

# holiday gift jars

If baking dozens of cookies for teachers, friends and relatives seems overwhelming, try this no-bake solution. Assemble the ingredients to the following recipes in a mason jar, attach a cute ribbon and label with instructions. Your kids can help prepare them assembly-line style, and you can make them well in advance of the holiday rush.

## Candy cane cocoa

### Layer:

- ½ cup powdered milk
- ½ cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¼ cup miniature chocolate chips
- ¼ cup crushed candy canes

### Label:

Heat one mug of water and add two tablespoons cocoa mix. Stir and enjoy. Makes six servings.

## Cookies for Santa

### Mix together:

- 1 ⅓ cup all purpose flour
  - 1 teaspoon baking powder
  - 1 teaspoon baking soda
  - ¼ teaspoon salt
- and layer in the bottom of a one quart mason jar

### Layer on top:

- 1 cup of oats
- ¾ cup of red and green holiday m&ms
- ¾ cup chocolate chips

½ cup packed brown sugar

½ cup white sugar

### Label:

Mix with

1 egg

½ cup melted butter

1 teaspoon vanilla

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Roll dough into 1 ½ inch balls and place on a cookie sheet. Bake for 10 – 12 minutes. Allow cookies to cool before packing them up for Santa. Don't forget to accompany the cookies with carrot sticks for the reindeer!



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