

Birthday Cake

Preparation time	25 minutes
Cooking time	45 minutes
Servings	8-10
Cost per serving	54¢
Storage	4 days in the fridge. Can be frozen.
Kitchen tools	Measuring cups and spoons, 8-inch round cake pan, parchment paper (or oil), 2 small bowls, large bowl, spoon, whisk (or fork), spatula



Ingredients



375 ml (1½ cups)
all-purpose flour



10 ml (2 tsp)
baking powder



1 ml (¼ tsp)
salt



250 ml (1 cup)
softened **butter**
(divided: 80 ml [1/3 cup]
+ 160 ml [2/3 cup])



175 ml (¾ cup)
sugar



12.5 ml (2½ tsp)
vanilla
(divided: 10 ml [2 tsp]
+ 2.5 ml [½ tsp])



2 **eggs**

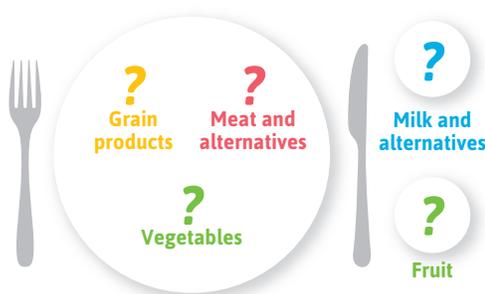


160 ml (2/3 cup)
milk



375 ml (1½ cups)
icing sugar

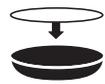
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Balanced plate

Delicious served with a glass of milk or fortified soy beverage

Directions

<p>1 Place oven rack in the middle position and preheat the oven to 180°C (350°F). Oil an 8-inch round cake pan or cover with parchment paper.</p>	  
<p>2 In a small bowl, combine the dry ingredients: flour, baking powder and salt.</p>	
<p>3 In a large bowl, add 80 ml (1/2 cup) of softened butter, sugar and 10 ml (2 tsp) of vanilla. Whisk together or mix with a fork for 4 minutes.</p>	 
<p>4 Add 1 egg at a time, mixing well after each addition.</p>	 
<p>5 Fold dry ingredients into egg mixture with a spatula (1 third at a time) alternately with the milk (half at a time), beginning and ending with the dry ingredients. Mix until just blended and smooth.</p>	
<p>6 Pour the cake batter into the cake pan and bake about 45 minutes.</p>	  
<p>7 Meanwhile, prepare the frosting: In a small bowl, mix 160 ml (2/3 cup) of softened butter, the icing sugar and 2.5 ml (1/2 tsp) of vanilla. Tip: You can also use the chocolate pudding recipe for icing.</p>	
<p>8 Once the cake is cooked, unmolded and cooled, spread the icing over the top and on the sides with a spatula. Tip: Decorate the cake with chocolate chips, raisins or any other garnishes of your choice.</p>	

My rating: ★ ★ ★

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