

BIRMINGHAM'S

Frankfurt

CHRISTMAS MARKET

ACTIVITY PACK FOR SCHOOLS

VERSION-A PRIMARY

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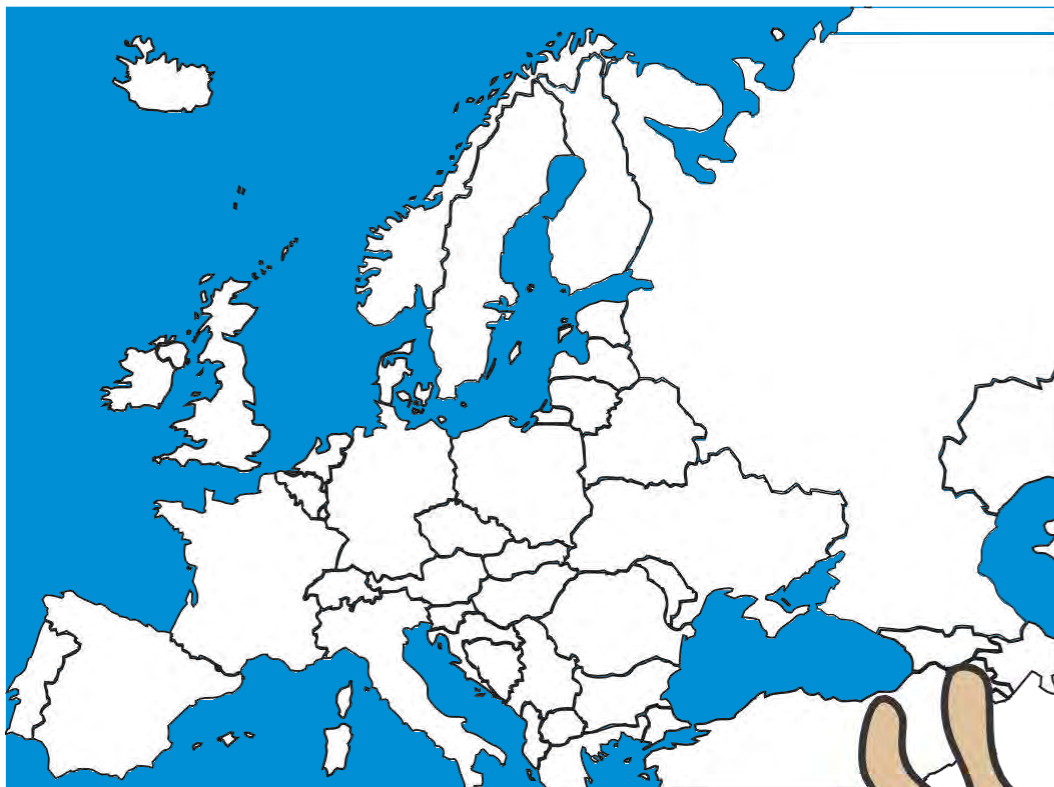
- A selection of Christmas websites including emails to Santa!

NB. Stalls which sell gingerbread and biscuits often have samples for visitors to try. Please be aware that some of these products contain nuts. You are advised to check with the stallholder before deciding whether it is appropriate for the children in your care to eat any of the samples provided.

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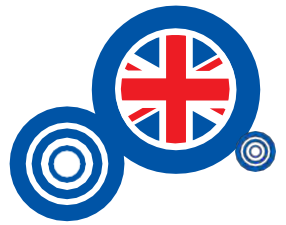
Map of Europe



Colour in Germany and Great Britain!

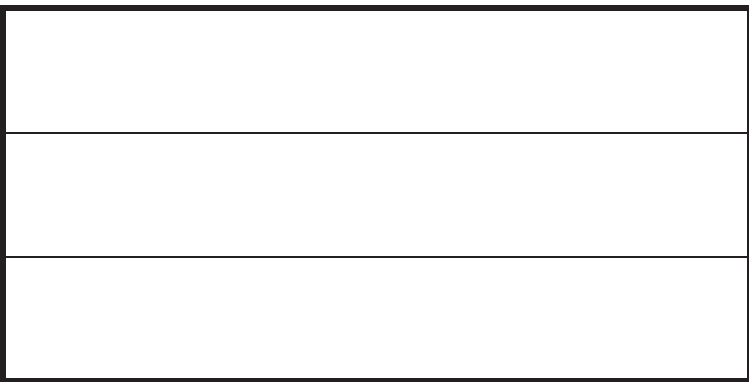
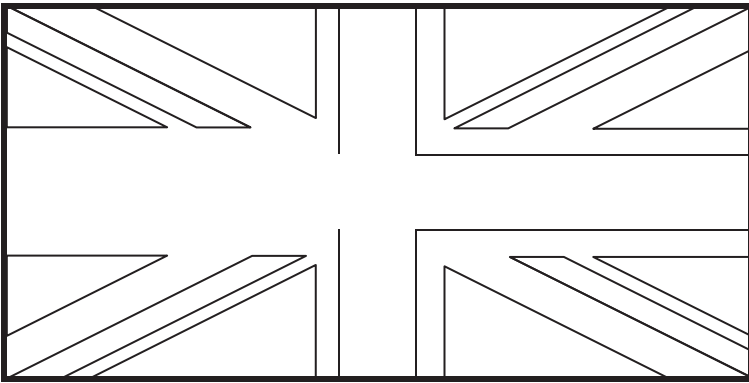


