mini cake instructions

buttercream instructions



1 pkg cake mix



3/4 cup neutral oil, such as sunflower or canola



2/3 cup milk



4 mini cake pans



frosting mix



1 cup/2 sticks unsalted butter, softened



1/4 cup heavy cream, at room temperature



food coloring



Preheat oven to 325°F with a rack in the center.

3 large eggs

In a large bowl, whisk cake mix. Whisk in oil, milk, and eggs until combined.



Divide batter between cake pans, about 3/4 full, and transfer to a baking sheet.

Bake until cake springs back gently when pressed, 50 to 55 mins. Cool completely before decorating.

*Cakes can be made 1 day ahead, cooled, then wrapped at room temp, or frozen for up to 1 month.



In a large bowl, use an electric mixer on low speed to beat frosting mix and butter to combine. Increase speed to high and beat until smooth, about 2 mins.

Gradually beat in cream. Frosting should be soft and spreadable - if not, add 1 tsbp more cream.



Pour food coloring into 3 separate medium bowls. Stir in 3/4 tsp water to each bowl, until dissolved.

Transfer 1/4 of the buttercream to a small bowl, then divide remaining frosting between bowls with food coloring, and stir to combine.

*Frosting can be made up to 3 days ahead; keep in an airtight container in the fridge. Before using, bring to room temp either by leaving out for at least 1 hr, or in 10 sec bursts in microwave at 40% power. Stir well.

tips

Soften butter by
leaving out at room temp
for at least 1 hr, or in
5 sec bursts in the

Using room
temp (not cold!)
cream prevents
grainy frosting.

as they sit; for lighter hues start with less powder.

Flavor your
buttercream by
adding 1 to 2 tsp extract
when you add the cream.



for substitutions, inspiration, and ideas.









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Carefully peel away and discard cardboard from cakes.

Use a craft stick to smear some frosting on each cake board, then top with cake. Place on plates for easy cleanup, if desired.



Place one finger on the cake board tab as you frost the top.

On a clean surface, knead fondant to soften. See guide for how to mix primary colors to make purple, orange, and green.



To frost cakes: hold one hand on top of the cake, and use a craft stick to spread frosting on the sides.



Use your palm or a plastic rolling pin to evenly flatten fondant, then flip over to the smooth side. Cut out shapes with cutters, keeping unused fondant covered so it doesn't dry out.

Stick shapes on cakes. (If fondant doesn't stick, dab a little water on the back.)









tips



For smooth fondant shapes, make sure to have clean hands and a clean surface.



To get clean edges on fondant cutouts, press firmly on cutters and side to side a little.