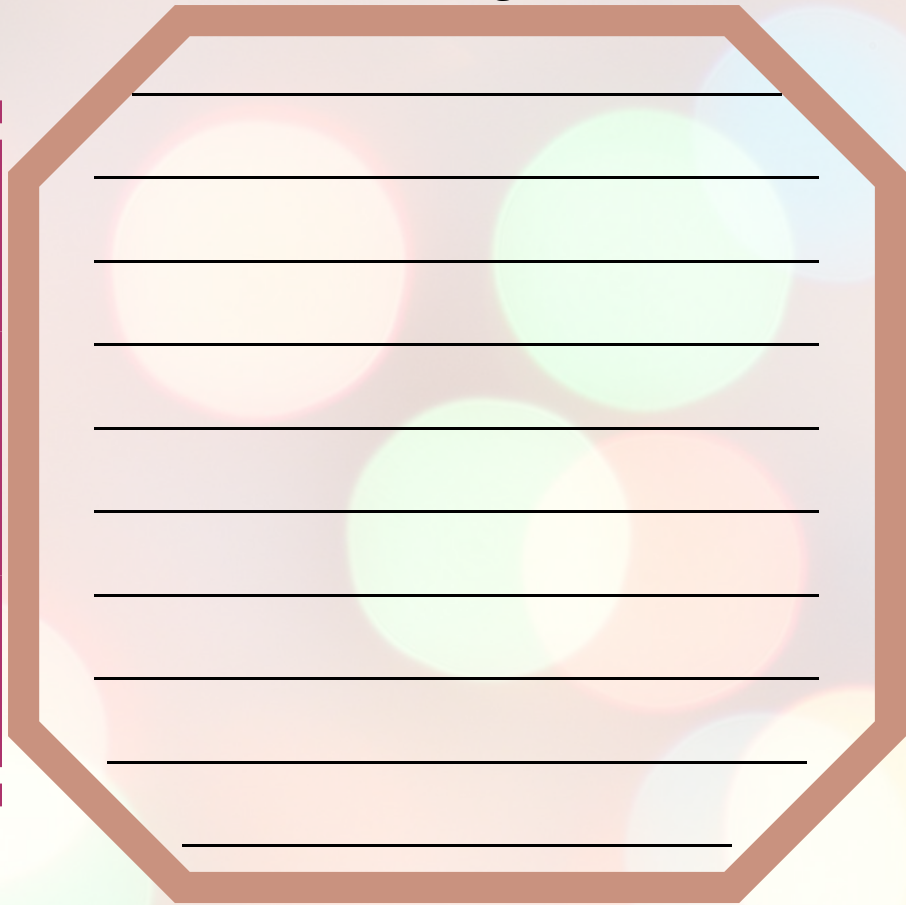


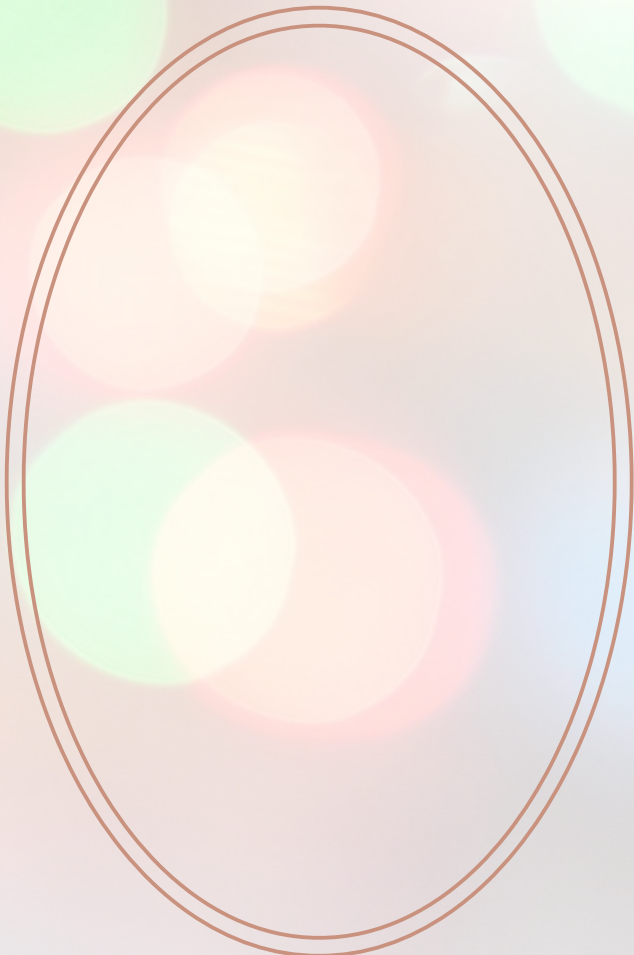
# *Christmas in Italy*

Draw a picture of someone from this country celebrating Christmas.

One Interesting Tradition



Draw a picture of this country.



Draw a picture of the food you made from this country.



# Recipe from Italy

## Biscotti

These twice-baked (biscottare means to bake twice) biscuits are terrific dunked in Vin Santo, Tuscany's traditional sweet wine.

- 3 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup vegetable oil
- 2 teaspoons anise seed
- 3 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon salt
- 1 cup chopped almonds or walnuts

Beat eggs until thick and lemon-colored. Gradually add sugar and beat. Add vegetable oil. Lightly crush anise seed with mortar and pestle. Add to egg mixture.

Sift together flour, baking soda and salt. Gradually add to egg mixture. Beat until smooth. Add almonds or walnuts.

Turn out onto lightly floured board and shape into flat loaves about  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch thick and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide, the length of the baking sheet. Place on greased baking sheets, bake at 375 degrees for 20 minutes.

Remove from oven; cool 2 minutes and slice into  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch pieces. Lay pieces cut sides down on baking sheets. Bake again at 375 degrees for 10 minutes or just until golden brown. Remove to wire racks to cool.

Makes 4 Dozen

# Activity or Craft

Tradition has it that every year, on the day of the epiphany, a new broom is hung in the house, near the entrance, as an auspicious symbol for the new year, to symbolically "sweep" the troubles and keep them away.

Supplies:

- daily newspapers
- ribbons
- pine cones, balls, flowers and embellishments (natural and not)
- glue and scissors
- golden spray

To make the broom stick, roll up a strip of newspaper and stopped it with a little glue.

Then fold a sheet of newspaper in half and cut it by the long side leaving it double. Then cut the part bent in half into perpendicular strips but without reaching the end, so that a long-fringed strip came out on one side.

Then roll this strip around the stick prepared before with glue.

Roll the golden ribbon around the stick, down to cover the graft with the fringed part. Then tie on a nice bow with the red ribbon and added a golden pine cone.

