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Clouds

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Good morning,
sunshine!



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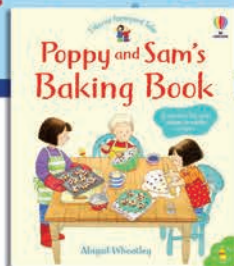


Snow cloud meringues

To make about 30 meringues, you will need:

- 2 eggs, at room temperature
- 100g / 4oz / ½ cup granulated sugar
- sugar sprinkles

Heat your oven to 110°C, 225°F, gas mark ¼, before you start.



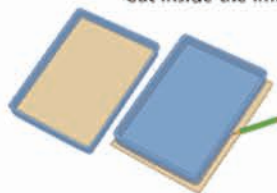
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Cut inside the lines.



1. Draw around a baking sheet on baking parchment. Cut out the shape and put it in the tray. Then, do the same with another tray.



2. Break one egg on the edge of a large bowl. Then, pour it carefully onto a saucer, so that the egg yolk doesn't break.



3. Hold a cup over the yolk and carefully tip the saucer over the bowl so that the egg white dribbles into it.



4. Repeat steps 2-3 with the other egg so that both egg whites are in the bowl. You don't need the egg yolks.



5. Whisk the egg whites with a whisk until they are really thick. They should form stiff points when you lift the whisk up.



6. Add a tablespoon of sugar to the egg white and whisk it in well. Whisk in the rest of the sugar a tablespoon at a time.



7. Scoop up a teaspoon of the meringue mixture. Use another teaspoon to push it off onto one of the baking trays.



8. Make more meringues until you have used all the mixture. Then, sprinkle a few sugar sprinkles over each one.



9. Bake them for 40 minutes, then turn off the oven. After 15 minutes, remove the trays and leave the meringues to cool.



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READ THE CLOUDS

Use this cloud spotting guide below and look at the sky to tell whether it's going to rain or not.

High clouds

Probably no rain today!

Cirrostratus

Cirrus

Cirrocumulus

Mid-level clouds

It might rain in the next six to twelve hours.

Alto cumulus

The Sun is visible through mid-level clouds.

Altostratus

Low clouds

Rain is here - or on its way.

Cumulus

The lower clouds are, the sooner the weather will change.

Cumulonimbus

Cumulus clouds grow taller into cumulonimbus clouds when it's stormy.

Stratus

Nimbostratus

Low clouds block out the Sun.

Cloud shapes

Sometimes clouds have strange shapes that remind you of other things. What shapes can you see in these photographs?



Thornham, August 17



Sousse, July 5

You could keep your own log of the different clouds you see. Record where and when you spotted each one.



Gdansk, September 15

"I spy with my little eye, a cloud shape beginning with 'h...'"

- If you're with friends when you spot a cloud that looks like something, you could challenge them to guess what.



Aosta, September 23

Odd clouds

Most cloud names come from five words in Latin. You can tell what their names mean if you remember these five words.

cirrus - curl
stratus - layer
alto - high
cumulus - heap
nimbus - cloud

So, for example, cirrocumulus means 'a heap of curls'.



Mammatus clouds look lumpy and sometimes appear before storms.



lenticular clouds are sometimes mistaken for UFOs.



Nacreous clouds have a pearly sheen.



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