

President Cookies

Supplies:

- Plain, round cookies
- Vanilla frosting
- Chocolate frosting
- Black icing pen or tube
- Mini marshmallows
- Chocolate chips
- Chocolate bars with rectangular, breakable sections
- Plastic knives
- Plates



Steps:

	<p>Step 1: For George Washington: Use a plastic knife to spread vanilla frosting on the left and right sides of a plain, round cookie.</p>
	<p>Step 2: Place mini marshmallows on top of the vanilla frosting. Carefully press the mini marshmallows down into the frosting to ensure they stick. This will be George Washington's hair.</p>
	<p>Step 3: Use a black icing pen or tube to draw two eyes and a mouth in the center of the cookie.</p>
	<p>Step 4: For Abraham Lincoln: Use a plastic knife to spread chocolate frosting on the upper third of a plain, round cookie.</p>

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Step 5: Place a long, thin piece of chocolate horizontally across the bottom of the chocolate frosting. Carefully press the piece of chocolate into the frosting to ensure it sticks.



Step 6: Place a long, slightly thicker piece of chocolate vertically at the top of the cookie, directly above the thinner horizontal piece, forming a perpendicular shape. Carefully press the piece of chocolate into the frosting to ensure it sticks. This will be Abraham Lincoln's hat.



Step 7: Spread chocolate frosting along the bottom edge of the cookie.



Step 8: Press chocolate chips into the chocolate frosting. This will be Abraham Lincoln's beard.



Step 9: Use a black icing pen or tube to draw two eyes and a mouth in the center of the cookie.



Step 10: Repeat to create additional cookies. Enjoy!

Why are George Washington and Abraham Lincoln such famous presidents?

To date, America has had forty-six presidents, all of them contributing to American life in very different and important ways. But, historians see George Washington and Abraham Lincoln as presidents who led with a special kind of bravery that shaped our country dramatically.

George Washington is considered the father of our country because he led America to independence from Great Britain by crossing the Delaware River and winning the Battle of Valley Forge as General of the American Revolution. He also helped write our U.S. Constitution and served as America's first president from 1789 to 1797. George Washington was admired for his integrity and character. After America won our freedom, some people wanted him to become a king, but he refused because he believed that people, not a king, should rule.

Born in a humble log cabin in Kentucky, Abraham Lincoln educated himself through extensive reading and went on to become a lawyer despite his family's limited means. People called him "Honest Abe." He served as America's sixteenth president from 1861 until 1865, during our country's Civil War, when the Union army in the North was fighting the Confederate army in the South. Lincoln was the president who freed slaves in the South with a very important document called the Emancipation Proclamation, issued on January 1, 1863. Later that same year, he made a famous speech called "The Gettysburg Address." The Gettysburg Address was only ten sentences long and lasted two minutes, but it changed our country for the better. Abraham Lincoln was the president who abolished slavery.

President Washington and President Lincoln were two of our most influential leaders, showing individual courage and honesty. They made America what it is today. That's why we celebrate their birthdays every year on "Presidents' Day," the third Monday of February.

Fun Facts:

- Some historians say that George Washington's hair was really red and that he used powder to make it white.
- Washington was a farmer, loved animals, and lived at his estate named Mount Vernon in Virginia. He was also very tall, standing at 6 feet 2 inches!
- President Lincoln was famous for his hat. Lincoln was known to carry papers and speeches inside it. Today, Lincoln's top hat is displayed at the National Museum of American History in Washington, DC.
- Abraham Lincoln was even taller than George Washington. At 6 feet 4 inches, he was our tallest president to date.

Extension Activity:

While students enjoy the president cookies, watch [Otto's Tales: Today is Presidents' Day](#). Discuss the significance of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln in American history. Encourage students to recall and share key facts about each president they learned from Craftory or Otto's Tales.

- Option to additionally complete:
 - [Otto's Tales: Today is Presidents' Day Lesson Plan](#)
 - [Otto's Tales: Today is Presidents' Day Coloring Page](#)