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## Alchemy of hearts

Though Necco doesn't specify ingredient amounts for its famous candy hearts, the company was happy to describe the process (aided by conveyors, above) used to make 8 billion a year.

**Combine** sugar, corn syrup, cornstarch, flavors, gums, and colors.

**Mix** until dough is the consistency of Play-Doh.

**Shape** into a sheet, like a blanket.

**Stamp and cut:** Sayings are applied first, then the heart shapes are cut out.

**Dry** for about 30 minutes.

**Mix** the six different flavors of hearts together.

**Bag or box.**

SOURCE: Lory Zimbalatti, marketing manager

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