

# Homemade Mincemeat

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*This delectable recipe is perfect for making your own mince pies and other pastry treats at Christmas time. Why not try making sweet mincemeat biscuits or mincemeat crumble as well as the more traditional mince pie this Christmas?*

## Ingredients:

250g cooking apples, peeled, cored and cubed  
250g dark brown soft sugar  
250ml dark rum  
250g currants  
150g dried cranberries  
150g dried blueberries  
150g dried cherries  
125g butter  
75g chopped mixed peel  
Zest of one lemon  
Zest of one orange  
1 tsp. cinnamon  
1/2 tsp. nutmeg  
1/2 tsp. allspice

## Directions:

1. Dissolve the sugar in the brandy.
2. Chop the dried fruit to make sure everything is the same size.
3. Combine the dried fruit, apples, butter, mixed peel, lemon zest, orange zest, cinnamon, nutmeg and allspice.
4. Pour the sugared brandy over the mixture, then mix well.
5. Spoon the mixture into dried sterilised jars then leave them to stand for a month before using in the desired recipe.

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