

# Twisty Pretzels Brenda Peterson

**T**hese pretzels are ideal for cooking with kids. I made this recipe with my daycare kids and we would have a blast! They loved creating unique designs like the letters in their name or geometric shapes.

## INGREDIENTS

1½ c. water (110 degrees)  
2½ tbsp. butter  
1½ tbsp. sugar  
1 tsp. salt  
4 c. flour  
2½ tsp. quick-rise yeast  
5 tsp. baking soda  
Kosher salt (optional)

**DIRECTIONS** Dissolve warm water, sugar, and yeast. Let set 5 minutes. Mix in butter, flour, and salt. Roll out dough in a rounded rectangle and cut into strips. Shape strips into pretzels. Cover and let rise for 45 minutes.

In non-aluminum pan, add 2" water and soda; bring to boil. Boil pretzels 1 minute, turning once. Place on greased baking sheet. Brush with melted butter and sprinkle with salt. Bake at 450 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes.





## Thanks Bag Topper

Designer: Valerie Pingree

1 Make topper from cardstock. 2 Adhere cardstock strip behind scallop holes. 3 Adhere cardstock strips. 4 Spell

“Thanks” with stickers. Adhere salt; let dry. 5 Punch holes through topper and cellophane bag; tie with ribbon.



**SUPPLIES:** Cardstock: (Lily White, Lemon Lime, Bubblegum, Pajama) Doodlebug Design; (Bazzill White scalloped) Bazzill Basics Paper Stickers: (Milan alphabet) American Crafts Fibers: (striped ribbon) Strano Designs Other: (Epsom salt, cellophane bag) **Finished size: 5 3/4" x 4"**