

Bubblegum bottles

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Bubblegum bottles are gummy sweets shaped like little bottles, flavoured to taste like bubblegum and coated in sharp sugar. Despite the name, the recipes here contain no gum: they are jelly sweets with a bubblegum flavour.

Two recipes from one shop

The UK retailer Sweets and Candy lists small and giant fizzy bubblegum bottles, and their ingredients differ.

Fizzy Bubblegum Bottles. Sugar, glucose syrup, water, gelatine, malic and citric acids, glycerol, sodium carbonate as an acidity regulator, dextrose, flavouring, calcium phosphates as an anticaking agent, and the colours E120, E133 and E171. The listing says they may contain traces of milk.

Halal Giant Fizzy Bubblegum Bottles. Glucose syrup, sugar, apple juice from concentrate, corn starch, beef gelatine, citric acid, tartaric and malic acids, spirulina concentrate, titanium dioxide, flavouring, and concentrates of apple, radish, blackcurrant and black carrot. The retailer says they are made with certified halal gelatine.

What bubblegum flavour is

Bubblegum flavour does not come from any one fruit. It is a blend of flavourings that varies from one maker to another, and neither listing says what goes into its blend: see [how is bubblegum made?](#)

The colours

- **E120** is carmine, a red made from cochineal insects, so the smaller bottles are not suitable for vegans: see [what is carmine?](#)
- **E133** is brilliant blue, a synthetic colour. The giant bottles get their blue from spirulina concentrate instead: see [what is spirulina doing in my sweets?](#)
- **E171**, titanium dioxide, is in both recipes. The EU banned it as a food additive in 2022, but the Food Standards Agency did not follow the ban, so it is still permitted in Great Britain: see [what are E numbers in sweets?](#)

Diet and allergy points

- **Gelatine.** Both recipes contain gelatine, so neither is suitable for vegetarians or vegans: see [gelatine in sweets explained](#)
- **Halal.** Only the giant bottles say their gelatine is certified halal: see [a guide to halal sweets](#)

- **Milk.** The smaller bottles may contain traces of milk: see [milk in sweets](#)
- **Gluten and other allergens.** Neither recipe lists wheat, but the retailer says its sweets are packed where wheat, gluten, soya, milk, peanuts and nuts are handled, and it marks the giant bottles as may contain gluten: see [pick and mix and allergies](#)

Bottle cousins

Bubblegum bottles are one of a family of bottle shaped sweets: see [how are cola bottle sweets made?](#) and [how are milk bottle sweets made?](#)

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