Instructions for Baking & Decorating
#1 Pan Cakes

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

- Wilton Decorating Bags and Couplers or Parchment Triangles
- Decorating Tips 5, 21 (alternate designs use tips 3, 16, 18, 104, 224, 352)
- Wilton Icing Colors in Royal Blue, Lemon Yellow, Rose and Violet (alternate designs also use Kelly Green, Red-Red and Christmas Red)
- Cake Board, Fanci-Foil Wrap or serving tray
- One two-layer cake mix or make your favorite layer cake recipe
- Buttercream Icing (recipe included)
- Confetti Sprinkle Decorations
- Her First Birthday design also uses Meringue Powder, (for royal icing recipe), One Step Wonder design also uses Yellow Sugar and candy-coated chocolate dots.

We recommend hand washing pan in hot, soapy water.

To Decorate #1 Cake

You will need tips 5, 21; Wilton Icing Colors in Royal Blue, Lemon Yellow, Rose, and Violet. Wilton Confetti Sprinkles Decorations. We suggest that you tint all icings at one time while cake cools. Refrigerate tinted icings in covered containers until ready to use.

Make 5 1/4 cups buttercream icing:
- Tint 1 cup blue
- Tint 1 1/2 cups Yellow (thin with 5 teaspoons light corn syrup)
- Tint 1 cup rose

WITH THINNED YELLOW ICING
- Use spatula and “To Ice Smooth” directions to ice sides of cake smooth.

WITH ROSE ICING
- Use tip 21 and “To Make Stars” directions to add bottom border.

WITH VIOLET ICING
- Use tip 5 and “To Print” directions to add message.

To Decorate One Step Wonder Cake

You will need tip 5; Wilton Icing Colors in Red-Red and Christmas Red; Wilton Yellow Sugar; candy-coated chocolate dots.

Make 3 1/4 cups buttercream icing:
- Tint 1/4 cup red (combine Red-Red and Christmas Red)
- Reserve 3 cups white (thin with 3 tablespoons light corn syrup)

WITH BLUE ICING
- Use tip 21 and “To Make Stars” directions to add top border.

WITH VIOLET ICING
- Use tip 5 and “To Print” directions to add message.

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To Decorate Her First Birthday Cake
You will need tips 3, 16, 104, 224, 352; Wilton Icing Colors in Rose, Kelly Green; Wilton Meringue Powder. We suggest that you tint all icings at one time while cake cools. Refrigerate tinted icings in covered containers until ready to use.

One day in advance:
Make 1 ¾ cups royal icing:
• Tint 1 ½ cups rose
• Reserve ½ cup white
Make approximately 80 tip 224 rose drop flowers with tip 3 white dots centers.
Make extras to allow for breakage and let dry.

Make 5 ¼ cups of buttercream icing:
• Tint 1 ¼ cups rose (thin 1 ½ cups with 5 teaspoons light corn syrup)
• Tint ½ cup green
• Reserve 3 ½ cups white (thin 1 ½ cups with 5 teaspoons light corn syrup)

To Decorate His First Birthday Cake
You will need tips 3, 5, 18 and 21; Wilton Icing Color in Royal Blue.

Make 5 ¾ cups of buttercream icing:
• Tint 2 ¼ cups blue
• Tint ½ cup dark blue
• Reserve 3 cups white (thin with 3 tablespoons light corn syrup)

Baking Instructions
Preheat oven to 350°F or 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 Wilton Cake Release, for perfect, crumb-free cakes or Bake Easy Non-Stick Spray for easy release).

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 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.

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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 ½ 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. Do not refrigerate icing before decorating. Cake may be refrigerated after it is iced.

**Wilton Ready-To-Use Decorator Icing:** Ideal for all your decorating needs—icing, decorating and flower making. Available in 1 lb. Can that contains approximately 2 cups icing, or Large Tub that contains 9 cups icing.

**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.**

- ½ cup solid vegetable shortening
- ½ cup butter or margarine
- 4 cups (1 lb.) sifted confectioner’s sugar
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1 teaspoon 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.

**About Royal Icing**

Before you make the following recipe, be sure your mixing bowl and utensils are grease free. Any trace of grease causes Royal Icing to break down. Royal Icing may be kept tightly covered at room temperature for two weeks. To re-use, beat it to restore original consistency. Unless you have a heavy-duty mixer, do not double the recipe; make it twice.

**Royal Icing Recipe**

3 level tablespoons Meringue Powder Mix
6 tablespoons water
4 cups sifted confectioner’s sugar
Beat all ingredients at low speed for 7 to 10 minutes (10-12 minutes on high speed for portable mixer), until icing forms peaks. Yield: 3 cups.

**Let’s Practice Decorating**

Use decorating bag and coupler as directed. 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 forcers 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.

**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**

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.

**To Outline & Pipe-In**

After outlining, using the same tip, squeeze out rows of lines to fill area. Pat icing down with fingertip dipped in cornstarch or smooth with dampened art brush.

**To Make Stars**

Use tip 18 or 21. Hold bag straight up and down (see illustration) with tip ½ 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 Make Shells**

Use tip 16 or 21. 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 Dots**

Use tip 3 or 5. 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 Drop Flowers
Use tip 224. Hold bag straight up and down to your decorating surface, with your hand turned a quarter turn to the left. Touch tip to surface and, as you squeeze out icing, turn hand back to the right, stop pressure and pull tip away. Your flowers will be neatly formed only if you stop squeezing before you pull tip away. Make all your flowers on sheets of waxed paper attached with icing to the back of a sheet pan. Add tip 3 dot centers and let air dry. To attach flowers, dot back of flower with icing and place flower in position.

To Make Leaves and Pull-Out Leaves
Use tip 352. 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 Write or Print
Use tip 3 or 5. 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.

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