

Rice Krispies Challenge @ Home!



Hello OPL teens! Just because we can't have our rice krispies challenge at the library does not mean that the challenge cannot go on. The challenge is to create something with your rice krispies treats. You could make a basketball, a cartoon character or even a pizza slice! Search the cabinets to see what items you can use to enhance your experience! Use your imagination!



At our previous Rice Krispies Challenge the winner was this Sour Patch Kid!

Below are ingredients, tools and equipment needed to make rice krispies treats at home. Do not be discouraged if you do not have the exact ingredients at home. Don't have rice krispie cereal? Try fruit loops.

Ingredients

- Rice krispies cereal (or fruit loops)
- Mini Marshmallows (or regular size)
- Butter
- *Candy
- *Food Dye
- *Sprinkles
- (*Not necessary just adds to the fun)

Tools & Equipment

- Pot
- Spatula
- Cooking Spray
- Parchment Paper

Recommended Measurements:

Cereal (cups)	Marshmallows (cups)	Butter (tablespoons)	Food Coloring (total # of drops)
12 (Full Box)	8	6	14
10	7	5	12
8	6	4	10
6	4	3	8
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*These measurements may seem tricky but the key here is to have a good ratio between cereal and marshmallows. If you are using regular sized marshmallows then you won't need as many as when using mini marshmallows.

Instructions:

1. In a large nonstick pot, melt the butter over low heat until it is mostly melted. (If the butter begins to sizzle, lower the heat. We want the butter to melt slowly)
2. Add the marshmallows and stir gently, coating them with melted butter for about 30 seconds
3. When the marshmallows are mostly melted (you can see individual marshmallow shapes but they are beginning to run together). This is the time to add food coloring. This step is optional.
4. Stir gently until the color is evenly distributed. Remember to keep the heat low since you will be handling the mixture with your hands.
5. Add the cereal, mix well until the marshmallows and cereal are fully combined.
6. Once the mixture is combined, coat the palms of your hands with cooking spray before handling it! (If you do not, the mixture will stick to your hand.) Use parchment paper or spray a surface with cooking spray to continue to work with your mixture.
7. Candy or sprinkles can be used to add to your creation.



For more information and ideas on how to have your own Rice Krispies Challenge at home head over to Hoopla with your library card, you can access the book that inspired me, [Treat Yourself by Jessica Siskin](#).