**shirini [Kurdish pumpkin pudding]**

This recipe for shirini, a Kurdish pumpkin pudding, is a typical Middle Eastern treat, sweet and syrupy. If fresh pumpkin isn’t available, squash or yams can be used instead.

1 1/2 cups sugar
1 cup water
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
3 to 4 cups bite-size pieces peeled and seeded fresh pumpkin (or squash or peeled yams)
1/2 cup coarsely chopped walnuts, for garnish
1 cup thawed, frozen whipped topping, or yogurt, for garnish

**Equipment:** Medium saucepan with cover, wooden mixing spoon

In medium saucepan, combine sugar, water, ginger, and cinnamon. Bring to a boil over high heat, add pumpkin (or squash or yams) and stir. Reduce heat to low, cover, and cook for about 20 minutes. Remove cover and cook for about 10 minutes, until almost all the syrup is absorbed and pumpkin (or squash or yams) is tender. Stir frequently to prevent sticking.

Serves 4 to 6.


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**To Think About and Do**

Did you enjoy our version of *Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves*? There are so many creative ways to tell great stories like this one. Here are a few ideas you could use: a book • a song • an essay • a play • a poem • a drawing • a dance • a cartoon . . . or your very own puppets! How would YOU tell this story? Every artist is unique and interesting—please feel free to show us your creation sometime. We can’t wait to see what you come up with!

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**Production Notes**

Script and Lyrics by Brian Hull
Music Composed by Dan Landes
Music Production by Jeff Taylor and Dan Landes
Recorded at Hearddance Studios
Engineered by Eddie Bedford
Vocal Talent: Pete Carden, Cindy Sterling, Timothy Hughes, Michael Lusk, Jeff Taylor, Dan Landes and Brian Hull
Puppets by Wood and Strings - Clarissa Lega and Leon Fuller
Set Construction by Pete Carden, Cindy Sterling, Kerlin Richter and Brian Hull
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POP UP PUPPET THEATER

Did you laugh when the thieves popped their heads out of the jars to ask "Is it time?"? Well, you can make puppets like that with just a few things you have at home. Remember, the most important part of any arts and crafts activity is your imagination!

- Old coloring books, magazines, catalogs, or family photos
- Crayons
- Scissors
- Small craft sticks
- Craft glue
- Small paper cup

1. Choose your character (either from your own drawing or something cut out of a magazine, etc.) We chose to make an Ali Baba puppet.
2. Spread glue halfway down one side of a craft stick.
3. Lay your picture of Ali Baba on top of the glue and let it dry. Make sure it's not any bigger around than the top of the cup. Set that aside.
4. Cut a small opening in the bottom of a paper cup to fit the craft stick.
5. Decorate the paper cup any way you would like.
6. Carefully poke the Ali Baba stick puppet into the cup.
7. Now, you can "hide" Ali Baba until you want him to POP up!
8. Repeat as often as you would like with other characters from the story and stage your own puppet show! Have fun!

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ALI BABA AND FRIENDS: TALES FROM THE ARABIAN NIGHTS


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FIND THE MAGIC WORDS

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