

## Valentine's Muddy Buddies

9 cups Rice Chex (or other Chex cereal)

1 cup semisweet chocolate chips

1/2 cup peanut butter

1/4 cup butter or margarine

1 teaspoon vanilla

1 1/2 cups powdered sugar

1 cup Circus Animal Cookies (optional)

1/2 cup M&M candies

### Directions:

1. Into large bowl, measure cereal; set aside.
2. In 1-quart microwaveable bowl, microwave chocolate chips, peanut butter and butter uncovered on High 1 minute; stir together well.
3. Stir in vanilla.
4. Pour mixture over cereal, stirring until evenly coated.
5. Pour into 2-gallon resealable food-storage plastic bag.
6. Add powdered sugar. Seal bag; shake until well coated.
7. Spread on waxed paper to cool.
8. Store in airtight container in refrigerator.