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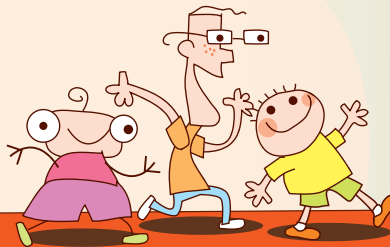
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Celebrate Alex & Tampi's birthday with a free ice-cream. From 5 - 9 March '12, cut-out this coupon and present it at the IKEA Bistro (IKEA Tampines Level 3, IKEA Alexandra Level 1). Limited to 1 redemption per småle.



WELCOME
TO
Småland!



greetings

from Alex and Tampi...

Hej småles,

This time of the year, we normally throw a birthday party in the Magical Forest for ourselves. However, this year's celebration will be special and HUGE because not only are we celebrating our birthdays, but småles will be turning 5!

It has been an amazing 5 years and we have had so much fun. Thank you for all the love and support you've given us!

The Magical Forest has been around for a really long time (1000+ years!) To prepare for more years of adventure and fun, we've been working on a hardware upgrade to improve our Top Secret Citizen Database. There will be a few changes that will take place from 5 Apr 2012 onwards. We will also be sending you your new passports between end March to early April. Flip to **page 8** to find out more.

One of our favourite things in the world is receiving letters and drawings from all of you. It always makes our day. From 8 - 25 March 2012, we will be holding an exhibition to showcase all the colourful drawings and letters we have received. So head down with your friends and family to check it out. You'll even get to purchase the art pieces during the last weekend of the exhibition. Read more on **page 11**.

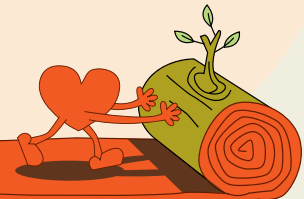
Together, let's make Småland the most fun place in the world!

With Big Bug Hugs,

Alex and Tampi (Lele too!)



How many småles there are in Småland?
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To: Alex & Tampí

inbox@småles

We would love to hear from you! Thank you to every småle who has written to us. We would like to share some of the letters with you. We apologise for not being able to publish all the letters we've received as there is not enough space.



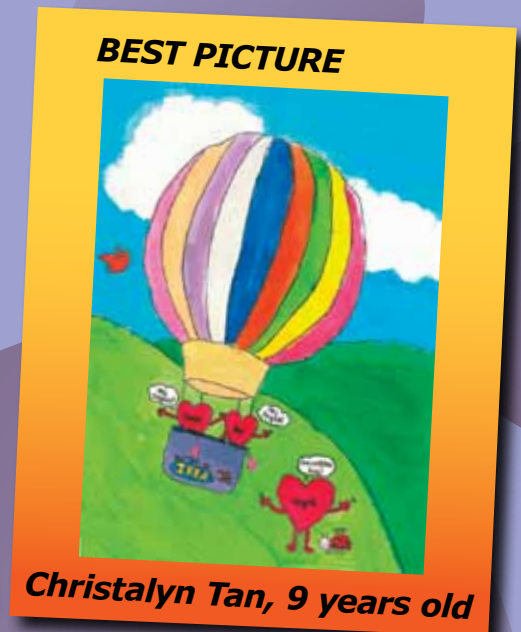
Chu Zhi Ming, 10 years old



Kaitlyn Wong, 8 years old



Seng Zhi Yun, 10 years old



Christalyn Tan, 9 years old



Achyuta Rama-ga Sivakumar, 7 years old



Austin Leon Poerwanto, 8 years old



Rae Chan, 8 years old



Joey Chua, 11 years old

Log on to www.IKEA.com.sg/smales to see more drawings and letters we've received. Congratulations! This issue's Best Picture and Letter have each received a MÅLA easel.

Write to us and next issue's **top 20 drawings** will get to participate in a special contest with AWESOME prizes to be won! Send us your drawings by **15 April 2012**.



BEST LETTER

"Dear Alex, Tampi and Lele, I learnt a poem at school called limerick. Here's one for you!

