

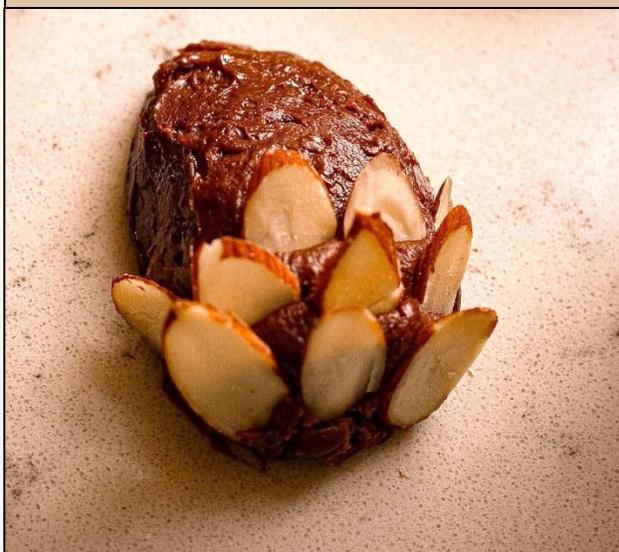
Edible Pinecones



What is a pinecone, and why do we see more of them in the autumn and winter months? Making Edible Pinecones is a great way for children to learn about the amazing world of pinecones while practicing fine motor skills and creatively contributing to a holiday meal!

MATERIALS

- Peanut Butter (or other nut butter)
- Nutella (or other hazelnut spread)
- Powdered Sugar
- Cinamon Toast Crunch Cereal, Corn Flakes, Almond Slivers, or similar
- Bowl
- Spoon
- *Optional: Coco Powder or Powdered Sugar for dusting*



STEPS

- 1) Place 1/2 cup of peanut (or other nut) butter into bowl.
- 2) Place 1/2 cup of Nutella into bowl.
- 3) Add 1 tablespoon of powdered sugar to the bowl and mix until thoroughly combined. Continue adding 1 Tbsp of powdered sugar and mixing thoroughly until a sturdy dough-like consistency forms.
- 4) Take a chunk of dough and mold it into a cone shape.
- 5) Starting at the bottom and working your way up in a spiral, press in one cereal square, almond sliver, etc. into the dough at a time at a slight angle so that they are tilting upward like the scales on a pinecone.
- 6) Repeat this process until you have used all your dough! Make them all the same size or make a variety of sizes and styles.
- 7) *Optional: Sprinkle a dusting of powdered sugar over them to look like freshly fallen snow, or a dusting of coco powder if you'd like them to look a darker brown.*
- 8) Serve and enjoy!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXPANDED LEARNING

What is a Pinecone? *Learn about the biology of a pinecone with [SciShow Kids!](#)*

When do Pinecones Fall? And What to do With Them? *Explore [these fun discoveries](#) from Woodland Trust!*

Do Some Pinecone Science! *Try this cool [pinecone science experiment](#) using just a pinecone, a bowl, and water!*

Journal Your Observations! *Go on a pinecone hunt in a park and collect different shapes and types of pinecones on the ground. Bring them home and take a closer look! Examine them, dissect them, and observe them day after day, journaling the changes you see in them over time!*



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