

HOLIDAYS & CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS

CORN IS A MAJOR FOOD CROP IN

VENEZUELA

The national dish of Venezuela is the **hallaca**, a Venezuelan tamale that has a savory (salty or spicy) and sweet taste. Hallacas are usually prepared only during the Christmas season or given as a Christmas Eve gift. Hallacas consist of corn meal dough filled with a variety of meats and other foods. They are then wrapped in a type of banana leaf, tied up, and steamed. Some traditions believe hallacas originated in the 1600s.

The process of making hallacas can be an all-day affair and involve the entire family. Family members form an assembly line and evenly take pride in making the hallacas.

Christmas isn't Christmas without hallacas!

Albeit, part of the Venezuelan diet is a round corn meal cake called on **arepas**. Arepas can be baked, fried, or grilled. They are eaten daily in the place of bread at most meals. It is usually light brown and stuffed with a variety of foods, including meats and cheese.

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Día de los muertos

Día de los muertos is a Mexican holiday that honors the dead. Use this webquest to learn more about this holiday, the people who celebrate it, and the country where it is celebrated. (Día de los muertos is also celebrated in other places in the world where groups of people of Mexican heritage live.)

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Encyclopedia Articles in World Book

Halloween

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Jack-o'-lantern

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WORLD BOOK KIDS

Look-But-Don't-Munch Cookie Ornaments

You will need:
air-drying clay
rolling pin
holiday cookie cutters
drinking straw
buttons, glitter, paints, and brush (your choice)
string, ribbons, or yarn (your choice)
glue

Introduction:
You can make **cookie** ornaments that will look good year after year. They are not made of dough but of clay.

Procedures:

1. Use a rolling pin to roll out a ball of clay until it is flat and ¼ inch (6 millimeters) thick.
2. Cut shapes out of the clay with cookie cutters. Then use a drinking straw to punch a hole near the top of each shape. Let the clay dry.

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Holidays

Where was Saint Patrick born?

Britain
 Italy
 Spain

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