

Hoot Owl Cupcake Recipe

As a good friend to Winnie the Pooh, Christopher Robin, and all the other residents of the Hundred Acre Wood, for that matter, Owl is ever willing to offer his opinions and advice. Solicited or not! He's a pretty good storyteller, too, particularly when the tales are about family members -- such as Uncle Robert, who survived a very blusterous day.

Materials:

- Batch of chocolate cupcakes
- Buttercream frosting
- Caramel Bullseye candies
- Waxed paper
- Rolling pin
- White candy melts
- Chocolate chips
- Kitchen scissors
- Black licorice sticks
- Cashews

Instructions:

- 1. Generously frost one third of the top of each cupcake.
- 2. Next, create owl eyes. For each pair, slice a caramel Bullseye candy in half to create 2 thinner circles. Place the halves between two sheets of waxed paper and use the rolling pin to flatten them slightly (they should be about 1 1/2-inch-wide).
- 3. Top the caramels with white candy melts, and then set a chocolate chip on top of each candy melt, using dabs of frosting to hold the pieces in place. Place a pair of eyes on each cupcake, pressing them down onto the frosted portion.
- 4. Create facial feathers for each owl by snipping two 1 1/2-inch lengths from a piece of black licorice. Cut fringe in one end of each length. Then stick the fringed licorice pieces in place right above the eyes.
- 5. For the finishing touch, add cashews for the owls' beaks.

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ABOUT THE MOVIE

Walt Disney Animation Studios returns to the Hundred Acre Wood with "Winnie the Pooh," the first big-screen Pooh adventure from Disney animation in more than 35 years. With the charm, wit and whimsy of the original featurettes, this all-new movie reunites audiences with the philosophical "bear of very little brain" and friends Tigger, Rabbit, Piglet, Kanga, Roo—and last, but certainly not least, Eeyore, who has lost his tail. "Ever have one of those days where you just can't win, Eeyore?" asks Pooh. Owl sends the whole gang on a wild quest to save Christopher Robin from an imaginary culprit. It turns out to be a very busy day for a bear who simply set out to find some honey. Inspired by three stories from A.A. Milne's books in Disney's classic, hand-drawn art style, "Winnie the Pooh" hits theaters in Europe and Latin America in Spring 2011; the U.S. release date is July 15, 2011.

