

Red Velvet Cupcakes

(Makes up to approximately 34 small cupcakes)

- 2 cups plain flour
- ¼ cup cocoa powder
- 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 1 1/2 cups caster sugar
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 200g melted unsalted butter
- 2 eggs, lightly whisked
- 1 tbsp white vinegar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

Red food colouring to your liking

Frosting:

500g cream cheese at room temperature

- 120g unsalted butter at room temperature
- 2 cups icing sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
 - 1. Line cupcake trays with patty pans and preheat oven to 170 degrees Celsius
 - 2. Sift dry ingredients into a large mixing bowl (flour, bicarb, cocoa and sugar) and mix well
 - 3. Whisk all wet ingredients into another bowl or large jug (butter, milk, vanilla, eggs and vinegar)
 - 4. Make a well in the centre of the dry ingredients and add the buttermilk mixture, stir until just combined, then stir in the red food colouring.
 - 5. Divide mixture among the lined pans. Bake for 20-25 minutes, then cool completely before icing.
 - 6. Use an electric beater to beat the Frosting ingredients together until smooth. Spread or pipe onto cupcakes.