

Candy necklaces

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A candy necklace is a string of small sugar beads threaded on elastic, to be worn and nibbled at the same time. The UK retailer Sweets and Candy describes its candy necklaces as crunchy, fruit flavour candy beads, each finished with a heart shaped Love U pendant.

What the beads are made of

Candy Necklaces, as listed by Sweets and Candy. Glucose, maltose syrup, maltodextrin, magnesium stearate, citric acid, artificial flavours, and the colours E102, E110, E129 and E133. The retailer lists them as suitable for vegans and vegetarians.

Pressed, not boiled

The beads are pressed rather than boiled. Powdered sugars are squeezed into shape, much as tablets are made, and magnesium stearate helps: in the production of pressed sweets it works as a release agent, stopping the mixture sticking to the machinery. Love Hearts are tablet sweets too: see [Love Hearts](#)

The colour warning

The recipe here uses tartrazine (E102), sunset yellow (E110) and allura red (E129), three of the six colours that must carry the warning may have an adverse effect on activity and attention in children, and the listing shows it. The blue is brilliant blue, E133: see [the Southampton six colours](#)

Choking and safety

The retailer says its candy necklaces are not suitable for children under 3 because of the choking hazard. The beads are small and hard, and the NHS says not to give young children hard foods such as boiled sweets. As with any necklace, do not leave one on a sleeping or unattended small child: see [hard sweets and young children](#)

In party bags

If candy necklaces go into party bags, the choking warning matters for young guests: see [pick and mix party bags](#)

In our pick and mix

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