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## Banana Pancake Snowmen

You know I love to try out new recipes here in Edna's Kitchen. My friends in Shady Pines Story town who have young children have been asking me to suggest a holiday idea that's fun and easy. I've done it and now you can, too. Here's your pancake snowman recipe!

**Ingredients:** Makes 4 Snowmen

1 cup complete buttermilk  
pancake mix  
3/4 cup water  
1/3 cup mashed ripe banana

1 teaspoon confectioners' sugar  
Pretzel sticks, chocolate chips, dried  
cranberries and/or halved banana slices

### Directions:

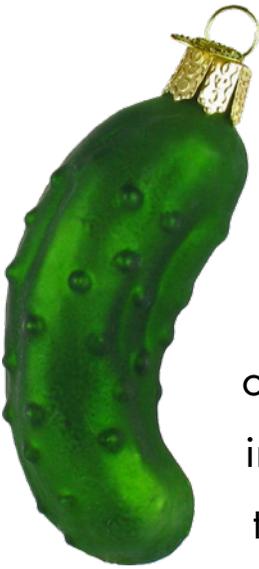
1. In a small bowl, stir the pancake mix, water and banana just until moistened.
2. Pour a scant 1/2 cup batter onto a greased hot griddle, making three circles to form a snowman. Turn when bubbles form on top. Cook until the second side is golden brown. Transfer to a serving plate. Repeat with remaining batter.
3. Sprinkle with confectioners' sugar. Decorate snowmen with pretzels, chocolate chips, cranberries and/or banana if desired.





## History of Holiday Traditions

# The Christmas Pickle



The tradition of the **Christmas Pickle** has got to be one of the strangest modern Christmas customs in that no one is quite sure why it exists at all!

In the 1880s Woolworth stores started selling glass ornaments imported from Germany and some were in the shape of various fruit and vegetables. It seems that pickles must have been among the selection!

Around the same time it was claimed that the **Christmas Pickle** was a very old German tradition and that the pickle was the last ornament hung on the Christmas tree and then the first child to find the pickle got an extra present. However, the claim that it's an old German tradition seems to be a total myth! Not many people in Germany have even heard of the **Christmas Pickle!**