"Tampi it's time for school!
You better go to the loo!
If you don't have a bag,
You can use a rag!"

MP Lindy Lau, 11 years old

"Dear Alex and Tampi, I hope you can have an equivalent fun corner for småles who are too tall to enter Småland. I must really 'blame' my parents for providing me with too much good food that I grew so tall and can no longer enter Småland (sob sob). Each time we visit the IKEA store, I watch with envy as my siblings play happily inside Småland!"

Clarence Chew, 9 years old

"Hi Alex and Tampi (Lele too)! School is out and I have a few suggestions to improve Småland. I hope that we can have merchandise of beautiful Lele, handsome Alex and wonderful Tampi. We can also have tables and chairs for småles to sit and draw. I'm sure all småles will love it. I love småles!"

Amsyar Bin Azlan, 10 years old

"Dear Alex, Tampi and Lele, I'll be turning 11 soon and hope to participate in some activities. However, my home is very far away from the IKEA store, so I seldom visit you. I always look forward to the next Bug News as it is so interesting! I'm so proud to be a småle!"

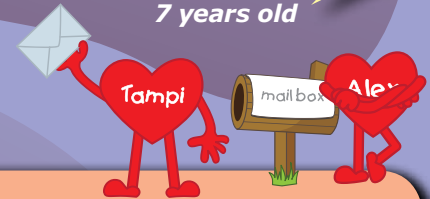
Shu Qin Peng, 11 years old

"Hej Alex and Tampi (Lele too!), I am so excited because this is my first time writing to you. I love the recipes in the Bug News! I joined småles because my friend's mummy recommended me. I am turning 11 this year and I enjoy taking part in the activities at the IKEA store. It is always so crowded though! Hope you will build another Småland for teenagers and babies! I wish you guys all the best!"

Miko Jia Xuan Seng, 11 years old

"Dear Alex and Tampi, I have so much fun at Småland. I love the slides and the ball pit. I love to draw and I love the website too!"

*Kathlynn Ho,
7 years old*



Have an idea or a question? Share it with Alex and Tampi.

Send us your letters, drawings, pictures, recipes, book reviews, questions, anything! Post it by snail mail to **småles, 60 Tampines North Drive 2, Singapore 528764**. You can also drop us a note at **alexandtampi@smales.com.sg**. Remember to include your name, Smålish passport no. and return address.

government

meet your Småland leaders

These 12 småles are your elected Ministers of Småland and they help the Quings make sure that Småland is a happy and fun-filled place for its citizens.

Government



Quingdom of Småland

Minister

prime minister



Robina Tan
Age: 10

Seng Xing Yee
Age: 8



green minister



Samuel Tan
Age: 6

Tay Kai Sheng
Age: 10

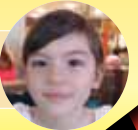


play minister



Lim Jun Xiang
Age: 9

Sophie Helena
Du Toit
Age: 9



dållar minister



Gracia Goh
Age: 10

Daniel Tan
Age: 10



family minister



Crystal Buy
Age: 9

Reina Yeo
Age: 6



makan minister



Jordan Goh
Age: 9

Tay Pei Yun
Age: 10



Don't be mean, be Green!

The Magical Forest depends a lot on the environment to keep it healthy. When there is pollution or the weather gets too hot, the trees whiter and the streams get choked up. Read on to see what our Green Ministers do to keep their homes and the Magical Forest as clean and green as possible. You may be inspired to follow their footsteps!



Hej småles,

I always switch off the lights when I am not using it and recycle things such as paper, cans and plastic at home. Going green is important because it helps prevent global warming. We can recycle the plastic bags that we get from the supermarkets and reuse them as litter bins.

I wish all citizens of Småland a Happy New Year!!!

Warm wishes, **Kai Sheng**



Hej småles,

Here are some green habits that I practise at home!

I turn off the main switch when appliances are not in use. I bring my own container if possible when ordering food for take away. My family sells items to the rag and bone man instead of throwing them away. We use rechargeable batteries at home. My parents also buy refill packs for soap, shampoo and other household items.

