



CakePlay's pre-cooked, pre-colored Isomalt Nibs are the perfect way to add creative flair to your next project. Any decorator can enhance a cake or pastry in just a few short minutes by making isomalt gems. Follow these steps to make beautiful gems, and see how easy it is to play with CakePlay!

Step 1: Choose Your Mold

Choose a lollipop mold, plastic sheet, or a simple silicone mold to create your gems. High-quality molds with a tighter cell structure produce better results.

Step 2: Prepare Your Mold (Optional)

Plastic gem mold sheets are popular gem tools, but tend to be lower quality and, as such, isomalt has difficulty removing cleanly. To reduce the possibility of melted isomalt sticking to your chosen mold, you may want to rub a light coating of cooking spray or vegetable oil on the inside of the mold, then gently wipe out the inside and around the rim with a clean cloth or paper towel.

Step 3: Protect Yourself and Your Work Area

Before starting your project, you'll need to protect yourself. Wear long sleeves and heatproof gloves. Put a bowl of cold water near your work area, to immerse your hands in case of accidental contact. Choose a spot away from small children and other kitchen traffic. If your counter is not heatproof, place a heatproof mat or flat pot holder on your countertop for the hot isomalt. Have your other work materials close by and ready to go.

Step 4: Melt the Isomalt

Choose your desired amount of CakePlay isomalt nibs and place in a microwave-safe bowl or large cup. Measuring cups with pouring spouts work great! Then microwave the isomalt in 45-second increments until it's liquid and the consistency of water. Once the isomalt is melted, let it sit for a moment or two to further reduce any bubbles on the isomalt's surface.

Step 5: Pour the Isomalt

Carefully remove the isomalt from your microwave using heatproof gloves and a hot pad, if needed. Place the bowl or cup on your heatproof surface and adjust your grip for pouring. Slowly pour the melted isomalt into your chosen mold. Be careful to not overpour the gem mold. If necessary, clean up the edges with a knife or popsicle stick.

Step 6: Allow the Isomalt to Dry

Give the molded isomalt plenty of time to dry. Don't refrigerate your gems to get them to dry faster, as the refrigerator is a humid environment and can cause your gems to lose their luster and shape. Once your isomalt feels dry to the touch, carefully pop it out of the mold and onto a Silpat.

Step 7: Protect Your Gems Until Display

Place your gems into an air-tight container with a CakePlay desiccant packet (available at cakeplay.com) to keep their shine and clarity until ready to use. When ready, use gloved hands to carefully handle the gems to protect from fingerprints. Melted, clear CakePlay isomalt is ideal to adhere your gems and other decorations. It's extremely strong, dries instantly, and remains invisible.

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