

# Try edible coca gift tags for Christmas fun



Racing to look under the tree on Christmas morning for surprises that Santa has left is an exciting part of the Christmas tradition. Adorn this year's gifts with brightly colored wrapping paper, fancy bows and delicious cocoa gingerbread gift tags.

Edible chocolatey gift tags are an ideal way to add an extra special touch to family and friends' gifts. Decorated with an easy to make frosting, these cocoa cookies are a personalized way to say "Merry Christmas".

Bake up a batch using Fry's Cocoa and basic ingredients found in the cupboard at home. Both adults and children will love munching on this personalized treat as they unwrap their gifts.

Children will love helping to decorate these edible gift tags for guests visiting during the holiday season. Tie them with green and red ribbons and attach them to stockings and presents or use them to decorate the tree. Cocoa gingerbread gift tags are sure to add extra cheer to the festive season.

Crisp chocolate hazelnut cookies make a delicious addition to any holiday cookie tray. Easy to prepare using ground hazelnuts, these cookies can be made ahead of time and stored in the freezer. Simply thaw and serve with hot chocolate for a snack that guests will love.

## COCOA GINGERBREAD GIFT TAGS

3 cups	all purpose flour	750 mL.
1 1/2 cup	FRY'S COCOA	125 mL.
1/2 tsp	baking soda	2 mL.

1 tbsp	ginger, ground	15 mL.
1 cup	butter, softened	250 mL.
1 cup	sugar	250 mL.
3/4 cup	molasses	175 mL.
1	egg	1

Decorator Frosting

Sift together flour, Fry's Cocoa, baking soda and ginger. Cream butter until light; gradually beat in sugar and molasses. Beat in egg. Blend in dry ingredients, part at a time, to form stiff dough. Chill dough one hour or until firm enough to roll. Roll dough, part at a time, on lightly floured board to 1/8-inch (3 mm) thickness. Cut out rectangles or other shapes for gift tags. Use a drinking straw to make a hole in each cookie for ribbon. Place on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake in preheated 350°F (180°C) oven 8 to 10 minutes or until done. Cool slightly before removing from pans; cool completely on wire racks. Decorate and write names with Decorator Frosting.

Insert ribbon into holes in cookies and attach to gifts.

Makes about 4 to 5 dozen cookies.

### Decorator Frosting:

Beat 2 egg whites until frothy. Gradually beat in 3 cups (750 mL) sifted icing sugar; continue beating until stiff peaks form. Place frosting in small pastry bag fitted with fine

nozzle and decorate cookies as desired.

### CRISP CHOCOLATE HAZELNUT COOKIES

1 1/2 cups	all purpose flour	375 mL.
1 cup	icing sugar	250 mL.
1/3 cup	FRY'S COCOA	75 mL.
1 cup	butter, softened	250 mL.
1 cup	ground toasted hazelnuts	250 mL.

Sift together flour, sugar and

Fry's Cocoa. Cream butter. Gradually blend in dry ingredients and nuts. Shape dough into 1-inch (2.5 cm) balls. Place on ungreased cookie sheets. Flatten to 1/8-inch (3 mm) thickness with bottom of glass dipped in granulated sugar. Bake in 300°F (150°C) oven 20 to 25 minutes or until done. Cool slightly before removing from pan.

Makes about 3 dozen.

## Santa's getting your letters!

Dear Santa,

Hi! My name is Rebecca Fendley and I am 6 years old. I go to George Kennedy School. Mommy is printing this letter for me because I am only beginning to learn to write.

For Christmas I would like PJ Sparkle, a little pony, Flower Making Basket, markers or whatever else you have on your sleigh.

My sister Amanda is 4 years old. She would like a Barbie corvette, a little pony and maybe some dishes for her kitchen. My baby brother Nathan is 2 years old and still bites us all the time but mommy says maybe if you bring him some nice toys to chew on, he won't. He likes cars a lot. We will try to be good till Christmas and after and thank you for all last year's presents.

I will help mommy make you some homemade cookies and hot chocolate for you and your reindeer on Christmas Eve.

Merry Christmas Santa from The Fendley Kids

presents. I hope you had a good year. This year please bring me Lego for Christmas. I want the Black Seas Barracuda and the Eldorado Fortress and the Black Monarch's castle and the Forests' Hideout and the castle Mini Figures and the G.I. Joe rocket. P.S. There will be milk and cookies.

Love, Robert Wagner

Dear Santa,

Hello! My name is David and I'm four years old. I'm very excited about Christmas coming, I even helped my mummy decorate our tree. Thank you for all the wonderful presents you left me last year. My mummy says I've been a good boy most of the time and I help her a lot. This year I would like to ask for the Lego police station, because when I grow up I want to be a policeman.

Also I would like a new tow truck because mine broke, and a candy

cane for my stocking.

My mummy has been very good this year as well, so I was hoping you could bring her some earrings. I hope Mrs. Claus and Rudolph are both fine, I really wish I could meet Rudolph one day! Lots and lots of love

David Ashley

P.S. I'm in a new room this year right beside my mummy's, so I hope you can find me!

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am fine. I have been a good girl this year. Could I please have a Cabbage Patch Sipping Baby for Christmas. I will leave you a cookie and a cold glass of milk. Have a good trip.

Love, Allyson Wright

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