



Instructions for Baking & Decorating Two-Mix Book Cake

PLEASE READ THROUGH INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE YOU BEGIN. IN ADDITION, to decorate cake you will need:

- Wilton Decorating Bags and Couplers or parchment paper triangles.
- Tips 3, 12, 16, 104, 352; Flower Nail No. 7 or 9; Wilton All-Occasion Script Pattern Press Set.
- Wilton Decorating Comb.
- Wilton Icing Colors in Red-Red and Leaf Green.
- Wilton All-Occasion Script Pattern Press Set.
- Cake Board, Fanci-Foil Wrap.
- Two 2-layer cake mixes or ingredients to make two favorite layer cake recipe.



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Baking Instructions

Preheat oven to 350°F for temperature per recipe directions. Your cake will unmold easily, without sticking, when you prepare the pan properly. Grease the inside of pan using a pastry brush and solid vegetable shortening (do not use butter, margarine or liquid vegetable oil). Spread the shortening so that all indentations are covered. Sprinkle about 2 Tablespoons flour inside pan and shake so that flour covers all greased surfaces. Turn pan upside down and tap lightly to remove excess flour. If any shiny spots remain, touch up with more shortening and flour to prevent cake from sticking. (You can use vegetable oil pan spray or vegetable oil pan spray with flour, in place of solid shortening and flour, or use **New Wilton Cake Release**, for perfect, crumb-free cakes!)

Make two 2-layer cake mixes according to package or recipe directions. Pour the cake batter into pan, and if necessary, spread the batter around with a spatula to fill all areas of the pan evenly. Be careful not to touch sides or bottom of pan. Bake cake on middle rack of 350°F oven for 30-40 minutes or until cake tests done according to recipe directions.

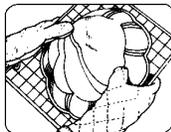
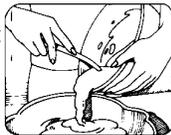
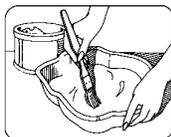
Remove cake from oven and cool on cake rack for 10 minutes. While the cake is still in the pan, carefully slice off the raised center portion of the cake. This allows the cake to sit more level and helps prevent cracking. To remove cake from pan, place cooling rack against cake and turn both cake rack and pan over. Lift pan off carefully. Cool cake at least one hour. Brush loose crumbs off cake.

To transfer cake to serving board, hold a cake board against cake and turn both cake and rack over. Lift off rack. Hold another board against bottom of cake and turn cake over. Be sure to hold cake, rack and board close together while turning to prevent cake from cracking.

Let's Practice Decorating

Use decorating bag and coupler as directed in this booklet. Practice each of the following techniques on the back of a cookie sheet with white icing. The practice decorations can be scraped off the cookie sheet back into the mixing bowl and rewhipped for use again. To hold bag while decorating, curl fingers around bag with the end twist locked between your thumb and index finger. This forces the icing down into the tip each time you squeeze. Apply an even pressure with all four fingers and icing will come out of the tip until you stop squeezing. As you decorate, periodically twist the bag down further, forcing the icing down into the tip. Use fingers of other hand to guide as you decorate.

For more about decorating, refer to the Wilton Yearbook of Cake Decorating.



To Decorate Floral Pages Cake You'll Need:

You will need Wilton Icing Colors in Red-Red and Leaf Green; tips 3, 12, 16, 104, 352; Flower Nail No. 7 or 9; Wilton All-Occasion Script Pattern Press Set; Wilton Decorating Comb.

Make 6 cups buttercream icing:

- Tint 1 1/2 cups red
- Tint 1/4 cup green
- Reserve 4 1/4 cups white

Make:

5 tip 104 roses with tip 12 bases, 18 tip 104 red rosebuds. Set aside.

Decorate in numerical order:

1. Ice cake smooth in thinned white
2. Comb sides with decorating comb to resemble pages
3. Imprint desired message with message press. Pipe tip 3 red message
4. Pipe tip 3 green stems, position roses and rosebuds, add tip 352 green leaves
5. Add tip 3 white dots
6. Pipe top and base borders in white: tip 104 ruffle edged with tip 16 shell
7. Pipe tip 3 white beads at center

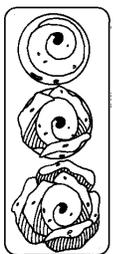


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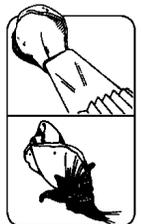
To Make Roses

Secure a 2-in. square of waxed paper to 3 in. flower nail. Use tip 12, hold bag at 90° angle to nail and pipe a cone-shaped mound. Lift tip as icing builds up. Using tip 104, hold tip parallel to the side of the mound, narrow end up, turn nail as you pipe a ribbon of icing around top of cone. Keep turning nail as you pipe a petal, moving hand up and down to make indentations. Keep turning nail as you pipe petals, gradually slanting the narrow end of the tip outward. Add additional rows of petals for larger rose (1st row, 3 petals, 2nd row, 5 petals, 3rd row, 7 petals).



