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With Christmas approaching, it's a time of year many of us set deadlines – we want the extension finished by then, the carpets professionally cleaned, the gutters cleared... whatever you need help with there are a range of local professionals who advertise in this magazine who are ready and willing to help.



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how to play sudoku

It's simple!

Fill in the grid so that each row, column and 3x3 box, contains the numbers 1 through to 9 with no repetition.

You don't need to be a genius. These puzzles use logic alone. Watch out! Sudoku is highly addictive.

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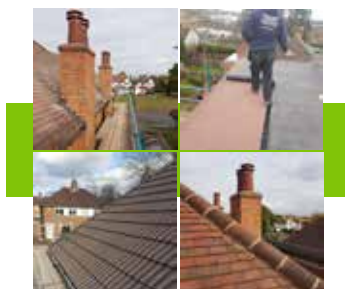


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Preparation time: 25 minutes

Cooking time: 12 minutes

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150g golden caster sugar
1 egg
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180g plain flour
½ tsp bicarbonate of soda
Generous pinch of salt
20 Maltesers, Rolos, Peanut butter cups or Lindor chocs
100g milk or dark chocolate chopped
Pack of icing eyes

Method

Preheat the oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4.
Line two baking sheets with greaseproof paper

/ baking parchment.
Cream the butter, peanut butter, and sugar together until very light and fluffy, (you can use a mixer or do it by hand) then beat in the egg and vanilla. Sieve the flour, bicarb, and a pinch of salt together and fold into the creamed mixture. Scoop 18-20 tbsps of the mixture on to the baking sheets, leaving enough space between each scoop to allow for spreading. Make a thumbprint in the centre of each cookie. Bake for 10-12 mins or until firm at the edges but still soft

in the middle – they'll harden a little as they cool. Leave to cool on the tray for a few mins before topping each biscuit with a Malteser or Rolo etc. Transfer to a wire rack to cool completely. Heat the chocolate in the microwave in short bursts, or in a bowl set over a pan of simmering water, until it melts. Scrape the liquid chocolate into a piping bag and leave to cool a little. Pipe eight legs on to each spider, then add a pair of eyes. Leave to set. Enjoy. Happy Halloween!



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Solution to Mind benders

1. Once bitten, twice shy
2. The silent majority
3. The tip of the iceberg

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