

# Tinsel

The Girls who  
Invented  
Christmas



## SIBÉAL POUNDER

### CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY PACK

BLOOMSBURY

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### Host your own mince pie picnic

One of Blanche and Rinki's favourite activities to do together is have a mince pie picnic. Host your own with Blanche's mince pie recipe below

*make sure you ask a grown-up to help you!*

## INGREDIENTS

### Filling

- \* 1 large jar of mincemeat (about 600g)
- \* 2 satsumas, segmented
- \* 1 apple, finely chopped
- \* zest of 1 lemon
- \* icing sugar for dusting

### Pastry

- \* 375g plain flour
- \* 260g unsalted butter, softened
- \* 125g caster sugar, plus extra for sprinkling
- \* 1 large egg (plus 1 beaten egg for glazing)

## METHOD

- \* Place the flour and butter in a bowl and rub together to a crumb consistency. Add the sugar and the egg, and mix together. Tip out on to a lightly floured surface, wrap the pastry in cling film and chill for 10 mins.
- \* Scoop the mincemeat into a clean bowl and add the satsumas, apple and lemon zest.
- \* Heat oven to 220C/200C fan/gas 7. Roll out the pastry and using a round cutter, cut out 16 bases and place them into muffin trays. Put 1½ tbsp mincemeat mixture into each. Brush the edge of each pie with a little beaten egg.
- \* Re-roll out the pastry to cut lids and press them on top to seal. Glaze with the rest of the egg, sprinkle with caster sugar, then make a small cut in the tops.
- \* Bake mince pies for 15-20 mins until golden brown. Leave to cool.

*THEN grab your best friend, a sibling, parent or toy,  
find a picnic blanket and tuck in!*



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## Write a letter to Blanche Claus

Blanche would love a letter from you so she can bring you a gift this Christmas. She's written you a note here: write your response underneath and post it to her at the North Pole

*Greetings!*

*Soon it will be Christmas, the greatest day of the year. Please write to me at the following address with details of the toy you dream of.*

*Until Christmas,*

*Ms Claus*

*Toy Workshop, North Pole*

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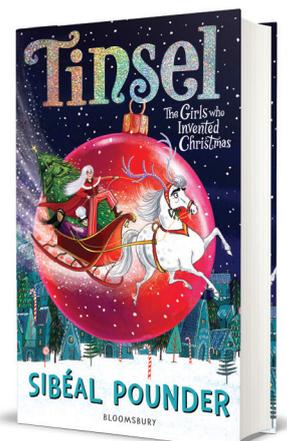
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### Make Santa's favourite hot chocolate

Santa has shared the recipe for his favourite hot chocolate with us!

Use a grown-up to help you make it

- \* Place a tablespoon of drinking chocolate in mug and fill it up with hot milk.
- \* To make the drink Christmassy, add a teaspoon of ground cinnamon.
- \* Stir together really well.
- \* Then add some whipped cream to the top of your mug, along with a few chocolate sprinkles!



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## Decorate your own bauble

Blanche finds a bauble that shows her a snowy landscape, decorated with tiny houses, technicolour icicles and a dancing Christmas tree.

Draw your own wintry scene in the bauble below

