



# Instructions for Baking & Decorating Animal Crackers Cakes

PLEASE READ THROUGH INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE YOU BEGIN. IN ADDITION, to decorate cakes you will need:

- Wilton Decorating Bags and Couplers or Parchment Triangles
- Tips 3 and 16 (alternate designs also use tips 5 and 6)
- Wilton Icing Colors in Black and Rose (alternate designs also use Golden Yellow, Brown and Orange)
- Cake Board, Fanci-Foil Wrap or serving tray
- One 2-layer cake mix or make your favorite layer cake recipe
- Buttercream Icing (recipe included)
- Cornstarch
- Alternate designs also use: 4 in. Lollipop Sticks and chocolate nougat candy rolls for Giraffe and string licorice, black candy-coated chocolate dots, heart-shaped candy, and pink taffy for Cat



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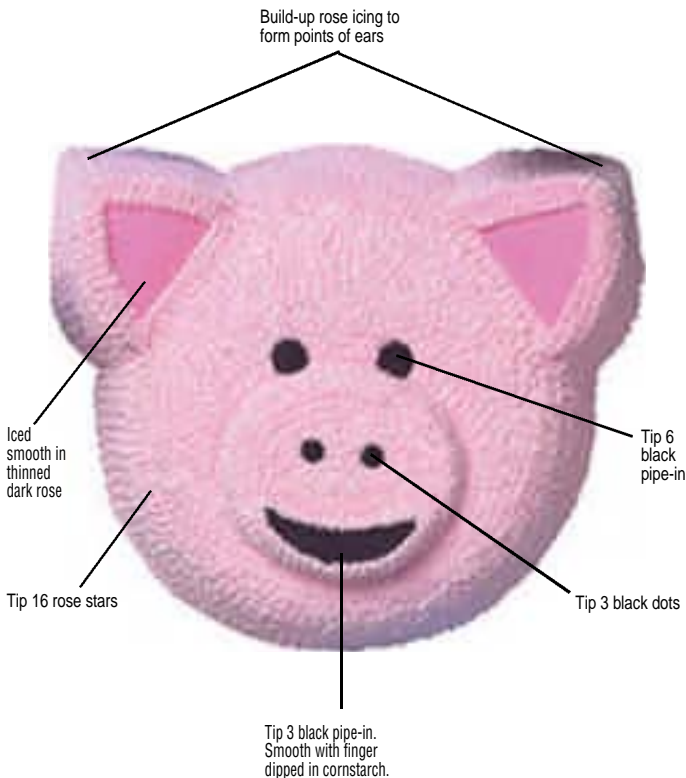
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## To Decorate Animal Crackers Pig

You will need Wilton Icing Colors in Rose and Black; tips 3, 6, 16; cornstarch.

Make 3 cups buttercream icing:

- Tint 1/4 cup black
- Tint 1/4 cup dark rose (thin with 1 teaspoon light corn syrup)
- Tint 2 1/2 cups rose



## To Decorate Animal Crackers Panda

You will need Wilton Icing Colors in Black and Rose; tips 3, 16; cornstarch. We suggest that you tint all icings at one time while cake cools. Refrigerate tinted icings in covered containers until ready to use.

Make 3 cups buttercream icing:

- Tint 3/4 cup black
- Tint 1/4 cup rose
- Reserve 2 cups white

### WITH WHITE ICING

- Use tip 3 and "To Pipe-In" directions to add eyes. Smooth with finger dipped in cornstarch.
- Use tip 3 and build up icing around jaw.

### WITH BLACK ICING

- Use tip 3 and "To Outline" directions to add muzzle lines.
- Use tip 3 and "To Outline and Pipe-In" directions to add mouth.
- Use tip 3 and "To Pipe-In" directions to add eye centers. Smooth with finger dipped in cornstarch.
- Use tip 3 and "To Pipe-In" directions to add nose. Smooth

with finger dipped in cornstarch.

