

Dolly Mixtures

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Dolly mixtures are small, multi coloured sweets: little fondant cubes and cylinders with subtle flavours, mixed with small sugar coated jellies.

What they are

Dolly mixture is a British sweet made up of a variety of multi coloured fondant shapes, such as cubes and cylinders, each with a subtle flavour, together with sugar coated jellies. They are thought of as a sweeter, gentler alternative to Liquorice Allsorts, which have the stronger taste of liquorice, and they are mainly aimed at young children. See [Liquorice Allsorts](#).

What fondant is

The little cubes and cylinders in a bag of dolly mixtures are made of fondant, a soft sugar paste. The word fondant comes from the French for melting, the same root as fondue. Fondant is also used to decorate and sculpt cakes, and it takes food colouring well, which is why fondant sweets can come in so many colours. Traditional sugar mice are made from a boiled fondant of sugar and water too.

Who makes them

Dolly mixtures have been made by several companies. In the UK a version sold as Dolly Mix is made under the Barratt brand, which is owned by Valeo. Dolly mixture is also sold under the Bassett's name, which is also used for Liquorice Allsorts and Jelly Babies: see [George Bassett, the liquorice allsorts man](#).

In 2022 the supermarket chain Iceland even brought out a Dolly Mix flavoured ice cream as part of a range of Barratt themed products.

On the radio

Dolly mixtures have a small place in British comedy. In The Goon Show, the radio comedy starring Spike Milligan, Peter Sellers and Harry Secombe, the character Bluebottle was often rewarded or bribed with dolly mixtures, jelly babies or similar sweets.

Related sweets

For another sweet aimed at children, see [Jelly Tots](#), and for sugar mice, which are also made of fondant, see [sugar mice](#). For more old sweets, including some that have disappeared, see [sweets you can no longer buy](#).

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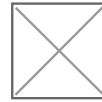
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