

Edible Sukkah

A sukkah is a temporary, hut-like structure that is constructed during the holiday of Sukkot. It can be made from any material and is topped with natural materials, like branches, and decorated with items related to nature and the autumn season. It is customary for Jewish people to eat, sleep, and spend their time in the sukkah during week-long festival of Sukkot. Create your own version of a sukkah that you can also eat!

What you will need:

- Paper plate
- Frosting
- Graham Crackers
- Pretzel Sticks
- Gummies, candy, cereal, or jelly beans
- Parsley



What to do:

- Lay a paper plate down and attach a graham cracker square to the bottom of the plate using your frosting
- Use a pretzel stick as a frosting knife to glue three graham cracker squares to the base of your sukkah. These will be the sukkah walls.
- Attach pretzel sticks to the top of your sukkah with frosting to act as the roof
- Attach your gummies, candy, cereal or jelly beans to the underside of the pretzel stick roof. These will be your sukkah decorations.
- Attach your parsley to the top of your pretzel stick roof. This will be your s'chach, or the material used as the roof for the sukkah.

Etrog Box

An etrog is a citron fruit that looks like a lemon. The etrog, along with the lulav, or bundle of branches, are shaken in rituals during Sukkot. To protect the fruit from breaking, it is customary to store it in a box or cloth. These boxes range in size and shape and are often decorated with Jewish symbols or floral and autumnal designs. Create your own etrog box out of materials you have in your house.

What you will need:

- Cardboard box, gift box, or clean food container
- Craft supplies



What to do:

- Find and clean a box or container. You can choose a container of any shape as long as it is large enough to hold the etrog
- Decorate the container using your craft supplies. Think about what kinds of shapes, designs, or words you would like to put on your box
- Learn how to shake the lulav and etrog from [My Jewish Learning here](#).

Welcoming Guests

One of the Jewish values associated with Sukkot is hachnasat orchim, or welcoming guests. Traditionally, people welcome friends and neighbors into their sukkah. We are encouraged not just to invite guests over, but also to make them feel honored and comfortable during their stay. Create welcome mats or signs to display outside your sukkah or your home to provide a friendly invitation for all those who visit.

What you will need:

- Paper or cardboard
- Sharpies or markers
- Additional craft supplies



What to do:

- Take your piece of paper or rectangular cardboard piece and decorate it with words, phrases, and designs that will help welcome guests.
- You might chose to write the word “welcome” in English, in Hebrew (Baruch Haba), or in another language you or your guests may know.
- Place your welcome sign or mat on the outside of your sukkah or home to greet those who enter.