

Date Bars

Combine the dates with the sugar and butter. Microwave for 3 minutes, stirring well after 2 minutes, then restart microwave. Immediately add lemon juice, vanilla essence and rice bubbles. Push into a greased slice tin. Sprinkle with coconut. Refrigerate 24 hours. Take out and cut into bars. It's easier to cut if left on the bench for about half an hour before cutting. Store in the fridge.

300g dates, chopped
 ½ cup sugar
 65g butter
 1 tbs lemon juice
 1 tsp vanilla essence
 3 cups rice bubbles
 ½ cup coconut



Simply Entertaining

Chuffles

Crumble up one chocolate cake bar (not sponge). Add chopped nuts, chopped glacé cherries, and melted apricot jam to moisten. Add a little juice if too dry. Mould into balls with wet hands. Put in the fridge for a few hours. Dip in melted chocolate. Store in the fridge.

1 x Chocolate Cake Bar
 ½ cup chopped nuts
 ½ cup glacé cherries
 ½ cup apricot jam
 225g melted chocolate
 a little juice (if required)



Aussie Cake (keeps well)

Line a loaf tin. Place uncut fruit and nuts in a bowl. Mix together flour, salt and sugar and add to the fruit. Mix in lightly beaten eggs. Press into the tin with a spoon. Bake slowly for 2½ hours. Leave in the tin for 10 minutes before turning onto a rack and removing paper. When cool, wrap and put in a plastic container and store in the fridge.

1½ cups brazil nuts
 1 cup pecans
 1 cup dates
 2/3 cup candied peel
 ½ cup green cherries
 ½ cup red cherries
 ½ cup raisins
 ¾ cup SR flour
 ¾ cup sugar
 2 eggs
 ½ tsp vanilla essence
 pinch salt



Stained Glass Biscuits

Make your favourite roll-out-and-cut biscuit recipe. Cut shapes with a smaller version in the centre, eg star within a star. Fill the hole with a crushed boiled lolly which will melt during cooking giving the glass effect. Kids love using a small mallet or tack hammer on lollies in a paper or plastic bag.

1 qty your favourite biscuit recipe
 1 bag coloured boiled lollies



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MEDIUM DRY

500ml red grape juice
 1 litre ginger ale
 1 litre sparkling white grape

Put in a punch bowl with ice and garnish with finely sliced cucumber.

Berry Crush

1 cup strawberries
 1 cup raspberries
 1 cup blueberries
 1 cup cranberry juice
 1 cup coconut milk
 1 cup crushed ice

Place berries in a processor and whiz for a minute. Pour in cranberry juice and the coconut milk. Blend until really smooth. Pour over ice in glasses.

Mellow Yellow

1 cup pineapple juice
 1 cup orange juice
 1 cup grapefruit juice
 1 mango, diced
 1 papaya, diced
 1 cup crushed ice
 handful fresh mint leaves

Put all ingredients into a punch bowl, mix and serve.

Bitter Glow

2 litres pure dark grape juice
 2 litres dry ginger ale

Place ice in a punch bowl and add equal quantities of chilled pure dark grape juice and dry ginger ale.

Celebration Cup

1½ litres boiling water
 1½ cups sugar
 3 lemons, finely sliced
 sprig mint
 500 ml orange juice
 500 ml pineapple juice
 4 bottles green lime fizz

Place boiling water, sugar, lemons and mint in a large bowl or bucket and allow to stand overnight. Next day strain and then add orange juice, pineapple juice and 1½ bottles of the lime fizz. Refrigerate several hours. When ready to serve add rest of chilled lime fizz. Mix and serve.

Fruity Punch

2 cups orange juice
 2 cups pineapple juice
 2 cups cranberry juice
 2 cups water, or soda water
 4 litres ginger ale

Chill all ingredients. Place into a punch bowl, mix and serve.

Amp Kiss

apple juice
 mango juice or nectar
 pineapple juice

Place equal quantities of each into a punch bowl and serve.

Berry Refresher

Crush a spoonful of berries into each glass, add 1 tbs apricot nectar and top up with non-al sparkling white.

Sunset

In each glass pour about 30ml of apricot nectar. Fill glass with lemonade then carefully add from the side of a spoon, 2 tsp grenadine. Do not stir.

Bobby Dazzler

Pour 60ml grenadine into a glass and then fill with cola. Spoon a dollop of whipped cream on top and sprinkle with 100's & 1000's. Garnish with chocolate peppermint stick or an after dinner mint.



Simply Passion

white sparkling juice
 passionfruit
 dash grenadine
 strawberries to garnish

Shirley Temple

2 parts pineapple juice
 1 part passionfruit
 3 parts lemonade

Forest Fire

3/4 orange juice
 1/8 ginger cordial
 1/8 lemonade

Tropical Cream

150ml mango nectar
 100ml coconut cream
 150ml apple juice
 strawberries to garnish

Creamy Colada

1½ litres pineapple juice
 1 can cream of coconut
 1 litre dry ginger ale