To Make Rosebuds

Use tip 104. Hold bag at a 45° angle so that the end of the bag points over your right shoulder, finger tips gripping bag facing you. Touch wide end of tip 104 to surface, point narrow end to the right. Squeeze, move forward 1/4 in.; hesitate so icing fans out, then move back as you stop pressure. Make overlapping center petal. Hold bag in same position as above with edge of tip touching inside right edge of base petal. Squeeze as icing catches inside edge of base petal, lifting slightly, and roll into interlocking center bud. Stop pressure; touch large and back to surface and pull tip away. Make sepals and calyx directly on cake with tip 3. Hold bag at a 45° angle to base of bud with end of bag pointing towards you. Touch tip to bud. Squeeze and pull tip up and away from flower, relaxing pressure as you draw calyx to a point. Add three tip 3 sepals.

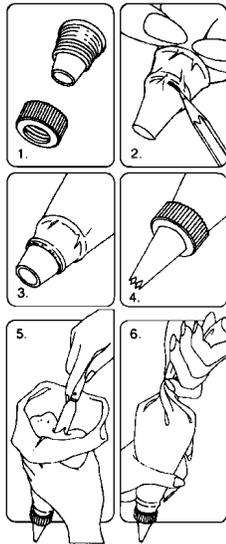


Using Your Decorating Bag and Coupler

You can make many different designs with just one decorating bagful of icing by using the Wilton Featherweight or Disposable Decorating bags and coupler and changing decorating tips.

Just follow these steps:

1. Screw ring off coupler to expose series of tiny threads 1/2 in. above coupler base.
2. Force coupler base as far down into decorating bag as it will go. Then mark where bottom thread of coupler shows through bag; remove coupler and trim bag at pencil mark with a pair of scissors.
3. Reposition coupler in bag and push end through opening to expose bottom two threads.
4. Position decorating tip over coupler and screw ring in place to secure. To change tips, unscrew ring, replace tip and replace ring.
5. To fill, cuff open end of bag over your hand and insert icing with a spatula. Fill bag no more than half full.
6. To close, unfold cuff and twist top of bag shut. Hold twist between your thumb and forefinger. Note: You can eliminate any air bubbles that may have formed by squeezing bag gently over icing bowl until air is released. Important: Be sure to wash the Featherweight bag in hot soapy water, then rinse and dry after every use. A degreaser can make clean-up easier.



Using Parchment Bags

Parchment bags made from parchment paper triangles give you more versatility and the convenience of one-time use. Follow package directions. To "pipe-in" using a cut parchment bag, cut the point of the bag to desired opening.

Decorating With Wilton Icings

Wilton Frosting Mix: You will need 2-3 packages of Creamy White Icing Mix. To prepare, follow package directions. Each package makes about 2 cups icing. Excellent for tinting any shade required. If you're using another type of frosting mix, you will need three 15.4 oz. packages of the creamy vanilla type that will frost two 8 in. or 9 in. layers. For each package of frosting mix, use four less teaspoons water than package directs. Each package makes about 1 3/4 cups icing. Do not refrigerate icing before decorating. Cake may be refrigerated after it is iced.

Wilton Ready-to-Use Decorator's Icing: You will need approximately 2-3 cans of our delicious white icing. Each 16.5 oz. can holds about 2 cups. It's ideal for all of your decorating needs – frosting, decorating and flower making.

Making Buttercream Icing

The thick, but creamy texture of this flavorful icing makes it ideal for decorating*. For best results, keep icing bowl in refrigerator when not in use. It can be refrigerated in an airtight container for up to 2 weeks. Rewhip before using. YIELD: 3 CUPS.

- 1/2 cup solid vegetable shortening
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 4 cups (1 lb.) sifted confectioners' sugar
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1 tsp. Wilton Clear Vanilla Extract

Cream butter and shortening with electric mixer. Add vanilla. Gradually add sugar, one cup at a time, beating well on medium speed. Scrape sides and bottom of bowl often. When all sugar has been mixed in, icing will appear dry. Add milk and beat at medium speed until light and fluffy.