In future, I would like to give out free seeds to the citizens when they visit Småland. Then we can grow more plants and fruits in the Magical Forest!

Love, **Samuel**



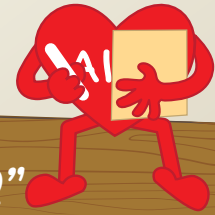
Ask the Ministers!

Calling all foodies! Do you want to know where to find the best chicken wings or how to cook paper porridge? Send in your "Makan" related questions to our Makan Ministers Jordan and Peiyun. The best question will be featured in the next Bug News and the winner will receive a special treat from the Swedish Food Market.



We are upgrading!

Save the date:
"5 April 2012"

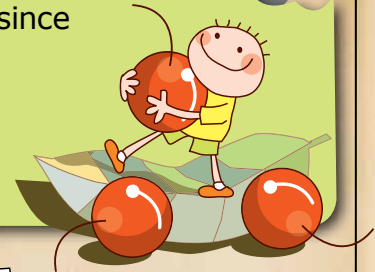


We are upgrading the Magical Forest!



The Småland Magical Forest has been around for a really long time (1000+ years!) and we have been welcoming kids as Smålish citizens for almost 5 years since 2007. It's time to make it even better for the years to come.

We'll start with a hardware upgrade in the Magical Forest to improve the Top Secret Citizen Database. Along with the upgrade are a few changes that will start from **5 Apr 2012**.



Citizenship expiry

Your Smålish citizenship will now expire at the end of your 11th birthday month.



Your Smålish dällars

Your Smålish dällars will expire every 2 years on 31 Dec. E.g. dällars earned between 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2012 will expire on 31 Dec 2014.



Earn green credits!

There's a new and fun way to recycle! Earn green credits when you bring newspapers for our paper porridge.

Tampi

You will receive another letter and a new Smålish passport between end March to early April. The letter will contain more information and you can start using your new passport at the IKEA stores from **5 Apr 2012**. If you do not receive your passport, please contact our customer service or check with the Bug House.

FAQs

Here are some questions that you may have regarding our upgrade:

Citizenship expiry and meal coupons

Q: How does this affect my citizenship in Småland?

A: For most of you, you get to be Smålish citizens for a little bit longer. Yay!

Your citizenship will now expire at the end of your 11th birthday month, instead of on your 11th birthday itself. For example, if you turn 11 years old on 1 April 2012, your citizenship will expire on 30 April 2012.

Q: Will I still get my meal coupon and dållar visits?

A: Of course you will!



Dållars and smånts

Q: What will happen to my existing Smålish dållars?

A: Your existing Smålish dållars will expire on 31 Dec 2014 and will not be brought forward. So remember to redeem your merchandise on time.

Q: When will my Smålish dållars expire?

A: Dållars earned during one calendar year (Jan-Dec) will expire on 31 Dec two years later. For example, dållars earned between Jan to Dec 2012 will expire on 31 Dec 2014. Your dållars will also expire at the end of your 11th birthday month, whichever is earlier.



Recycling and green credits

Q: What are green credits and how do I earn them?

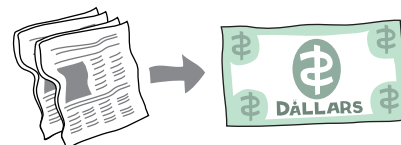
A: Green credits are given to reward småles for doing a good "green" deed.

5kg of newspapers = 1 green credit

Q: What can I do with my green credits?

A: You can redeem your green credits for Smålish dållars.

3 green credits = \$0.50 Smålish dållars



*Newspaper recycling only takes place from Tues to Sat. Min 5kg of newspapers required.

what's new!



new games on the småles website!

Catch the berries – How fast can you catch the falling lingonberries?

Bin it! – Bin the right trash into the right recycling bin... as it gets faster and faster.

Log on to **www.IKEA.com.sg/småles** and play our 2 new games.

småles stickers!

