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Preparations time: 30 minutes Cooking time: 20 minutes

Makes: 6

175g dark brown sugar 85g golden syrup 110g unsalted butter 350g plain flour 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda 2 tsp ground ginger 1½ tsp mixed spice1 egg3 cups icing sugarjuice of 1 lemon2 cup baby chocolate buttons1 cup Halloween sprinkles

- **1 Combine** the dark brown sugar, golden syrup and butter in a medium saucepan and set over a low heat until simmering. Cook for 2 minutes, then set aside to cool. Mix with the flour, bicarbonate of soda, spices and egg and mix until a smooth dough forms. Wrap and refrigerate until firm.
- **2 Roll** out the dough to 3mm thick, then cut out 12 kite-shaped pieces 15cm long and 9cm wide, then trim the tops and bottoms flat. Cut out 12 rectangles 9cm x 2cm, 12 rectangles 6cm x 2cm, and four squares 2cm x 2cm.
- **3 Arrange** the gingerbread pieces on a lines tray and bake for 18-20 minutes, until just beginning to brown. Allow to cool completely. Whisk the icing sugar and lemon juice until thick, then load into a piping bag with a fine nozzle and use to stick the coffins together, leaving the top lid ajar.
- **4 Fill** the coffins with a mixture of chocolate buttons and sprinkles, then decorate the coffins as desired with the remaining icing.