## FESTIVE FROSTING

#### INGREDIENTS

1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened 1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened 2 1/2 cups confectioners' sugar 2 teaspoons vanilla extract Food coloring (optional)

Colored decorating sugar crystals (optional)

#### TOOLS

Measuring cups and spoons Large mixing bowl Small bowls Electric stand or hand mixer

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• Frosting bags with tips

#### INSTRUCTIONS

1. In large bowl with electric mixer on medium, combine cream cheese and butter until smooth and creamy, about one minute.

2. Add sugar and vanilla extract, mixing for one minute, until fluffy.

**3**. Divide frosting into small bowls, depending on how many colors you want to use. Add one drop of food coloring at a time to each bowl and mix until desired color is achieved.

4. Spoon the frosting into the frosting bag and add tip, to decorate cookies. Top cookies with a sprinkle of colored decorating sugar, if desired.





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# **Deluxe** Cookie **Decorating Set**

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### WINTER WONDERLAND COOKIES

Makes about 8 dozen cookies

#### INGREDIENTS

1 1/2 cups unsalted butter, softened 2 1/2 cups granulated sugar 4 large eggs 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

#### TOOLS

Measuring cups and spoons Parchment paper Mixing bowls Mixing spoon

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- Baking sheet
- Cookie cutters
- Whisk



Electric stand or hand mixer Plastic wrap Cooling rack

- Spatula
- Rolling pin

## **ROYAL ICING**

#### INGREDIENTS

3 tablespoons meringue powder 1 lb. box confectioners' sugar 6 tablespoons water

#### TOOLS

Measuring cups and spoons Large mixing bowl Small bowls

Food coloring (optional)

1 tablespoon clear vanilla extract

Electric stand or hand mixer Mixing spoons

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#### INSTRUCTIONS

1. With electric mixer on medium, combine all ingredients in large mixing bowl. Beat for 8 to 11 minutes, until icing is firm.

2. To adjust consistency, add water, ½ teaspoon at a time.

#### INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1. Preheat oven to 400°F.

**2**. Line baking sheet with parchment paper.

**3**. In large mixing bowl with electric mixer on medium, combine softened butter and sugar until light and fluffy.

4. Beat in eggs, one at a time, then add vanilla extract

**5**. In a medium mixing bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder and salt. 6. With mixer on low, add dry ingredients, mixing well. Cover dough with plastic wrap and refrigerate for one hour.

7. Dust workspace and rolling pin with flour.

8. Roll out half of chilled dough to ¼ inch thick. Add more flour as needed. 9. Use cookie cutters, dipped in flour, to cut shapes and place 2 inches apart on baking sheet.

10. Bake 6 to 8 minutes, until edges are light golden brown. (Repeat steps 8 through 10 with other half of dough.)

11. Allow cookies to cool on baking sheet for 15 minutes. Transfer cookies onto cooling rack to cool completely.

12. When cookies are cool, decorate with Royal Icing or Festive Frosting (see recipes, included).

3. Divide icing into small bowls, depending on how many colors you want to use. Add one drop of food coloring at a time to each bowl and mix until desired color is achieved.

4. Decorate cookies by using a spatula. For detailed designs, use a frosting bag. Wait for icing to set and harden before stacking (24 hours). Enjoy!

Pro baker tip: Try using a firmer icing to outline the shape and then fill the outline with a thinner icing.