We love stickers! Collect the two different designs.
\$3 Smålish dällars/set.

Available at the Bug House at both IKEA stores from 9 March 2012. While stocks last.

Småles turns 5!



Come on down to the småles turns 5! Exhibition at the IKEA stores. If you've sent us a drawing or letter that has never been published in the Bug News, you may just see it at the exhibition!

Dates: 8 - 25 March 2012

Venue: IKEA Tampines (Lvl 1) & IKEA Alexandra (Lvl 2)

Buy a piece of art for a good cause!

Alex and Tampi want to share your wonderful art with the world!

On 24 & 25 March, we will be selling the framed up drawings to the public. Proceeds earned from the sale will be donated to our friends from the Singapore Children's Society. First come first served. So hurry down before it gets sold out!



Bring a friend, sibling or cousin to sign up as a citizen between **8 - 25 March** and they will receive a free småles lanyard!



Some Smålish numbers

småles started in 2007. Do you know...that there are around **37,000** småles in Småland?

Singapore is the **1st** country in the entire IKEA world that has småles. The **2nd** country is Thailand.

We are currently in our **3rd** Parliament cabinet.



We have celebrated over **9,000** 11th birthdays since småles started.

The first Småland General Election was held in **2007!**

Over the last 3 years, småles have brought back an impressive **409 tons** of newspapers!

We send out **4** issues of Bug News every year. **45%** of småles enjoy the games section in the Bug News best!

34% of småles look forward to the discounted kids' meal the most!

activities

Easter chocolate egg

Celebrate Easter with your very own delicious chocolate Easter eggs. Paint them in delightful colours and give yourself a yummy treat!



Dates	Location	Time	Sessions	Class Size
7 & 8 April (Sat & Sun)	IKEA Tampines	2.30 – 5.30pm	6 sessions x ½ hour per session	12 småles per session
	IKEA Alexandra	2.30 – 4.30pm	4 sessions x ½ hour per session	12 småles per session

This activity costs \$2 Smålish dällars and you'll only need to pay on the day of the activity itself.

Remarks: Please print out your dällars and register at the Bug House. Registration starts at 1.30pm and is based on a first-come-first-served basis.

partner promotions

the three little Pigs



the three little pigs

The time has come for the three little pigs to seek their fortunes. What will happen to them when the big bad wolf gets in their way? Embark on an adventure with the three little pigs as they battle the big bad wolf with their charming and witty ways!

An original adaptation of the classic fairy tale, *The Three Little Pigs* teaches little ones how success can be achieved through hard work and perseverance. Filled with humour, this endearing musical will leave you squealing with glee and howling with laughter!

Dates : 2 Mar - 15 Apr 2012

Location : DBS Arts Centre
- Home of SRT

Presented by SRT's *The Little Company*



Contest : We have 5 pairs of tickets to give away. Simply answer the following question.

Question: The Three Little Pigs had to _____

- a) Build a gymnasium
- b) Invent a time machine
- c) Build a house
- d) Take part in a race

Email your answer to alexandtampi@smales.com.sg with the header "Three Little Pigs". Remember to include your name, Sm@lish passport number and contact details. Contest ends 19 March 2011. Winners will win tickets to the show on 31 March, 11am.



spot the difference

Instructions : It is Alex and Tampi's birthday and they are throwing a massive celebration in the Magical Forest. Plus, småles turns 5 which gives everyone even more reason to party! Can you spot the 20 differences between the 2 pictures? Tell us where each difference is located, eg B6.



Send in your answers with your name, Smålish passport number and contact details to alexandtampi@smales.com.sg or 60 Tampines North Drive 2, Singapore 528764 by 15 April 2012. 10 lucky winners will each win a Måla pen set.



games games games!

What do animals love to eat?

Alex and Tampi's favourite food is paper porridge. What is your favourite food? We're very sure you can name out a long list!