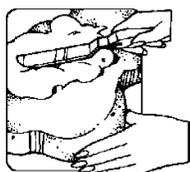
*To thin for icing cake, add a small amount of light corn syrup.

Coloring Your Icing

Wilton Icing Colors are best for decorating because they are concentrated and give the deepest, most vivid icing colors. Use a toothpick to swirl icing color into icing, then mix well. Add color gradually until you get the icing color you desire.

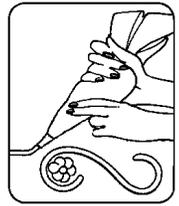
Icing Smooth With A Spatula

With a spatula, place icing on cake. Spread icing over area to be covered. For a smooth effect, run spatula lightly over the icing in the same direction, blending it in for an even look. For a fluffy effect, swirl icing into peaks using the edge of the spatula.



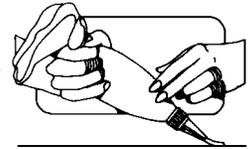
To Make Outlines, Stems & Vines

Use tip 3. Hold bag at a 45° angle and touch tip to surface. Squeeze at starting point so that icing sticks to surface. Now raise the tip slightly and continue to squeeze. The icing will flow out of the tip while you direct it along surface. To end an outline, touch tip back to surface, stop squeezing and pull away. If icing ripples, you are squeezing bag too hard. If icing outline breaks, you are moving bag too quickly or icing is too thick. For stems and vines, follow instructions for making outlines, but lightly touch tip to surface at all times.



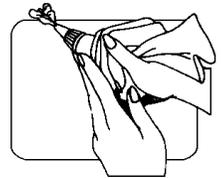
To Write or Print

Use tip 3. Hold bag at a 45° angle to surface of cake with bag toward your right so that fingers face you (see illustration). As you write or print, always work from left to right. To write, squeeze out icing with a steady, even pressure as you glide tip along surface in a smooth continuous motion. Keep wrist straight; use your arm, not your fingers to form each line, letter or word. Tip should lightly touch cake at all times. To print, touch tip to surface and then raise tip slightly as you continue to squeeze. The icing will flow out of the tip while you direct it along surface. Stop squeezing and touch tip to surface to end each stroke of printed letter, then lift tip and pull away.



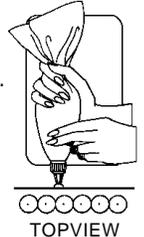
To Make Leaves

Thin icing with a few drops of light corn syrup and place in decorating bag fitted with tip 352. Hold bag at a 45° angle with tip lightly touching surface. Squeeze and hold tip in place momentarily to let icing fan out. Then relax and stop pressure as you pull tip away and draw leaf to a point.



To Make Dots

Use tip 3. Hold bag at 90° angle with tip almost touching surface. Steadily squeeze out a dot of icing, lifting the bag slightly and keeping tip in icing as it builds up into a small mound. Then stop pressure and pull tip away. Vary size of dots by lengthening the amount of time you apply pressure to the bag.



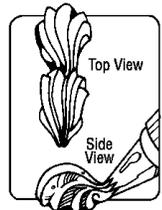
To Make Ruffles

Use tip 104. Hold bag at a 45° angle to surface, finger tips on bag facing you. Touch wide end of tip to surface, angle narrow end out about 1/4 in. away from surface. As you squeeze, move hand up and down slightly to ruffle the icing.



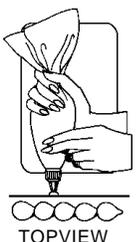
To Make Shells

Use tip 16. Hold decorating bag at a 45° angle, slightly above surface with end of bag pointing towards you. Squeeze until icing builds up and fans out into a base as you lift tip slightly. Relax pressure as you lower tip until it touches surface. Stop pressure and pull tip away without lifting tip off surface to draw shell to a point. Practice this procedure until you can produce a clean shell shape. To make a row of shells, rest head of one on tail of preceding shell. For larger shells, increase pressure; for smaller shells, decrease pressure.



To Make Beads

Use tip 3. Hold bag at 90° angle to surface, with end of bag pointing towards you. Lightly touch tip to surface and squeeze until icing builds up and fans out into a base. Then lift tip slightly and relax pressure as you pull tip down and towards you to make a tail. Stop pressure completely and pull tip away for a finished bead. Practice this procedure until you can produce a clean bead shape. To make a row of beads, rest head of one on tail of preceding bead. For larger beads, increase pressure, for smaller beads, decrease pressure.



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