Styles

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



ROSES are red on the superbly beautiful white gown centered in the group. The flair for white for party wear and also for youthful "date" dresses is important fashion news. College girls and teen-agers are simply thrilled with the idea of "winter white" for dine-and-dance wear. For these, fancy runs mostly to white crepes, wools and jersey, some trimmed with gold accents and others gay with applique floral patterns or bright yarn embroidery.

The lovely white party dress pictured to the right above is made of soft white crepe which molds itself to the figure of the wearer. Attention is drawn to the tunic and shoulder drape which is gathered from a V-neckline. Great lovely roses in crimson red crepe are applied to form a border on the tunic and a corsage cluster at the left shoulder.

In the stunning afternoon model to the right below one senses the fact that applique design is as gracious and effective for daytime modes as for formal evening gowns. Black and pink, a flattering color combination widely featured this season, distinguishes this ensemble. The black dress is styled with the new drop shoulder, while the sprightly pepum is encrusted with an applique of pink braid in a floral motif. The pillbox hat is black felt with a bow of black veiling.

The sophisticated evening gown to the left in the background is of black marquisette worn over a nude-pink slip. The call for black on black is dramatically answered in the bold leaf design in black velvet which is artfully applied on the shoulders and at the waist.

The applique theme is being worked out stunningly for simple wool daytime dresses and suits. The flower applique is self fabric which traces its way along lapels, sleeve tops and often over the entire front of the bodice or blouse.

In connection with the vogue for

gay and festive trimming accents in the way of beadwork and embroidery, it is interesting to note the glitter of sequins, rhinestones or nailheads, as well as a definite revival of applique design. This form of handcraft is very smart, and in featuring it, designers have tapped a wellspring of inspiration which is pouring forth a wealth of ideas in endless procession.

Applique design offers a technique which is being successfully employed for both day and evening modes with the utmost simplicity or in the most elaborate motifs to fit the occasion. Consequently, there are going to be all types of applique this season, from the simple single bouquet effect on a blouse or bodice to take the place of a corsage or glittering spray clip, all the way to elaborate designs. Also, we may expect to see a tremendous amount of applique used on the sports clothes for resort wear.

Many of the "dressy" clothes for winter are so beautifully embellished they are veritable works of art. See this demonstrated in the lovely gown pictured to the left below in the illustration. For this applique the artist designer has taken morning glories for her theme, translating them into handmade fabric flowers that bloom in all their deep purples, wines, brilliant pink and azure blue. Leaves and stems and tendrils of green go cascading from shoulder to hem down the side front of this stately, sleekly fitted, black crepe dinner gown. It is said that many women of discriminating taste are turning to fabric applique as a welcome change from too much glitter of sequins and colorful stones.

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Color Contrast



Daring, but as fascinating as daring, are the color schemes designers devise this season. Using color in striking contrast is a new styling method that has developed into a favorite fashion formula. In the picture, cloud blue forms the front of a brown crepe dress. The color scheme is unusual and is made more so by the cardinal red felt hat which tops milady's smartly coiffed head—which goes to show most anything can happen in the way of color schemes nowadays. When all is said and done, the effect comes out a hundred per cent eye-satisfying. The new color freedom is indeed a revelation.

Jacket Is Favorite

Theme of Designers

Suits of gay plaids or colorful tweeds have held good right through the fall and will continue to do so during the winter. Already resort fashions have emphasized the supremacy of jacket suits in the mode. Two features of the newer suits are the continued use of pleated skirts and the emphasis on beautiful wools in charming colors for the new jacket suits. For climates that call for warmth, these pastel and richly colorful tailored wools are trimmed with fur.

Winter Sport Clothes

Rival Those for Beach

It used to be that resort clothes for winter vacationists were designed only for sunny southern climes. Now the program has to cover all types of winter sports as well. Winter activities now include skating, skiing, tobogganing, and bowling, as well as swimming and sun bathing for those who go south or west. Sports costumes must be practical and comfortable, and one that fulfills these requirements is a bowling dress just made for action.

White 'Bunny' Wrap Is

The Delight of the 'Teens

The vogue for white this winter is creating no end of excitement in the younger set which simply dotes on the new white jersey or crepe or corduroy "date" dress. With these they wear cunning "comfy" white bunny jackets. Sometimes these are bordered down the front opening with vividly gay peasant yarn embroidery.

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'Spirit of '76'

This famous painting, in which the artist caught the spirit of the patriots who "fired and drummed it," was sketched and later painted by Archibald M. Willard. The artist, who lived through four of America's wars (1836-1918), was the creator of "Puck" comics after the Civil War. He originally made a humorous sketch for the opening of the Centennial exposition at Philadelphia in 1876.

A serious attempt to portray early American patriotism followed the cartoon, and the original now hangs in Abbott Hall library, in Marblehead, Mass.

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Self-Denial

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BE SMART! Crochet these mittens for that outdoor girl. The one laced up the back is "tops" in red, white and blue. The other is worked in one piece.

Jap Reporters 'Cover'

How Japanese newspapers cover big stories was illustrated recently in Tokyo when the palace announced that a statesman was to form a new cabinet, says Collier's. Within an hour, his estate appeared to have been taken over by an army. Each paper had sent at least 50 reporters, equipped with tents, beds, cookstoves, radio outfits, cameras, pigeons, step-ladders and other paraphernalia for any emergency.

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