Tow Mater Cookie Treats

Sure, he's rusty around the edges. And, true, he's only got one working headlight. But when it comes to being a loyal friend to Lightning McQueen, Mater outshines every other automotive contender. Decorated with candies and marshmallows, these cookie treats pay tribute to the amiable tow truck who is always willing to lend a hitch.

YOU'LL NEED:

- Template for Tow Mater Cookies
- Sugar cookie dough
- Rolling pin
- Flour
- Wax paper
- Baking sheet
- Cooling rack
- Marshmallows
- Confectioner's sugar
- Kitchen knife
- Decorator's icing
- Tootsie Roll candies
- Green Dots candies
- Chocolate Chips
- Yellow hard candies
- Gummy Life Savers

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Print the template and cut out the pieces.
2. Roll the cookie dough out to ¼-inch thickness on a flour-dusted sheet of wax paper. For each cookie, use the template pieces as a pattern to cut a tow truck body, a front bumper, and a side view mirror bar from the dough. Bake and cool the cookie pieces according to the recipe directions.
3. For each tow truck, place a marshmallow on a piece of wax paper dusted with confectioner's sugar and use a rolling pin to roll it as thin as possible. Then use the template pieces to cut out a marshmallow windshield and two marshmallow teeth.
4. Likewise, roll flat the Tootsie Roll candies (if the candy is too stiff, you can microwave it for up to 5 seconds to soften it). Use the template pieces to cut out a candy mouth and windshield trim for each cookie.
5. To assemble each Tow Mater treat, first use dabs of decorator icing to stick the windshield and mouth pieces in place. Then top the windshield with the trim piece. For eyes, slice two circle shapes from a green Dots candy. Then press a chocolate chip, tip down, into the center of each circle. Use dabs of frosting to hold the eyes in place atop the windshield. Next, stick the teeth atop the mouth. Add a yellow hard candy for a "shining" headlight and a Gummy Life Saver for a broken headlight.
6. Use decorator's icing to attach a front bumper to each truck. Then stick the side view mirror bar to the back of the cookie so that the ends extend beyond the cab above the headlights. For mirrors, slice another Tootsie Roll in half vertically and stick one halve to each end of the mirror bar.

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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.

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