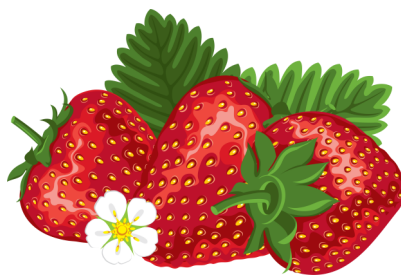
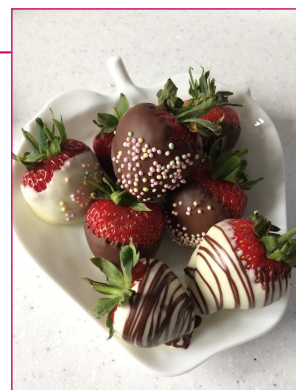
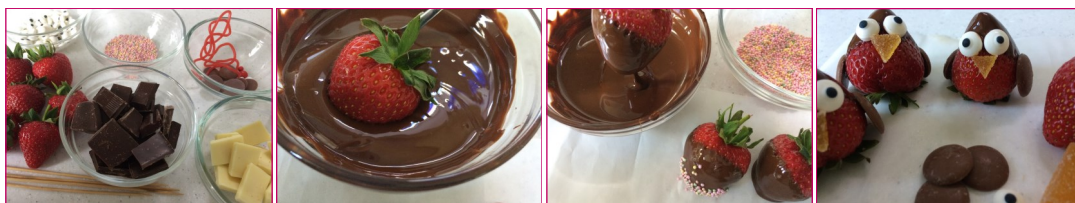


Nothing says 'summer' quite like strawberries, so whether you want to cook, sew, craft or just eat them, the Arts Team have some seasonal suggestions.

Have fun and remember to share what you have done!

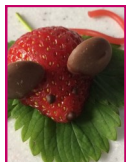


Chocolate dipped



Wash the strawberries well in advance and then leave until they are absolutely dry, as any moisture will make your chocolate go thick.

A halved berry, piece of strawberry lace and chocolate drops or chips will make a mouse.



Melt the chocolate and hold the stem as you dip the berry. Allow excess chocolate to drain back into the bowl, add decorations as desired and place on baking paper in the fridge to set.



Uncooked kebabs

Thread a selection of fruits, brownie bites and/or marshmallows onto skewers. Why not drizzle with melted chocolate too?



Toasted treats

Upgrade s'mores: either roast a strawberry with your marshmallows or spread skewered strawberries with marshmallow fluff (bought or home-made) or meringue. Toast over a fire or barbecue.



Quick cookies

Use strawberry jam and make cookies worthy of the Queen of Hearts! Cream 175g block margarine or butter with 125g sugar.

Beat in an egg and stir in 225g plain flour. Chill.

Take teaspoonfuls of the mixture, roll into balls (wet hands may make this easier) and place onto a baking paper lined baking tray, leaving space for them to spread.



Use your knuckle, thumb or a small measuring spoon to make an indent in each and then carefully fill with strawberry jam. Bake at 170°C (mk 4) for 12-14 minutes or until lightly golden. Cool before removing from the tray.

Dust with icing sugar if desired.



Strawberry laces



It's much more fun to practise knots, lashings or try plaiting if the result is edible! Use strawberry laces and bread or pretzel sticks.

Paint a strawberry



Collect some stones from the garden, wash them and then paint them red (it will take several coats!). Paint on some yellow seeds and add detail with a fine black marker. Cover with PVA or varnish to give a shine. Roll strips of glued felt (or use pipe-cleaners) for stems. Cut calyxes from

circles of felt, poke the stems through and glue into place. Glue onto the stones.



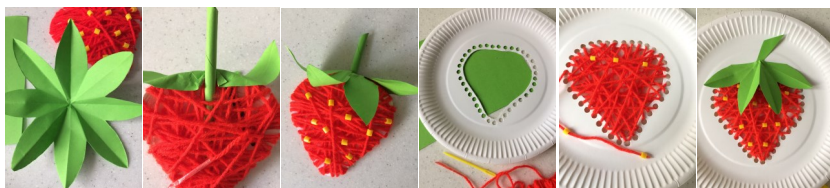
Sew a strawberry



Cut semicircles of red felt or fabric. Add 'seeds' with yellow acrylic paint and finish with a fine black marker. Fold right-sides together and sew into a cone. Turn and stuff lightly. Sew running stitches along the top edge and pull tightly to gather. Place glue onto a piece of green felt and roll tightly to form a stem. Use a circle of felt for the calyx, snipping inwards to divide into sixths before trimming into shape. Insert the stem into the gathered top of the berry and stitch into place. Make a snip in the centre of the calyx and thread onto the stem. Glue into place.



Yarn berries



Wrap or thread red yarn for a larger-than-life strawberry! Cut a strawberry shape from card, tape the end of the yarn to the back and wrap around,

covering the card. Thread some beads onto the top layer if you wish. Add a rolled paper stem and a paper calyx. Alternatively cut a shaped hole in a paper plate and punch holes around this. Cut a length of yarn and either use a weaving needle or wrap tape around the end (shoe lace style). Tape the other end to the back of the plate and thread through the holes, adding more yarn and beads as required. Top with a paper calyx.



save the date

The Arts Team's Brownie Autumn Activity Day is planned for Saturday 22nd October 2022 at Trefoil House
Cost £10.00 Bookings will open in September

Remember that all the previous Arts Team ideas can be found in the leaders' area of the Girlguiding Birmingham website .

The Arts Team hope you've enjoyed all these activities.

Please let us know how you have got on - we would love to see pictures of your creations too!

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Take it further: lots of these activities can also be used towards various challenges, skill builders, unit meeting activities and badges.

We hope you have had fun ... remember to share what you have done!

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