

Halloween Cakes Fun To Bake

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For Halloween trick-or-treaters and for the wholesomely as well, authentic "fies" and "fies." Halloween cakes are made with real pumpkin, then frosted with orange and black colored icing.

To bake, simply use one package of pound-cake mix for each cake, substituting canned pumpkin for the milk called for by the recipe. Add one teaspoon cinnamon and one-half teaspoon cloves for flavor. Baking experts suggest baking the cakes in Teflon-lined pie pans, then turning them over after



baking to give the faces a rounded effect. Frost the faces with a butter-type orange icing, then add facial features with a black icing.

Black icing is made from a creamy butter base chocolate frosting mix to which several drops of blue food coloring is added. Use liquid sparingly when preparing the frosting mix so as to keep the frosting firm.

IF THERE'S to be a Halloween party in your home and you are helping the apple bobbers and the cider sippers plan the refreshments, remember that franks in buns will please the young folks. Easy-to-eat, familiar foods are what they prefer.

Platters of plump, juicy franks tucked into buns... toasted or plain... will draw the young people to the refreshment like magic. Have pickle relish, sliced pickles, mustard, catsup, shredded cheese, and shredded lettuce for heaping on the franks in buns. The variety of toppings makes choosing different combinations fun.

The rest of the refreshments may vary. Potato or corn chips... doughnuts... apples and cider, of course... will give variety and plenty of food for those whose hearty appetites abound after dancing, ping-pong, and scary games.

FRESH AND FRAGRANT bacon uses the flavor of many dishes for meals anytime of the day. A very good sandwich that eats well for luncheon, supper or a late-night snack is this Bacon-Cheese Snack. Cooked and crumbled bacon, with the sweet smoke taste is combined with shredded sharp Cheddar cheese, sliced stuffed olives, and some prepared mustard. Blend the mixture together with mayonnaise and spread it on bread.

Serve the sandwich cold or broil it for hot service. The taste panel in the Varrha Logan Kitchens where the recipe was developed rated this sandwich as... very good.

ANOTHER DISH, that received the same rating is Bacon and Creamed Eggs. This would be great for brunch, luncheon, or supper. For four to five servings, pastry a pound of bacon and drain it on absorbent paper. Crumble eight slices and keep the rest warm. Combine a can of cream of mushroom soup diluted with a quarter cup of milk and four sliced hard-cooked eggs. Season the mixture with a little leaf marjoram and thyme. Spoon the creamed eggs over toast, split English muffins, or corn bread and top with the crumbled bacon. Serve with the rest of the cooked bacon slices.

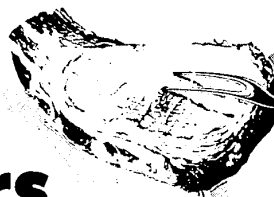
FOR A FESTIVE centerpiece make a "Friendly Phantom" Ghost. Puffed rice is combined with a marshmallow butter mixture and molded to form a ghost. He's fun to look at, and kids will enjoy eating this cheery ghost, too.

"FRIENDLY PHANTOM" GHOST (Makes 1 ghost)
6 c. puffed rice
3 c. miniature marshmallows
1/4 c. butter or margarine
1/2 t. vanilla
1 large licorice gumdrop, cut into 3 circles
Heat puffed rice in shallow baking pan in preheated moderate oven (350 degrees) about 10 minutes. Pour into greased large bowl. Melt marshmallows and butter in saucepan over low heat, stirring occasionally until smooth. Add vanilla.
Pour over puffed rice, stirring until evenly coated. With greased hands, shape a figure that resembles a ghost, about eight inches high. Attach gumdrop circles with confectioners sugar frosting for the eyes and the mouth.



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