Can you
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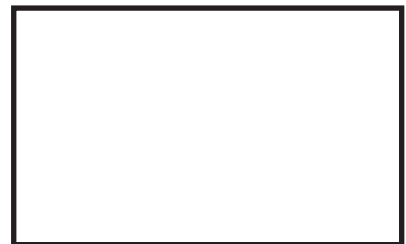


Flags

Can you colour in the British and German Flags?



Do you know any other flags?





Rudolph's Christmas Market Guide

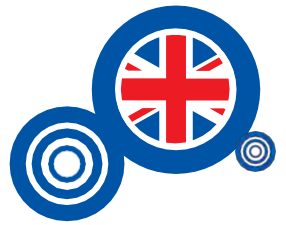
Right across Germany, in villages and in the centres of large and small towns **Christmas Markets** open at the beginning of Advent, about 4 weeks before Christmas Eve. Towns are decorated with **Christmas lights** and **Christmas trees**. The smell of **mulled wine** and **gingerbread** is in the air, and there are **carol singers** on every corner. People meet and chat around the stalls and drink in the festive atmosphere.

Each Market has its own history and tradition. It serves local specialities and traditional decorations are on sale. The most famous Christmas Markets are Nuremberg's **Christkindlmarkt** and Dresden's **Striezelmarkt**. The famous **Stollen** originates from Dresden. It is a rich Christmas cake with raisins and dried fruit.

The **Christmas Market in Frankfurt** dates back to 1393. As early as 1500, the Frankfurt Christmas Market was already so popular that the Duke of Hesse decided to get married at the Market. Today 3 million people visit the Market each year. They walk around among the 250 stalls and admire the 90 foot high Christmas tree. Or they get hold of Frankfurt's unique Christmas speciality, the **Zwetschgemaennchen**. These little figures are made from prunes and nuts and given to close friends or relatives. **Who will get one from you?**



Christmas Calendar Quiz



Some people say that in Germany things are always very well organised. On this sheet you will find a list of German Christmas and Advent holidays. Unfortunately, they have become completely mixed up.

Can you help us put them back in the order again?

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| 2. Weihnachtsfeiertag | (Boxing Day) | _____ |
| 3. Advent | (Third Sunday in Advent) | _____ |
| Heiliger Abend | (Christmas Eve) | _____ |
| 1. Advent | (First Sunday in Advent) | _____ |
| 1. Weihnachtsfeiertag | (Christmas Day) | _____ |
| Nikolaus | (St. Nicholas' Day) | _____ |
| 2. Advent | (Second Sunday in Advent) | _____ |
| 4. Advent | (Fourth Sunday in Advent) | _____ |

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Story **Saint Nikolaus**

On the night of December 5th, children in Germany polish their shoes and place them outside their doors. During the night Saint Nikolaus comes and fills the shoes with sweets, fruits, nuts and small presents. When the children wake up on December 6th the gifts from Saint Nikolaus are there waiting for them.

Who is Saint Nikolaus?

There are actually two saints with the name Nikolaus. One was the Abbot Nikolaus of Sion; Bishop of Pinara (nowadays in Turkey), and the other was the Bishop of Myra who died on December 6th 343. This is why Saint Nikolaus's day is on December 6th. Both men are said to have been very kind and gentle, especially to children. There are lots of legends about Saint Nikolaus. Here are two of the stories:

Once upon a time there was a man who had three daughters. The man was very poor and could not give his daughters a dowry. Without a dowry the daughters couldn't get married. At that time all girls were supposed to get married – what would they do if they couldn't? The man was very worried. The poor man had a neighbour called Nikolaus. Nikolaus felt very sorry for the man and his daughters. He wrapped up a gold nugget in a piece of cloth and one night secretly threw it through a window into his poor neighbours' house. Nikolaus then vanished.