### WITH ROSE ICING

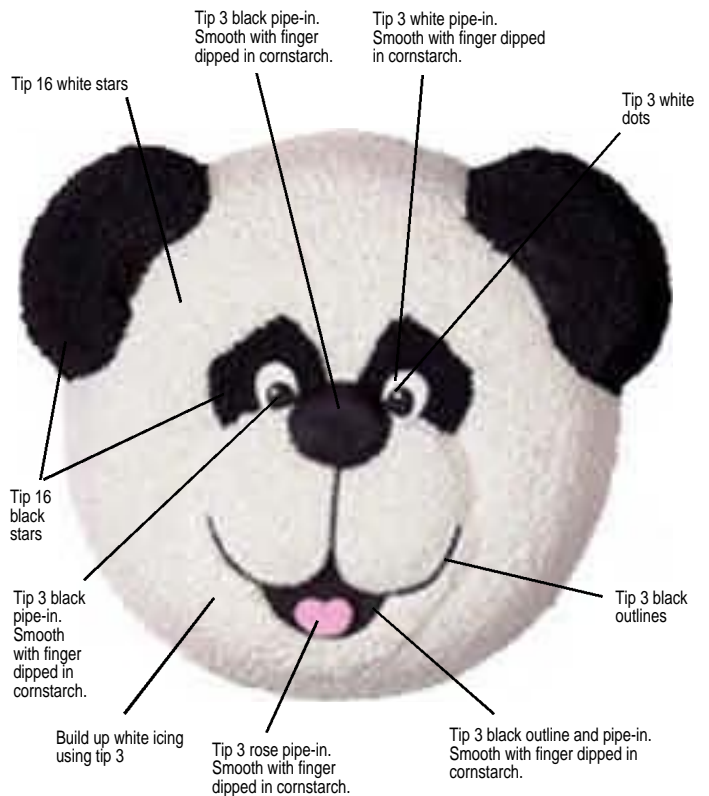
- Use tip 3 and "To Pipe-In" directions to add tongue. Smooth with finger dipped in cornstarch.

### WITH BLACK ICING

- Use tip 16 and "To Make Stars" directions to cover ears and shading around eyes.

### WITH WHITE ICING

- Use tip 3 and "To Make Dots" directions to add highlights on eyes.
- Use tip 16 and "To Make Stars" directions to cover face.



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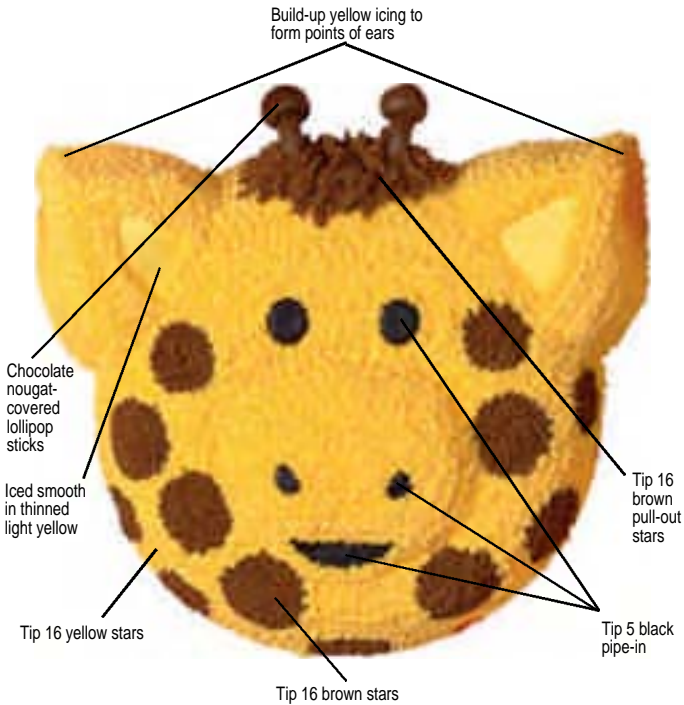
## To Decorate Animal Crackers Giraffe

You will need Wilton Icing Colors in Golden Yellow, Brown and Black; tips 5, 16; 4 in. Lollipop Sticks; chocolate nougat candy rolls; cornstarch.

Make 3 cups buttercream icing:

- Tint 1/4 cup black
- Tint 1/2 cup brown
- Tint 1/4 cup light yellow (thin with 1 teaspoon light corn syrup)
- Tint 2 cups yellow

To make horns: Soften chocolate nougat candy rolls in microwave for 5-10 seconds on 50% power. Roll out, and wrap around 2 lollipop sticks. Roll candy into 2 balls and insert onto top of sticks.

