

Mmmushrooms!



We all know mushrooms are edible, but we might not all enjoy their taste! What about mushrooms made of strawberries, icing, and marshmallows? This edible craft puts the “mmm...” in “mushrooms!” Using simple ingredients and a touch of imagination, the whole family will have fun creating this whimsical landscape while learning about the fabulous world of fungi.

MATERIALS

Strawberries
Mini Marshmallows
White Icing
Toothpicks
Chocolate Cake

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Optional:
Coconut
Green Food Coloring
Graham Crackers

STEPS

- 1) Cut the green stems off the strawberries.
- 2) Stick a toothpick through 1-2 marshmallows, leaving the points exposed on each side.
- 3) Stake the toothpick into the chocolate cake. (Note, you can use brownies, a baguette with Nutella, or anything similar.)
- 4) Place the base of a strawberry onto the exposed point of the toothpick, making sure it's securely attached.
- 5) Add dabs of icing to the strawberries to create dots! If you don't have icing with a pointed applicator, just dip a toothpick into your icing and dab your strawberries with it.
- 6) Repeat this process until you have a strawberry field, spreading your toothpicks out across the cake!
- 7) *Optional: To enhance your landscape, consider making "grass" by mixing shredded coconut with food coloring, and sprinkle some "dirt" around by coarsely crumbling up graham crackers (or something similar).*



Opportunities for Expanded Learning

Mushrooms are magnificent! Some scientists even believe they have the power to save the world. Check out these resources to learn more about fantastic fungi:

Explore the biology of mushrooms with SciShow Kids!

Discover the amazing things mushrooms can do with National Geographic!

Have some Fun with Fungi with these Montessori Nature Activities!

Investigate further with these mushroom resources from Redwildhood!

Expand your learning by joining your local Mycological Society!



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