

"Bird on a Branch"

Mother's Day Cookies

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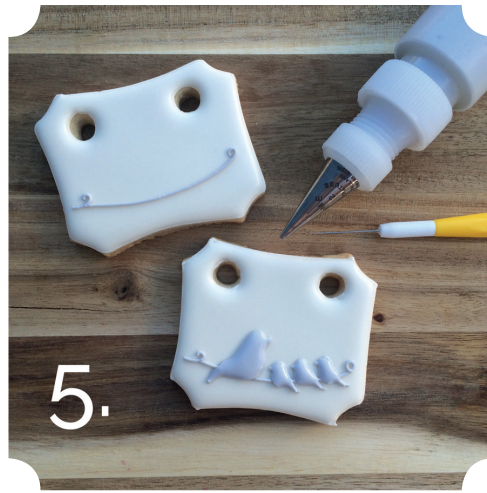
These cookies, inspired by the "Bird on a Branch" Mother's Day necklace by Figs and Ginger (www.figsandginger.com), are the perfect project to make this Mother's Day!



Step 1: Roll non spreading sugar cookie dough out 1/4" thick and cut with a cutter of your choice.

Step 2: Use the end of a straw to cut holes in the top corners of the cookie, then bake.

Step 3: Once the cookie has cooled, outline the perimeter of the cookie with piping consistency royal icing and a #2 tip. Next, outline the circumference of the holes. Using flood consistency icing, fill in the cookie. Dry completely.



Step 4: Tint your icing light grey with just a hint of black gel coloring. With piping consistency grey icing and a #1 tip, draw a horizontal line near the bottom of the cookie. Add small loops to each end of the line.

Step 5: Using thick flood consistency icing, draw a mother bird and baby birds along the line. Use a thin stylus tool to shape the features.

Step 6: Using the grey piping icing, pipe a path of small circles from the loops you made on the line up to the holes.

Step 7: Point the icing tip into the center of the loop on the end and pipe a straight line to the center of the first circle. Continue this process all the way up until you reach the hole. Dry completely.

Step 8: Mix silver luster dust with a small amount of clear alcohol or vanilla extract until you have a thick paint consistency. Using a firm brush, paint the birds, perch and chains.

Step 9: Attach food safe ribbon or chain to the cookie through the straw holes.



Aime jumped head first into the world of cookie decorating in 2013 and has been hooked ever since! She spends her days running a preschool and the evenings baking and decorating cookies. Please visit her at www.thepaintedpastry.com