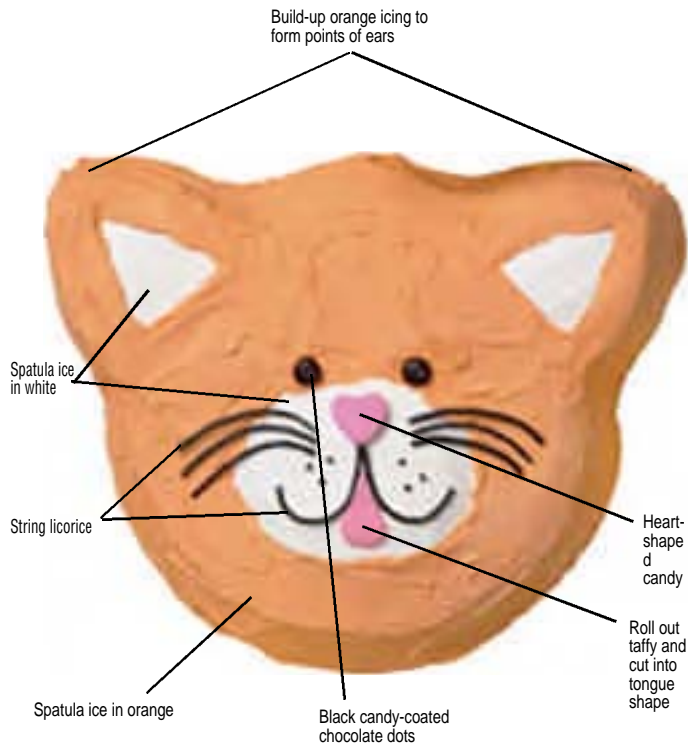


## To Decorate Animal Crackers Cat

You will need Wilton Icing Colors in Orange and Brown; string licorice, black candy-coated chocolate dots, heart-shaped candy, pink taffy.

Make 2 cups buttercream icing:

- Tint 1 1/2 cups orange (mix orange with a little brown for icing color shown)
- Reserve 1/2 cup white



## For more Decorating Techniques & Tips

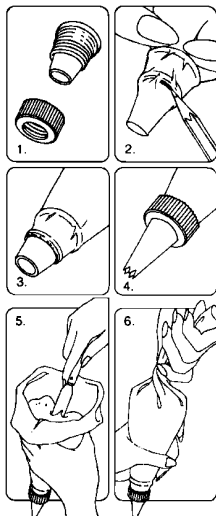
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### Using Your Decorating Bag and Coupler

You can make many different designs with just one decorating bagful of icing by using the Wilton Featherweight or Disposable Decorating bags and coupler and changing decorating tips.

Just follow these steps:

1. Screw ring off coupler to expose series of tiny threads 1/2 in. above coupler base.
2. Force coupler base as far down into decorating bag as it will go. Then mark where bottom thread of coupler shows through bag; remove coupler and trim bag at pencil mark with a pair of scissors.
3. Reposition coupler in bag and push end through opening to expose bottom two threads.
4. Position decorating tip over coupler and screw ring in place to secure. To change tips, unscrew ring, replace tip and replace ring.
5. To fill, cuff open end of bag over your hand and insert icing with a spatula. Fill bag no more than half full.
6. To close, unfold cuff and twist top of bag shut. Hold twist between your thumb and forefinger. Note: You can eliminate any air bubbles that may have formed by squeezing bag gently over icing bowl until air is released. Important: Be sure to wash the Featherweight bag in hot soapy water, then rinse and dry after every use. A degreaser can make clean-up easier.



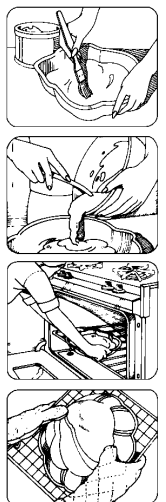
## Baking Instructions

Preheat oven to 350°F for temperature per recipe directions. Your cake will unmold easily, without sticking, when you prepare the pan properly. Grease the inside of pan using a pastry brush and solid vegetable shortening (do not use butter, margarine or liquid vegetable oil). Spread the shortening so that all indentations are covered. Sprinkle about 2 Tablespoons flour inside pan and shake so that flour covers all greased surfaces. Turn pan upside down and tap lightly to remove excess flour. If any shiny spots remain, touch up with more shortening and flour to prevent cake from sticking. (You can use vegetable oil pan spray or vegetable oil pan spray with flour, in place of solid shortening and flour, or use **Wilton Cake Release**, for perfect, crumb-free cakes or **Bake Easy Non-Stick Spray** for easy release).

