

Double lollies

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Double Lollies are pressed fruit lollipops made by Swizzels. The UK retailer The Candy King says they were launched in 1952, the same year Queen Elizabeth II came to the throne, and sells them individually wrapped.

What is in them

Swizzels Double Lollies, as listed by The Candy King. Sugar, stearic acid, modified starch, malic acid, cornflour, magnesium stearate, flavourings, magnesium carbonate as an anti caking agent, and the colours anthocyanin, copper chlorophyllin, curcumin, lutein and paprika. The retailer shows them with a vegetarian symbol. An Open Food Facts record for a 154 g pack of Swizzels Double Lollies lists the same ingredients.

Pressed, not boiled

Unlike a boiled sweet lollipop, a Double Lolly is pressed. Powdered sugar is squeezed into a tablet, and magnesium stearate helps: in the production of pressed sweets it works as a release agent, so the mixture does not stick to the machinery. For boiled sweet lollipops, see [lollipops](#), and for another pressed sweet, [candy necklaces](#)

All the colours in the recipe here come from plants: anthocyanins, copper chlorophyllin, curcumin, lutein and paprika extract, so the recipe uses none of the six colours that carry a warning for children: see [natural colours in sweets](#)

The maker

Swizzels began in the early 1920s on a market stall in Hackney, London, where Maurice and Alfred Matlow sold jellied sweets. They built a small factory in east London in 1928, and in 1933 merged with David Dee, a rival who specialised in fizzy compressed tablet sweets. In 1940 the Blitz forced the business north to a disused wick factory in New Mills, Derbyshire, where it remains. Parma Violets followed in 1946, and Drumstick lollies in 1957: see [Love Hearts](#) and [Drumstick lollies](#)

Safety

A lolly is a hard sweet on a stick, and the NHS says not to give young children hard foods such as boiled sweets, because of the risk of choking: see [hard sweets and young children](#)

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