## Jelly Brain RECIPE

- First it's very important to keep the jelly mold clean.
- Wash entire cavity of the plastic mold using a soft sponge, dish soap and warm water before and after every use.
- Be sure to wash especially well before first use.
- Take care not to puncture holes in the thin area of the plastic mold during washing.

#### 1. Making a Jelly Brain:

- Adult supervision required!
- Fashion a hand towel into a circle inside a large bowl to keep the mold upright and level.

### 2. Ingredients:

- Three large boxes (net weight six ounces or 170g per box) peach or watermelon flavoured jelly powder. Use any flavoured powder if flesh tone is not desired.
- One can (net weight 12 ounces or 340g) light evaporated skimmed milk (99.5% fat free)—no other milk will work.
- Two teaspoons (10 mL) vegetable oil, for lubricating plastic mold.
- Green food colouring.
- Three and a half cups (875mL) water:
  - Two and a half cups (625mL) boiling water.
  - One cup (250mL) cold water.

#### 3. Instructions:

- Make sure the cavity of the mold is completely dry.
- Spray or apply vegetable oil inside the entire cavity of the plastic mold. Wipe
  out excess oil from cavity and set mold aside. Put flavoured jelly powder in
  a large bowl. Add two and a half cups (625mL) of boiling water. Stir until
  completely dissolved, about three minutes. Use whisk or large fork for stirring.
- Stir in one cup (250mL) cold water.
- Add skimmed milk, stirring for two minutes. If a clear brain is desired, leave out skimmed milk and add an additional one and a half cups (375mL) cold water.
- For flesh tone, add a few drops green food colouring to darken.
- Pour jelly mixture into the plastic mold, leaving approximately ¾ inch (two centimetres) of space from the top. Set the plastic mold into the middle of the towel. Make sure the mold is stable. Refrigerate overnight.

#### 4. Extract the jelly brain from plastic mold:

- Shake until jelly loosens from the walls of plastic mold.
- Moisten your palm, place it over opening of plastic mold and turn over.
- Shake until the jelly brain plops out onto your palm.
- Slide brain onto a wet plate and use in demonstration!



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# Jelly Brain DEMONSTRATION

### Wear a helmet when you ride!

Objective: To demonstrate how delicate the human brain is.

**Concept:** Things that are delicate can be protected.

Target Age: Grade 1 - Adult

#### 1. Setup

- Prepare two jelly brains.
- Place the stepladder on a flat, solid surface with the cross braces in the lock position.

#### 2. Lessons – Engage your audience

- Ask if they have ever seen a real brain before.
- Let everyone feel the jelly brain.
- Ask them to describe the texture of the brain.
  - Is it wet?
  - What colour is it?
  - Is it hard or soft?
- Ask them what they think would happen if you dropped the brain from the top of the ladder—a height comparable to a rider on a horse.
- Climb up to the third or fourth step of the ladder.
- Ask an assistant to insert the brain (with no helmet) into a plastic bag, and hand it to you.

- Tell a story such as "Jill likes to ride her horse Comet but one day she forgot to wear a helmet when she went out riding. Along came a dog and spooked Comet—Jill fell off"
- Hold the brain up to a height of about 10 feet.
- Drop the jelly brain on the solid surface below.
- Show the audience the outcome of this "preventable incident" by placing the contents of the plastic bag onto the plate.
- Ask the audience what Jill could have done to be safe.
- Do the demonstration again, this time carefully placing the brain inside a plastic bag and into the helmet.
- Compare both brains, and sum up by discussing the importance of using a helmet while riding a horse, bicycle or ATV!





