

Ingredients:

For the cakes:

110g softened butter

110g golden caster sugar

2 large eggs

1/2 tsp vanilla extract

110g self-raising flour

For the buttercream:

150g softened butter

300g 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 110g softened butter and 110g 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, 110g 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 150g softened butter until super soft then add 300g icing sugar, 1 tsp vanilla extract and a pinch of salt.

Whisk together until smooth (start off slowly

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.