Can you match the following animals with their favourite food?



bat •



bee •



frog •



cow •



shark •

favourite food

- bamboo •
- insects •
- grass •
- fish •
- nectar •
- cheese •
- fruits •
- bone •
- meat •
- carrot •

• rabbit



• tiger



• rats



• dog



• panda

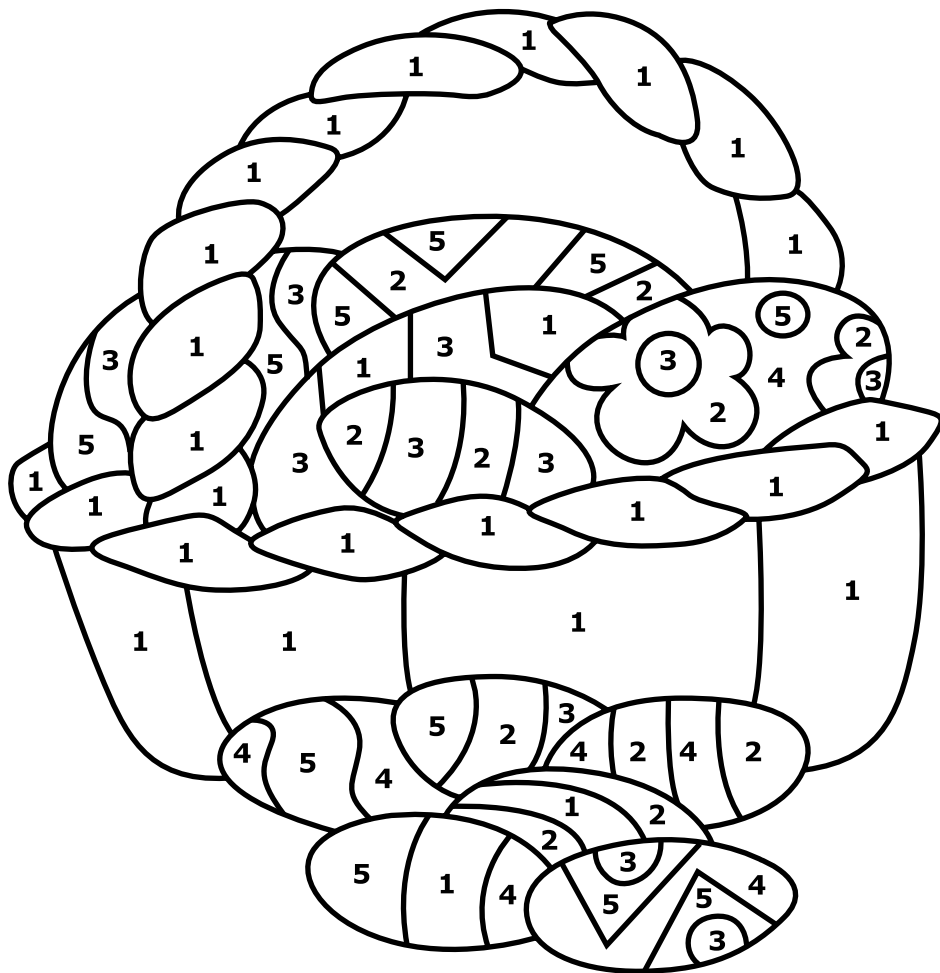


Answers: bat - fruits, bee - nectar, frog - insects, cow - grass, shark - fish, rabbit - carrot, tiger - meat, rats - cheese, dog - bone, panda - bamboo

Happy Easter!

Celebrate Easter with a colourful basket of Easter eggs. Colour the picture below by numbers. Have fun!

- 1 = Brown
- 2 = Red
- 3 = Yellow
- 4 = Orange
- 5 = Blue



Swedishness

In April, Swedes happily bid farewell to the cold and long winter as the spring breeze comes along.

Easter 6 - 8 April

In the weeks leading to Easter, the greyness of a late winter is brightened by cheerful Easter decorations. Homes are decorated with colourful twigs and Easter ornaments such as small chicks or decorated eggs.



Colourful twigs

Swedish witches

For the children, Easter holds a special place where they can paint eggs, take part in Easter egg hunts, eat candy, and practice "witchery".

