

## Kitchen “Minecrafting”

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Children, teens, and adults love building in the virtual reality world...especially with friends! Take that online concept and create an IRL - “in real life” - hands-on experience. Let the imagination run wild! Edible cubes, cylinders, and a few non-edible supports will have you and your excited eaters ready to build and enjoy dessert.



### **Materials:**

- Boxed Brownie mix in a 13x9 inch pan
- Toothpicks - adult supervision, please!
- Parchment paper
- Any candies for decorating
- Ruler
- Serrated knife or sharp spatula
- Origami patterns
- Marshmallows and/or icing

### **Directions:**

First, line your tin with **parchment** paper, leaving extra handles over the edge. Next, follow the directions on the box, but remove the pan at the **shortest** cook time option. Then set on a cooling rack for about 30 minutes.

Next, pull out that **ruler** and get ready to measure the desired size. Pictured above is a 1-inch square, with a ½-inch height. Trim the edge for precision. If you **clean** the knife after each cut, this helps make smooth sides. You want a softer brownie, so it doesn't crumble. But even the small pieces are texture, gravel, shingles...it's all edible!

**Assembly** time! Divvy out the brownie “cubes.” Or serve a large slice of brownie, allowing participants to create their own **Origami** pattern, shapes, and designs. **Connect** the brownies with icing, toothpicks, even gravity! The warm brownie cubes can be rolled into **spheres**, too!

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Finally, add any finishing **embellishments** and set at the center of the dinner table. Building time just turned into a **shareable dessert** that tickled the **STEAM** senses.

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