## VANILLA BUTTERCREAM ICING

## Ingredients

610 g butter
820 g icing sugar
4 g salt
26 g vanilla bean essence or regular vanilla essence

OPTIONAL: if you'd like to further flavour the icing, you can add fruit juice/zest/paste or melted chocolates to taste. Some flavourings will change the colour.

## Method

In the microwave, melt down your butter so that it is half solid and half liquid. Place in bowl of mixer with paddle attachment and beat until creamed (about 2-4 ming).
Progressively add in the icing sugar and salt (don't add all at once) and beat until light and fluffy (about 2-3 minutes).

Add in vanilla essence and beat until combined. The colour of the mixture will start to lighten. Finish beating when frosting is light in colour and smooth in texture (no lumps).