1600 years ago there was a terrible famine in Asia Minor. Without enough food to eat lots of people died. Everyone was waiting for ships full of grain to arrive from Egypt so that they could make bread. On the way from Egypt to Asia Minor they were stopped by pirates. The pirates demanded gold and jewellery from the starving people before they would give them the grain. The hungry people gave the pirates all the gold and jewellery that they had but the pirates were very greedy and said that it wasn't enough. They threatened to take all the children away and sell them as slaves. Nikolaus saved the children from the pirates by taking all the gold and valuable objects out of his church and giving them to the pirates. The pirates then allowed the ships full of grain to be unloaded.





Christmas Market Trail

Here is a trail to do when you visit the Market.

The manager of the Frankfurt Christmas Market in Victoria Square and on New Street in Birmingham has found a lot of lost items which belong to the Market stall holders.

Help her return the goods to the stall owners by finding out which stall sells which goods.

Items found:

1. Roasted Chestnuts
2. Pretzels
3. Wooden Toys
4. Christmas Decorations
5. Mulled wine
6. Marshmallows
7. Nativity scenes
8. Pottery
9. Jewellery
10. Candles
11. 'Berliner Donuts'
12. Woollen winter hats
13. Fried potatoes and potato cakes
14. Candied fruit
15. Christmas Stollen
16. Ginger bread and marzipan
17. Bratwurst (grilled sausages)

Stall:



Wordsearch



Search for these words horizontally, vertically and diagonally

ADVENT

ANGEL

BIRMINGHAM

CANDLES

CHRISTMAS

DECORATIONS

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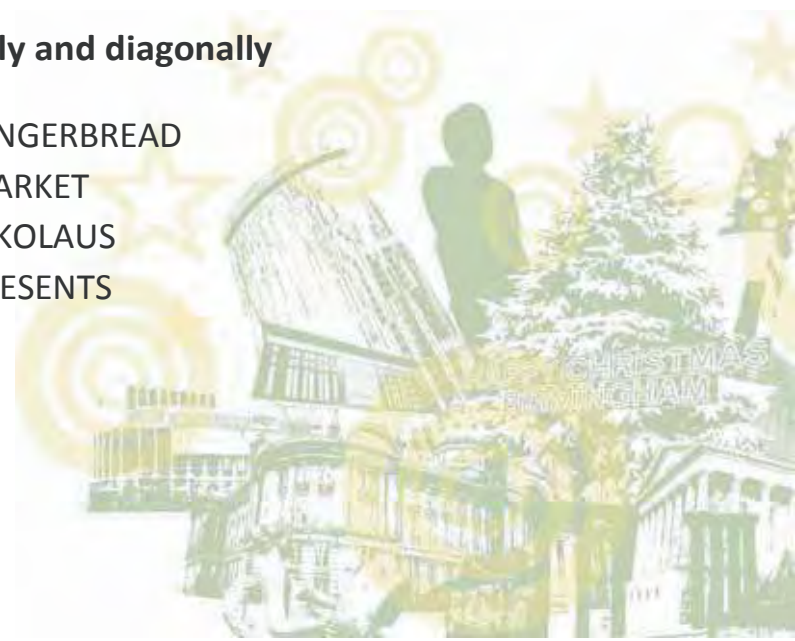
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Vanilla Croissant Cookies

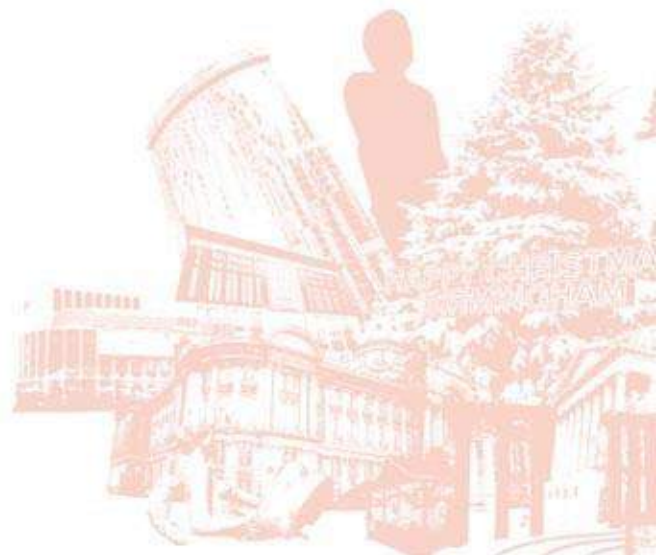
Ingredients (for 50 cookies)

250 g flour
200 g butter
100 g sugar
75 g powdered sugar
a pinch of salt
2 packs of bourbon-flavored vanilla sugar
100 g ground almonds
2 vanilla beans

