

## Ingredients:

## For the cakes:

110 g softened butter
110 g golden caster sugar
2 large eggs
$1 / 2$ tsp vanilla extract
110 g self-raising flour

## For the buttercream:

150 g softened butter
300 g icing sugar
1 tsp vanilla extract
3 tbsp milk
food colouring paste
(optional)

## How to:

Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4 and fill a 12 cupcake tray with cases.

Using an electric whisk beat 110 g softened butter and 110 g golden caster sugar together until pale and fluffy then whisk in 2 large eggs, one at a time, scraping down the sides of the bowl after each addition.

Add $1 / 2$ tsp vanilla extract, 110 g self-raising flour and a pinch of salt, whisk until just combined then spoon the mixture into the cupcake cases.

Bake for 15 mins until golden brown and a skewer inserted into the middle of each cake comes out clean. Leave to cool completely on a wire rack.
To make the buttercream, whisk 150 g softened butter until super soft then add 300 g icing sugar, 1 tsp vanilla extract and a pinch of salt.

Whisk together until smooth (start off slowly to
avoid an icing sugar cloud) then beat in 3 tbsp milk.

If wanting to colour, stir in the food colouring now. Spoon or pipe onto the cooled cupcakes.

