Free Mini Café Starter

20–30 minutes • ages 5 and up, with a grown-up for cutting

Make two pretend café snacks and two to-go bags, then serve a mystery snack. Paper snacks are for play, not for eating.

WHAT IS INSIDE

- 2 café snacks to make (+ 1 to design)
- 2 to-go bags
- Pictured steps

YOU NEED

- Printer paper or light cardstock (US Letter)
- Scissors (a grown-up helps)
- Glue stick and clear tape
- A ruler and an empty ballpoint pen for scoring
- Tissue or paper scraps if you make squishies

HOW IT WORKS

1 **PRINT AND CHECK**
Print on US Letter at Actual Size / 100% — never Fit to Page — and measure the 1-inch square before you cut. Bags: 24–32 lb paper or 65 lb light cardstock. Collectibles: plain 20–24 lb printer paper folds and tapes easily (best for squishies); cardstock makes stiffer flat charms.

2 **MAKE THE CAFÉ SNACKS**
Page 3: cut, fold and glue each one — or make it squishy.

3 **MAKE THE BAGS**
Page 4: cut, score, fold and glue.

4 **PACK, SWAP, OPEN**
One person packs and seals the bags; someone else opens them.

IN THE FULL SET

The full Mini Café Mystery Shop has 6 snacks, a two-level display stand, an OPEN / BACK SOON sign, a price-free menu, 4 role cards, 18 café play tokens and a color-your-own edition.

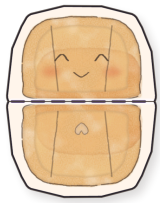
SAFETY

A grown-up should help with scissors and do any craft-knife cutting. Paper pieces, stuffing and seal stickers can be choking hazards for children under 3. Keep them away from babies and toddlers. Use a glue stick or tape — no hot glue for children. Home-printed paper and ink are not food safe: if you add a treat, use one that is individually wrapped.

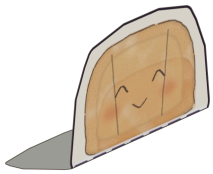
How to Make Them

Read each step before you cut • pictures are renderings, not photos

COLLECTIBLES (PAGE 3)



CUT OUT



FOLD

FRONT

BACK

1 **CUT OUT THE SHAPE**

Cut along the solid outline, around the front and the upside-down back together. Do not cut the dashed line — it joins the two sides.

2 **SCORE AND FOLD**

Press an empty ballpoint pen along the dashed line against a ruler, then fold the back behind the front so both pictures face out.

3 **GLUE IT FLAT — OR MAKE IT SQUISHY**

Flat charm: glue the blank insides together and press. Squishy: tape around the edge with clear tape, leave a 1-inch gap, push in a little tissue, then tape the gap shut.

CRIMP-TOP BAG (PAGE 4)

CUT OUT

FOLD

FINISHED

1 **CUT OUT**

Cut the solid outline: the zigzag ends, the sides and the two side tabs.

2 **SCORE**

Score the dashed lines — the bottom fold and the two tab folds.

3 **FOLD THE TABS**

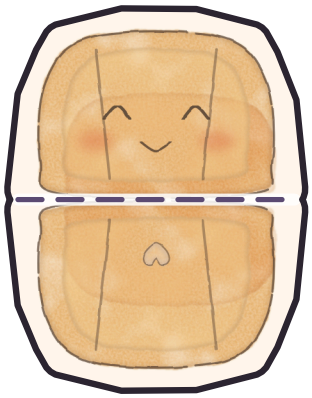
Fold both side tabs behind the front. Turn the piece over: the shaded GLUE areas now face you — glue them.

4 **CLOSE THE SIDES**

Fold the back up over the tabs and press. The two zigzag ends should line up; the top stays open.

5 **FILL AND SEAL**

Put the surprise inside, then glue or tape the inside of the zigzag band shut. To open, tear across the band.



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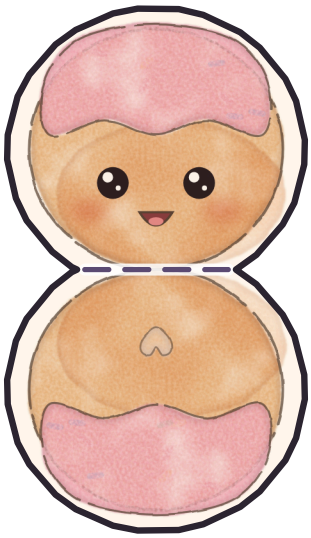

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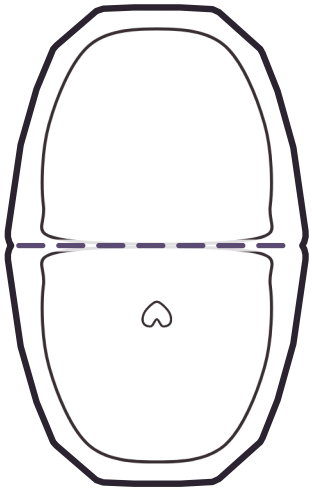

