



Whitewall Tire Cookies

If only Lightning McQueen had gone to the pits to change his tires during that first Piston Cup race, he probably would have cruised into first place rather than coast to a three-way tie. But then again, he might never have rolled into Radiator Springs and been fitted with a brand new set of Luigi's whitewalls. Inspired by those sporty wheels, these cookies will have kids laying tracks to the kitchen. They're decorated with ready-

to-use fondant, which has the consistency of soft clay — so it's fun for kids to roll and cut. Plus you can wrap it right around the edge of the cookie to give it even more of a real tire shape. Or, if you'd rather, you can simply frost the cookies with black icing and then pipe on white icing for whitewall stripes.

YOU'LL NEED:

- Sugar cookie dough
- Rolling pin
- Flour
- Wax paper
- Round cookie or fondant cutters (2¼, 1½, and 5/8 inches)*
- Baking sheet
- Cooling rack
- White ready-to-use fondant (look in the baking aisle of grocery, department, or craft stores)
- Plastic kitchen gloves (for kneading food coloring into the fondant)
- Black food coloring
- Confectioner's sugar
- Small tube of decorator's icing

* You can buy a set of three round fondant cutters for under \$3 in the cake decorating aisle at craft and department stores.



INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Roll the cookie dough out to 1/4-inch thickness on a flour-dusted sheet of wax paper. Use the largest round cutter to cut out a bunch of circles for tires. Then use the smallest cutter to cut a circle of dough from the center of each tire. Bake and cool the tire cookies according to the recipe directions.
2. Wearing plastic kitchen gloves, knead black food coloring into a little more than half of the fondant. If the fondant gets sticky, dust it with confectioner's sugar.
3. Working on wax paper, roll out the black fondant to 1/4-inch thickness, again sprinkling on confectioner's sugar if it gets sticky. Cut out a large circle for each cookie tire. Then cut a small size circle from the center of each fondant circle (to match the center holes in the cookies).



4. Place a black fondant circle atop one of the cookies, lining up the center holes. Gently press the outer edge of the fondant around the edge of the cookie. Repeat with the remaining cookies.
5. For the whitewalls, roll out the remaining untinted fondant. Use the medium and small size cutters to cut out a whitewall ring for each tire. Use the rolling pin to gently flatten and spread each ring just a bit.
6. Top each cookie with a whitewall ring, using a dab of decorator's icing applied to the underside to hold it.

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ABOUT THE MOVIE

Star racecar Lightning McQueen (voice of Owen Wilson) and the incomparable tow truck Mater (voice of Larry the Cable Guy) take their friendship to exciting new places in "Cars 2" when they head overseas to compete in the first-ever World Grand Prix to determine the world's fastest car. But the road to the championship is filled with plenty of potholes, detours and hilarious surprises when Mater gets caught up in an intriguing adventure of his own: international espionage. Mater finds himself torn between assisting Lightning McQueen in the high-profile race and towing the line in a top-secret mission orchestrated by master British super spy Finn McMissile (voice of Michael Caine) and the stunning rookie field spy Holley Shiftwell (voice of Emily Mortimer). Mater's action-packed journey leads him on an explosive chase through the streets of Japan and Europe, trailed by his friends and watched by the whole world. The fast-paced fun includes a colorful new all-car cast, complete with menacing villains and international racing competitors.

John Lasseter returns to the driver's seat to direct this follow-up to his 2006 Golden Globe®-winning "Cars." "Cars 2" is co-directed by Brad Lewis, producer of the Oscar®-winning film "Ratatouille," and produced by visual effects industry veteran Denise Ream (associate producer, "Up"; visual effects executive producer, "Star Wars: Episode III – Revenge of the Sith"). The film hits the track on June 24, 2011, and will be presented in Disney Digital 3D™ and IMAX® 3D in select theaters.