

Candy buttons

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Candy buttons, also called Candy Dots or Pox, are small, rounded, flat dots of sugar candy stuck in rows to a strip of paper. Each strip carries three flavours: cherry in pink, lime in blue and lemon in yellow.

From Brooklyn to Necco

Candy buttons were first made by the Cumberland Valley company and by J. Sudak and Son of Williamsburg, Brooklyn. In 1977 Sudak, by then called the Uncle Nibbles Candy Factory, sold the product to a Manhattan repackager, CeeDee Candy, which sold it on to Necco. In 1980 Necco also bought the Cumberland Valley company, which made it the only maker of candy buttons in the United States. The engineer and inventor George Theofiel Dib is credited with inventing the machine that makes them.

Necco made 750 million candy buttons a year, on strips 22.5 inches long, or 11.25 inches for the short size. When Necco went bankrupt in 2018, Candy Buttons were bought at auction by Doscher's Candies of Cincinnati, and they were the first former Necco sweet back on the market.

What is in them

Necco Candy Buttons, as recorded by Open Food Facts, updated 2020. Sugar, corn starch, gelatine, artificial flavour, the colours Red 3, Yellow 5 and Blue 1, and coconut oil.

Diet and colour points

- **Gelatine.** This recipe contains gelatine, so it is not suitable for vegetarians or vegans: see [gelatine in sweets explained](#)
- **Red 3.** Red 3 is erythrosine, E127. The US Food and Drug Administration revoked its authorisation in food in January 2025, with makers given until January 2027 to change recipes: see [sweets that were banned](#)
- **Yellow 5.** Known in Europe as tartrazine, E102, it is one of the six colours that carry a warning for children when sold in Britain: see [the Southampton six colours](#)
- **Recipes change.** The record here was last updated in 2020 and names Necco, so check the current pack: see [how to read a sweet label](#)

In Britain

Candy buttons are an American sweet. If you buy them imported, check for an English ingredients list with the allergens emphasised: see [how sweets from abroad came to Britain](#)

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