Children dress up as witches during Easter and go house hopping for treats. They search the attics and wardrobes for the long skirts and colourful headscarves. They paint their faces with big red lips and black freckles. With a broom and basket in hand, they walk around the neighbourhood knocking on doors and hoping for treats. If they are lucky, the neighbours will give them some candy or money.



Swedish children dress up as witches

Egg-fest!

In Sweden as in many parts of the world, eggs are a symbol of Easter. There are boiled eggs on each Easter dinner table, marzipan and chocolate eggs in the candy bowl and candy-filled paper eggs for the children (and for many adults too).



Easter ornaments

Easter activity

A fun all-family Easter tradition is to paint your own eggs. Let creativity guide you – the more colours the better!



Materials:

- Boiled eggs
- Måla paintbrushes
- Måla paint

Easter game!

Lightly tap your egg against your neighbour's egg. Both of you should tap on the same side of the egg so it's fair. If your neighbour's egg breaks first, you win! If both eggs break, it's a draw.

Arrange a tournament around the table to see who will be the ultimate egg tapping champion!

This is how you do it:

Choose a special theme and challenge each other – which egg is the best or funniest? Or make them really personal.

Paint dots, stripes, squares, chickens, other animals, flowers, self-portraits or whatever you feel like – anything goes!

Optional

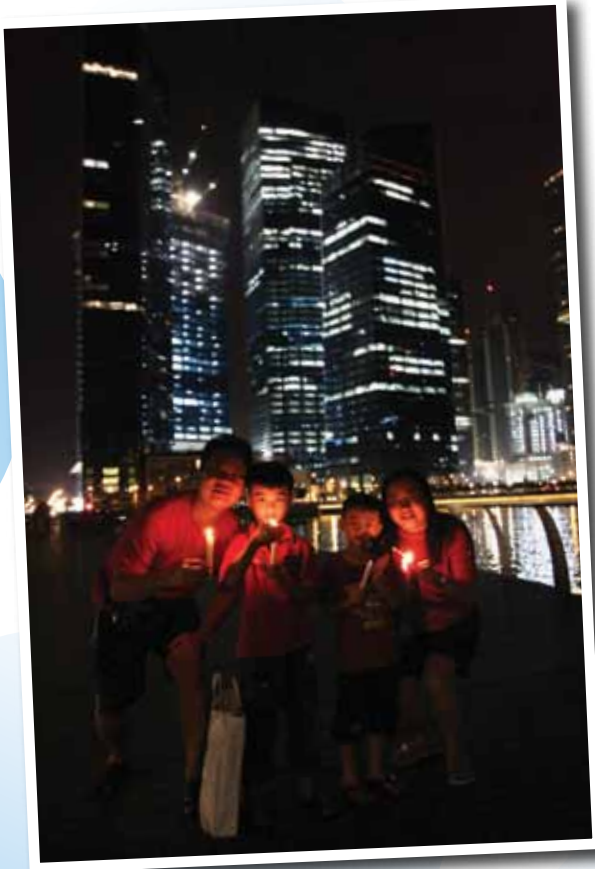
If you don't have paint, do it the natural way! Dye the eggs by putting them in boiling water coloured with beetroot (red), yellow onion (brownish yellow), red cabbage mixed with vinegar (blue), saffron (yellow) or something completely different – feel free to experiment!

earth hour



Make a guess?
Which household
appliance uses the
most energy?

- a) Refrigerator
- b) Dishwasher
- c) Hairdryer



Earth Hour, 31 March

Earth Hour is the world's largest campaign for the environment. People around the world gather together on this day for a common cause - to fight climate change. This is demonstrated by everyone switching off the lights for an hour. Earth Hour takes place on the last Saturday of March every year. In 2011, Earth Hour reached over 1.8 *billion* people in 135 countries across every continent. Imagine the impact all these people's actions would have!

