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Hard to resist, these treats are popular with children and adults alike, and guaranteed to bring smiles at any occasion!

# **Ingredients**

#### For the cupcakes:

225g Butter

60ml Water

35g Cocoa powder

3 Eggs

250ml Buttermilk

2tsp Vanilla extract

30ml Red edible food colour

280g Refined flour

55g Cornflour

8g Baking powder

280g Caster sugar

3ml White vinegar

# For the frosting:

400g Cream cheese, softened

100g Butter, softened

1tsp Vanilla essence

200g Icing sugar, extra as required Red sprinkles to decorate (optional)

# Red Velvet Cupcakes with Cream Cheese Frosting



# Method

- 1. Preheat the oven to 180°C.
- 2. Line cupcake tray with cupcake liners.

## For the cupcakes:

- 1. Combine the butter, water and cocoa powder in a small saucepan, heat gently, stirring the mixture all the time, without letting it come to a boil, until it is smooth and even. Take off flame and leave to cool.
- 2. In a large mixing bowl combine eggs, buttermilk, vanilla extract and red food colour. Beat well until frothy.
- 3. Add the cooled cocoa mixture and beat well.
- 4. Add the sifted flour, corn flour and baking powder to the cocoa mixture.
- 5. Add the caster sugar and vinegar and mix well.
- 6. Pour batter into prepared moulds, up to ¾ capacity giving them space to rise. Bake in preheated oven for 15-20 minutes until the cupcakes have risen and feel firm to touch.
- 7. Remove from oven and transfer to a wire rack. Leave to cool to room temperature.

### For the frosting:

1. Combine the frosting ingredients in the bowl of a stand mixer or a large mixing bowl and whisk until the mixture reaches a thick creamy piping consistency. If required, add in more icing sugar to thicken. (Icing sugar helps bind the mixture and thicken it).

- 2. Check that the cupcakes have reached room temperature.3. To frost cupcakes, spread frosting over the cupcakes using a spoon or transfer frosting into a piping bag fixed with a star shaped nozzle and pipe onto the cupcakes.
- 4. Decorate the traditional way with crumbled red velvet cake or get creative with red sprinkles, hearts and flowers.