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# **Carrots Are the Tops**

Colorful, sweet, economical and good for you, carrots are a popular veggie. We've harvested a bunch of details about them.

- Carrots first cropped up about 5,000 years ago in the region around what's now Afghanistan.
- People originally grew the vegetable as medicine. The root and its green, leafy top were used to treat a variety of ailments.
- Today, the average American eats about 10 pounds of fresh carrots in a year.
- You can find carrots in a rainbow of colors: yellow, white, purple, red and, of course, orange, the most common type.
- Carrots are loaded with beta carotene, an antioxidant that gives orange carrots their color and helps our bodies maintain healthy eyesight and skin, as well as a strong immune system.
- Did you know that cooking carrots makes them even healthier? The heat releases more of their nutrients.
- The natural sugars in carrots give them their sweet flavor. That's why the vegetable shows up as a star ingredient in some desserts, including carrot cake.
- Baby carrots are one of the top buys at the grocery store. Perfect for snacking, the mini-sized carrots debuted in the late 1980s and are made by peeling, cutting and shaping larger carrots.
- Cartoon character Bugs Bunny famously loves to crunch on carrots, but rabbits in the wild actually prefer to eat grass.
- Carrot lovers, save the date! April 4 is International Carrot Day.



### **APRIL 2023**



# Crack Into These Classic Candies

The season of new life and growth, spring is commonly represented by an egg. Fill a basket with memories of these favorite egg-shaped candies: *Cadbury Creme Eggs.* Inside this iconic candy's chocolate shell is a sweet fondant filling with a dyed yellow center, meant to resemble a real egg yolk. Commercials feature a rabbit that clucks like a chicken while guarding a nest of the sugary treats. *Reese's Peanut Butter Eggs.* Packing more peanut butter than a classic Reese's cup, these creamy candies hit the market in 1967. Other brands, including Snickers, Twix, Tootsie Roll and M&M's, have followed suit, turning their regular recipes into eggs every spring.

Robin Eggs. These have been around since the 1950s, and are basically Whoppers dressed up for springtime. The egg-shaped malted balls are blue, pink, yellow and white, covered in blue speckles, and often sold in a milk carton package. How "tweet!"





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## **APRIL 202**

#### **Ribbon-Wrapped Ra**

Add a splash of spring color to your home wi quick craft.

#### Materials:

- Foam wreath, any si
- Utility knife
- Pen
- Ribbon, assorted co
- Craft glue
- Scissors • White card stock
- **Directions:**

On a cutting board, ca cut the foam wreath ir forming two arc shape (Note: One wreath for make two rainbow wre With the pen, mark off equal-sized sections or arc. Each section will different color.

Select your first color ribbon; starting at the section, glue down the the ribbon to the back wreath. Wrap the ribb around the wreath unt section is filled. Then, and glue the end of it Repeat with the remain colors and sections.

Cut two large cloud sh from the white card st Glue them to each end wreath.

Hang the rainbow on door, wall or window some springtime cheel

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These ladies were excited to have lunch at the Cracker Barrel on their weekly bus outings.



Introducing the Krewe of Knollwood Pointe Mardi Gras organization! These ladies enjoyed putting on a parade for our Memory Care Community. Laissez bon temps rouler!

## Wit & Wisdom

"A heart of gold is where the rainbow begins." —Tammy L. Kubasko "The sighting of a rainbow never fails to bring a smile to people's faces. They signify optimism and positivity: with them comes the sunshine after the rain." -Matthew Williamson "Life without dreams is like a rainbow without colors." -Greyson Chance "Rainbows remind us that even after the darkest clouds and the fiercest winds there is still beauty." -Katrina Mayer "All the best things in life are free: love, smiles, friends, family, pets and companions, thoughts, sunsets and sunrises and especially rainbows." -Anthony T. Hincks "Why would I spend my life chasing rainbows, when I can be still and see them in their full beauty?" -Rasheed Ogunlaru "Weekends are a bit like rainbows; they look good from a distance but disappear when you get up close to them." -John Shirley "The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain." -Dolly Parton "Look at the rainbow. It is made up of different colors, yet they do not split, because they know how beautiful they are when they stick together." —Michael Bassey Johnson





