

# Popcorn Confetti

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, here's a tasty way to share the love!

## Equipment

1 large bowl of popped corn - approx. 60g of popping corn or one bag of microwave popcorn  
Pink & white mini marshmallows  
200g white chocolate  
Selection of red, pink and white sweets - we used Tic Tacs, Smarties and Love Hearts.  
Cake decorations in red or pink (optional)  
Cellophane gift bags/cones  
Ribbon  
(If you prefer, serve in cupcake cases, or make a nice gift, by presenting it in a pretty jar.)

## Method

1. Pop the popping corn and leave to cool.
2. Melt 200g of white chocolate over a bain marie. You *can* use a microwave, but take care as white chocolate burns easily, so cook for short periods of time and stir thoroughly, each time you check it.
3. Allow the melted chocolate to cool then pour over the popcorn.
4. Add marshmallows, sweets and cake decorations and mix well.
5. Allow the chocolate to set a little, then spoon the mixture into gift bags, and tie with ribbon.
6. If using cake cases, put the mix in whilst still sticky, so it sets into a 'cake'.
7. If putting the mix into a jar, allow the chocolate to set completely, so that the mix doesn't stick to the sides of the bottle.

NB: You can make ordinary popcorn in the microwave. Put about 60g of popping corn into a heat proof glass bowl, and cover with a loose fitting or perforated lid to allow steam to escape. Cook at full power for 3-4 minutes (depending on your microwave). Works out cheaper than using bags of microwave popcorn.

You can adapt this activity for other occasions or holidays, by changing the colours and types of sweets or chocolate used.

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