The sad truth

- The earth is warming by an increase of 2 °C every year, resulting in impacts such as melting ice caps, rising sea levels and hotter days.
- Humans are consuming resources at a rate of 1.5 earths.
- Around the world, we use 1 million tonnes of paper everyday. (Approx 1,000,000,000 kg!)
- We are losing our forests, along with the endangered animals in them, at a rate of 36 football fields per minute.

6 eco-tips on how you and your family can play your part to save the environment!

- Switch off lights, fans and electrical appliances, such as the television, when they are not in use.
- Always remember to close the refrigerator door properly. Leaving the door open means more energy is used (and wasted) for the refrigerator to be kept cool.
- Bring your own eco-friendly bag when you go shopping so that you can say "NO" to plastic bags.
- Walk or cycle to the supermarket instead of going by car. If it is too far away, use public transport instead.
- Use the staircase instead of taking the lift. It will help you get some exercise too.
- Have fun at the playground with your friends instead of playing games on the computer.

Make a guess?
Do you know how long does it take for a plastic bag to break down?

- a) 100 years
- b) 1,000 years
- c) 5,000 years



Celebrate Earth Hour 2012

Date: Saturday,
31 March 2012
Time: 6.30pm – 10.00 pm
Venue: Orchard Road

Head down to Orchard Road on **Saturday, 31 March 2012** with your friends and family to celebrate Earth Hour with the rest of the global community. Join in the festivities with a live concert and eco-carnival. Witness the first **60+ SINGAPORE** human formation and count down to the lights-off event at 8.30pm.

Log on to <http://earthhour.wwf.sg> for more details!

recipe activity

In the old days, marzipan was only sold at the pharmacists and it was known to be nourishing and good for your body.

In Sweden, it remains popular, mainly during Easter and Christmas as families come together to prepare for the festivities. It is commonly shaped into little figures related to the festival and dipped in chocolate – the perfect homemade candy!

Marzipan candy

This is what you need (makes about 20 one-bites):

- 200g marzipan
- 100g CHOKLAD LJUS (milk chocolate bar)
- 100g CHOKLAD MÖRK (dark chocolate)



This is how you do it:

Form the marzipan into one bite sized, shapes.

Melt the chocolate in the microwave oven or on the stove.

Dip the marzipan one-bites in the chocolate or use a fork/toothpick to drizzle some patterns over it. Leave to dry.

Optional:

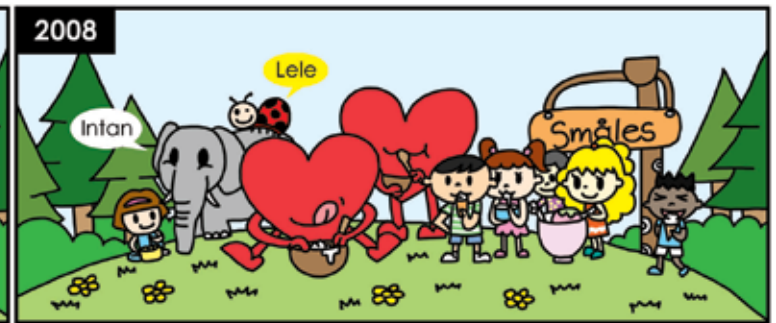
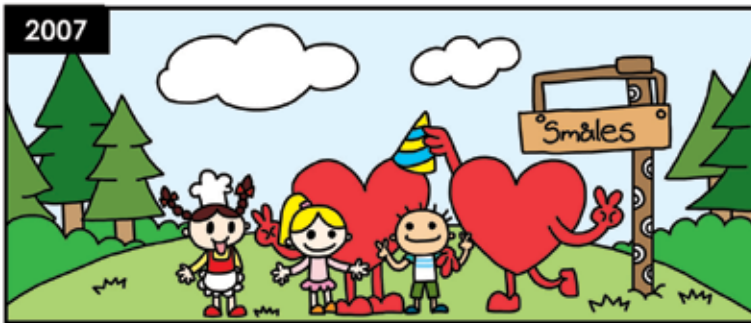
Play around with caramel colouring to make little bunnies or other figures of your choice.





colour me

the adventures of Alex & Tampi



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