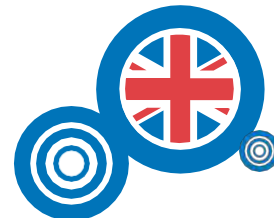


- 1) Mix the flour, vanilla sugar, powdered sugar, salt, almonds and butter. Knead into a smooth dough. Pre-heat oven to 180° C.
- 2 Form the dough into finger-sized rolls and cut into approximately 5cm-long pieces. Form into crescents and lay out on 2 baking sheets lined with waxed paper. Leave in oven for about 12 minutes.
- 3) In the meantime, slit open the vanilla beans lengthwise, scrape out the pulp and mix thoroughly with the sugar. Place in a shallow bowl.
- 4) Immediately after baking, roll the crescents in the vanilla sugar.

The word "croissant" is a French translation of the German word Hörnchen ("little horn"). The crescent-shaped pastries originally came from Vienna, and were in the form of the Turkish crescent symbol to celebrate the defeat of the Turks. Kipferl is Austrian/Bavarian for Hörnchen



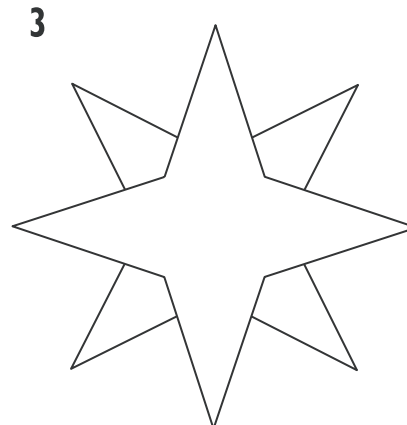
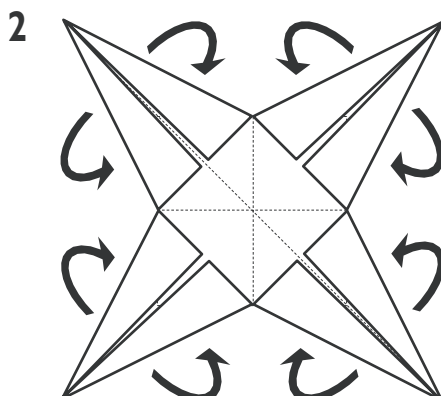
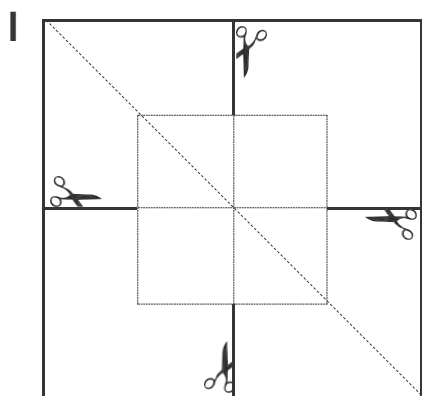
Double Gold Star



A large, shining star led the three kings from the Orient to the crib in Bethlehem. Your Double Gold Star will shine just as brightly on top of your Christmas tree!

You will need:

- 2 square sheets of gold paper
- Scissors
- Adhesive



- 1) **Fold the gold paper in half and then half again so that it looks like four squares when you unfold it. Fold in half from corner to corner and fold again so that there are two diagonal lines when you unfold it.**
- 2) **Cut half way along the folded lines in the middle of the sides as shown in diagram 1. Fold the corners created by cutting the paper into the diagonal fold in the centre of each quarter as shown in diagram 2.**
- 3) **Make a second star and glue it back to back with the first star at an angle of 45° to create your own Double Gold Star.**





Websites

You may also find it helpful to do further Christmas research on the Internet. Enjoy the virtual Christmas feeling at the following websites:

www.emailsanta.com

Email your Christmas letter to Santa or play the Christmas Trivia Game
Countdown to Christmas with Santa's Advent Calendar
And much more waiting to be explored...

www.weihnachtsseite.de



German website

Send Christmas e-cards to your friends, read poems, sing songs or just get ideas for Christmas presents

www.silentnight.web.za

This website provides information on the Christmas song "Silent Night, Holy Night" as well as translations of the song and related links.

www.weihnachtsseiten.de



German website

Enjoy pictures, screensavers and Christmas tales with some home baked cookies, made with recipes from this site

www.goethe.de



German website

This is probably the best source for Germany related things. The Goethe-Institut is one of the main providers of German language courses, information on Germany and intercultural cooperation worldwide.

www.derweg.org/mwbrauch/weihtoc.htm



Website for German learners

Listen to German Christmas songs or read about Germany.

www.rezeptesammlung.net



German website

A good selection of recipes from Austria

