



Instructions for Baking & Decorating Stars & Stripes Cakes

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

- Wilton Decorating Bags and Couplers or Parchment Triangles
- Tips 16, 21
- Wilton Icing Colors in Royal Blue and Christmas Red.
- Cake Board, Fancy-Foil Wrap or serving tray.
- One 2-layer cake mix or ingredients to make favorite layer cake recipe.
- Buttercream Icing (recipe included)
- Alternate designs use Wilton Piping Gel, Cream Cheese Mousse recipe (included), strawberry glaze, fresh strawberries, fresh blueberries, fresh mint leaves



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To Decorate Red, White and Cool

You will need Wilton Icing Color in Royal Blue; Wilton Piping Gel; Cream Cheese Mousse recipe, strawberry glaze, fresh strawberries and blueberries, fresh mint leaves.

Spray pan with vegetable pan spray and fill with cream cheese mousse recipe. Refrigerate following recipe directions; unmold. Fill parchment bag with blue tinted piping gel, cut small opening in bag and pipe in background area behind stars. Fill another parchment bag with strawberry glaze, cut small opening in bag and pipe zigzag red stripes on flag. Garnish with fresh fruit and mint leaves.

Blue tinted piping gel, pipe-in Strawberry glaze outlines Molded white mousse



Fresh strawberry and blueberry garnish

Fresh mint garnish

To Decorate Stars and Stripes

You will need Wilton Icing Colors in Royal Blue and Christmas Red; tips 16, 21. We suggest that you tint all icings at one time while cake cools. Refrigerate icing in covered containers until ready to use.

Make 4 1/4 cups buttercream icing:

- Tint 1/2 cup blue
- Tint 3/4 cup red
- Reserve 3 cups white (thin 1 cup with 1 tablespoon light corn syrup)

WITH THINNED WHITE ICING

- Use spatula and "Icing Smooth With Spatula" directions to ice sides smooth

WITH RED ICING

- Use tip 16 and "To Make Stars" directions to cover stripes

WITH WHITE ICING

- Use tip 16 and "To Make Stars" directions to cover stripes

WITH BLUE ICING

- Use tip 16 and "To Make Stars" directions to cover star background area

WITH WHITE ICING

- Use tip 21 and "To Make Stars" directions to pipe corner stars
- Use tip 21 and "To Make Stars" directions to pipe bottom border

Tip 16 blue stars Tip 21 white stars Tip 16 red stars Tip 16 white stars



Iced smooth with thinned white icing

Tip 21 white stars

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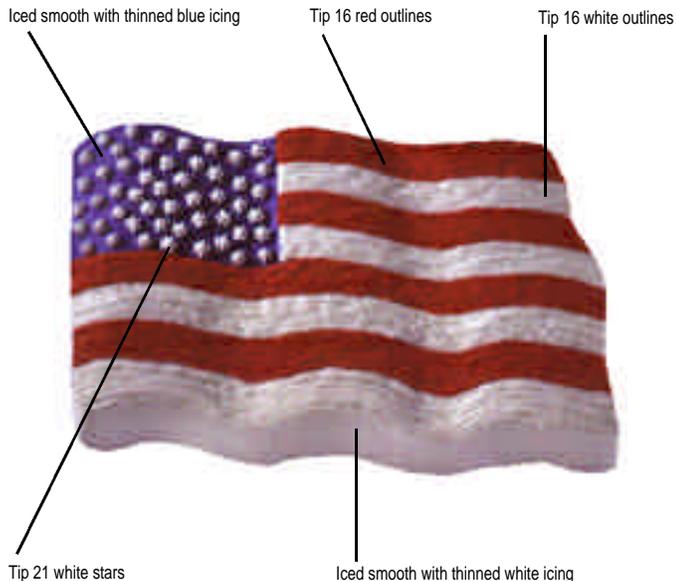


To Decorate Long May It Wave

You will need Wilton Icing Colors in Royal Blue and Christmas Red; tip 16.

Make 3 1/2 cups buttercream icing.

- Tint 3/4 cup red
- Tint 1/2 cup blue (thin with 1 1/2 teaspoons light corn syrup)
- Reserve 2 1/4 cups white (thin 1 cup with 1 tablespoon light corn syrup)



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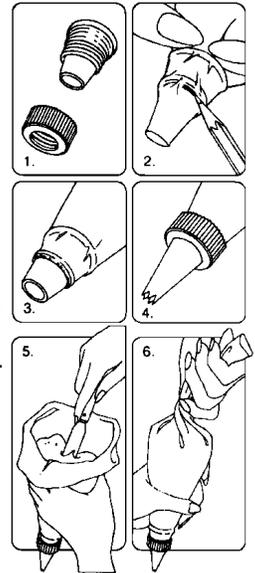
Learn To Decorate - Basic Decorating Lessons.

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.

Baking Instructions

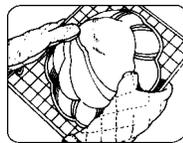
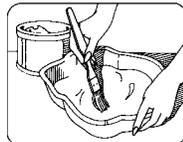
Preheat oven to 350°F for temperature per recipe directions. Your cake will unmold easily, without sticking, when you prepare the pan properly. Grease the inside of pan using a pastry brush and solid vegetable shortening (do not use butter, margarine or liquid vegetable oil).

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 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.



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 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.

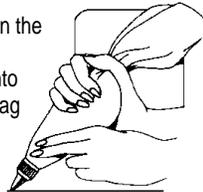
Cream Cheese Mousse

2 1/2 cups whipping cream
3 packets unflavored gelatin (2 tablespoons and 1/2 teaspoon)
2/3 cup cold water
20 oz. cream cheese, softened
1 1/4 cups granulated sugar
2 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
1 1/4 cups milk
2 1/2 teaspoons lemon juice

The following mixture will set quickly after gelatin is added; be sure to assemble in the following order. Whip cream until soft peaks form; set aside. Soften gelatin in cold water, heat in top of double boiler until dissolved. Cool. Beat cream cheese and sugar until light and fluffy. Add vanilla, milk and lemon juice, mix. Add gelatin, stir. Immediately fold in whipped cream. Pour into prepared pan. Refrigerate until firm, at least 6 hours or overnight. Makes 16 servings.

Let's Practice Decorating

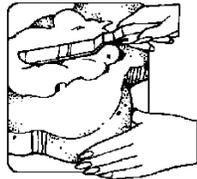
Use decorating bag and coupler as directed in these instructions. Practice each of the following techniques on the back of a cookie sheet with white icing. The practice decorations can be scraped off the cookie sheet back into the mixing bowl and rewhipped for use again. To hold bag while decorating, 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.

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.



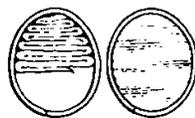
To Make Outlines

Use tip 16. 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.



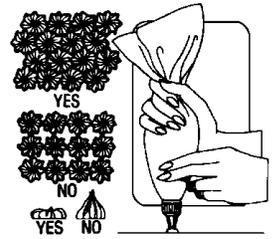
To Outline & Pipe-In

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



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.



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