Instructions for Baking & Decorating

Huggable Teddy Bear Cakes

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

- Wilton Decorating Bag and Coupler or parchment paper triangles
- Tips 2, 4, 18
- A 2-layer cake mix or ingredients to make your favorite layer cake recipe
- 3 1/2 cups buttercream icing (recipe in this booklet) or 3 packages of creamy vanilla type frosting mix (15.4 oz. box)
- Wilton Icing Colors: Brown Pink. Alternate Cake designs also use Orange, Lemon Yellow and Golden Yellow)
- Art brush
- Alternate design uses Piping Gel.

To Decorate Honey Bear

Use Wilton Icing Colors in Brown (Or follow directions for making chocolate icing), Golden Yellow and Piping Gel.
- Tint 1 1/4 cups dark brown (or use chocolate icing) for detail outlines of ears, eyes, nose, cleft in lip, mouth, around nose and mouth area, chin, bottom of paws, paws, stomach, jar and mouth of jar. Also to cover ears, paws, around pupils of eyes, nose and pads on paws.
- Tint 1/3 cup brown to cover jar.
- Tint 2/3 cup light light brown for pupils and to cover inside ears, around mouth and nose area, bottom of paws and stomach.
- Tint 1/4 cup piping gel Golden Yellow for honey.
- Reserve 1 1/4 cups white to cover head, body and sides, and to print message.

To Decorate Teddy Bear Cake

To decorate Teddy Bear Cake, you will need Wilton Paste Food Colors in Brown (or follow directions for making chocolate icing) and Pink. We suggest you color all the icings at once while the cake cools. Refrigerate icings in covered containers until ready to use.
- Tint 1/2 cup icing pink.
- Tint 3/4 cup icing light brown (Or use chocolate icing)
- Tint 2 1/4 cups icing brown (Or use chocolate icing)

WITH BROWN ICING
- Use tip 4 and “To Make Outlines” directions to outline ears, inside ears, nose, chin, eyes, area around mouth and nose, cleft in lip, mouth, paws, stomach and bottom of paws
- Use tip 18 and “To Make Stars” directions to cover head, ears, body and sides of cake
- Use tip 4 and “To Make Dots” directions for nose (shape with finger dipped in cornstarch)
- Use tip 4 and “To Outline ” directions to overpipe mouth and cleft in lip
- Use tip 4 and “To Print” directions to print message on cake

WITH PINK ICING
- Use tip 18 and “To Make Stars” directions to cover bottom of paws and inside ears
- Use tip 4 and “To Make Dots” directions for nose (shape with finger dipped in cornstarch)
- Use tip 18 and “To Make Bow” directions for bow

WITH BROWN ICING
- Use tip 4 and “To Make Outlines” directions to outline ears, inside ears, nose, chin, eyes, area around mouth and nose, and to cover stomach
- Use tip 4 and “To Outline and Fill-in” directions for eyeballs (flatten with finger dipped in cornstarch)

WITH LIGHT BROWN ICING
- Use tip 18 and “To Make Stars” directions to cover area around mouth and nose, and to cover stomach
- Use tip 4 and “To Outline and Fill-in” directions for eyeballs (flatten with finger dipped in cornstarch)

WITH PINK ICING
- Use tip 18 and “To Make Stars” directions to cover bottom of paws and inside ears
- Use tip 4 and “To Make Dots” directions for nose (shape with finger dipped in cornstarch)
- Use tip 4 and “To Print” directions to print message on cake

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To Decorate Baby Bear
Use Wilton Paste Food Colors in Lemon Yellow, Pink and Orange.

• Tint 2 1/2 cups yellow for head and body.
• Tint 1 cup pink for inside ears, around nose and mouth, stomach and bottom of paws.
• Tint 2 1/2 cups yellow for head and body.

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.

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 one 2-layer cake mix 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 on top of cake and turn both cakes 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.

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 1 3/4 cups. 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 1/2 cup solid vegetable shortening
1 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.
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 located 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 Make Outlines
-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 too hard. If icing outline breaks, you are moving bag too quickly or icing is too thick.

To Outline & Pipe-In
-After outlining, using the same tip, squeeze out rows of lines to fill area. Pat icing down with fingertips dipped in cornstarch or smooth with dampened art brush.

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 Stars
-Use tip 16 or 21. Hold bag straight up and down (see illustration) with tip 1/8 in. above surface. Squeeze until a star is formed, then stop pressure and pull tip away. Your stars will be neatly formed only if you stop squeezing before you pull the tip away.

To Write or Print
-Use tip 3 or 6. 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 Zigzags
-Use tip 16. Hold bag at a 45° angle with tip lightly touching surface. As you squeeze out icing with a steady, even pressure, move hand in a side-to-side motion for a zigzag effect. To end zigzag, stop pressure and pull tip away. Loose, overpiped zigzags are made following the basic zigzag technique. As you move the tip in the side-to-side motion, vary the width of the zigzags and overpipe areas to create dimension. Cover the entire area, with no background showing.

To Make Dots
-Use tips 2, 3 or 4. Hold bag at 90° angle to 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 A Bow
-Use tip 18. Hold bag at a 45° angle to surface of cake. Lightly touch tip to surface and as you squeeze out icing with a steady pressure, move tip up and around and down to the left, then up to make the first loop. Repeat to right for other loop to form a figure 8 motion. Finally hold tip 18 to base of bow and squeeze out two streamers, one to the right and one to the left.

Wilton Method Decorating Classes

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Response from students has been so amazing that we’ve added new classes, featuring more ways to decorate great cakes and treats. Now you can be ready for any occasion, with the perfect, personalized dessert. Imagine the great things you can make — colorful cakes for kids’ birthdays featuring today’s hottest characters, beautiful floral basket cakes for Mom, charming gingerbread house centerpieces to make your holiday festive. We’ll show you how to do it all!

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