Your own

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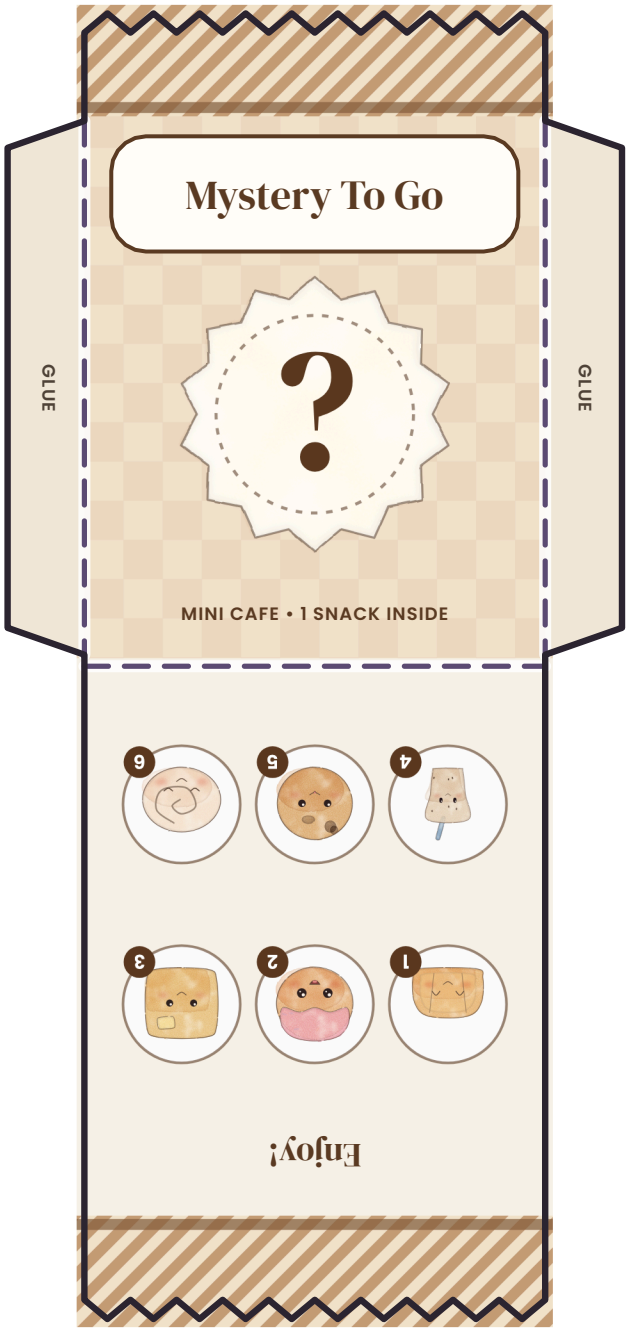
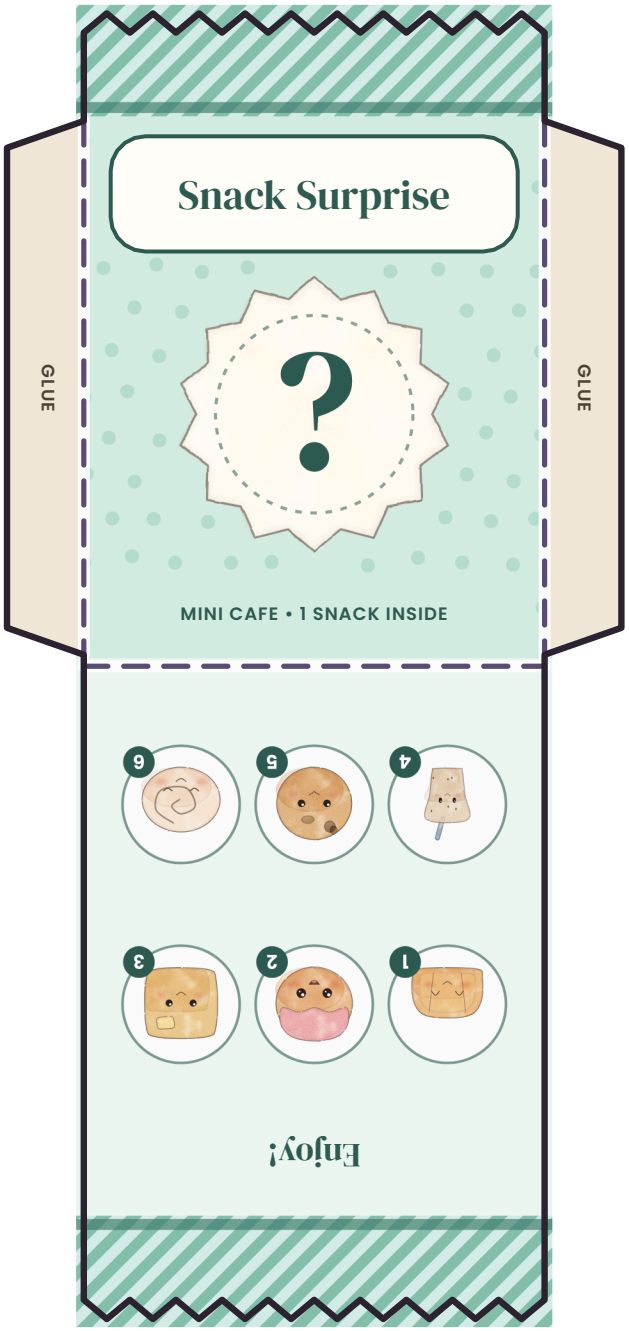
Measure first

CUT SCORE, FOLD AWAY FROM PRINT GLUE

To-Go Bags

Print at Actual Size (100%) • measure the 1-inch square





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CUT — SCORE, FOLD AWAY FROM PRINT — GLUE