Make one 2-layer cake mix according to package or recipe directions. Pour the cake batter into pan, and if necessary, spread the batter around with a spatula to fill all areas of the pan evenly. Be careful not to touch sides or bottom of pan. Bake cake on middle rack of 350°F oven for 30-40 minutes or until cake tests done according to recipe directions.

Remove cake from oven and cool on cake rack for 10 minutes. While the cake is still in the pan, carefully slice off the raised center portion of the cake. This allows the cake to sit more level and helps prevent cracking. To remove cake from pan, place cooling rack against cake and turn both cake rack and pan over. Lift pan off carefully. Cool cake at least one hour. Brush loose crumbs off cake.

To transfer cake to serving board, hold a cake board against cake and turn both cake and rack over. Lift off rack. Hold another board against bottom of cake and turn cake over. Be sure to hold cake, rack and board close together while turning to prevent cake from cracking.



## Using Parchment Bags

Parchment bags made from parchment paper triangles give you more versatility and the convenience of one-time use. Follow package directions. To "pipe-in" using a cut parchment bag, cut the point of the bag to desired opening.

## Decorating With Wilton Icings

**Wilton Icing Mix:** You will need 2-3 packages of Creamy White Icing Mix. To prepare, follow package directions. Each package makes about 2 cups icing. Excellent for tinting any shade required. If you're using another type of icing mix, you will need three 15.4 oz. packages of the creamy vanilla type that will ice two 8 in. or 9 in. layers. For each package of icing mix, use four less teaspoons water than package directs. Each package makes about 1 3/4 cups icing. Do not refrigerate icing before decorating. Cake may be refrigerated after it is iced.

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## Making Buttercream Icing

The thick, but creamy texture of this flavorful icing makes it ideal for decorating\*. For best results, keep icing bowl in refrigerator when not in use. It can be refrigerated in an airtight container for up to 2 weeks. Rewhip before using. YIELD: 3 CUPS.

1/2 cup solid vegetable shortening  
1/2 cup butter or margarine  
4 cups (1 lb.) sifted confectioner's sugar  
2 Tablespoons milk  
1 teaspoon Wilton Clear Vanilla Extract

Cream butter and shortening with electric mixer. Add vanilla. Gradually add sugar, one cup at a time, beating well on medium speed. Scrape sides and bottom of bowl often. When all sugar has been mixed in, icing will appear dry. Add milk and beat at medium speed until light and fluffy.

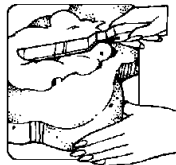
\*To thin for icing cake, add a small amount of light corn syrup.

## Coloring Your Icing

Wilton Icing Colors are best for decorating because they are concentrated and give the deepest, most vivid icing colors. Use a toothpick to swirl icing color into icing, then mix well. Add color gradually until you get the icing color you desire.

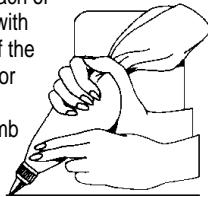
## Icing Smooth With A Spatula

With a spatula, place icing on cake. Spread icing over area to be covered. For a smooth effect, run spatula lightly over the icing in the same direction, blending it in for an even look. For a fluffy effect, swirl icing into peaks using the edge of the spatula.



## Let's Practice Decorating

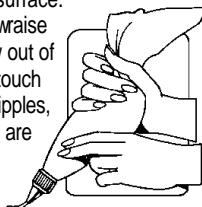
Use decorating bag and coupler as directed. Practice each of the following techniques on the back of a cookie sheet with white icing. The practice decorations can be scraped off the cookie sheet back into the mixing bowl and rewhipped for use again. To hold bag while decorating, curl fingers around bag with the end twist locked between your thumb and index finger. This forces the icing down into the tip each time you squeeze. Apply an even pressure with all four fingers and icing will come out of the tip until you stop squeezing. As you decorate, periodically twist the bag down further, forcing the icing down into the tip. Use fingers of other hand to guide as you decorate.



For more about decorating, refer to the Wilton Yearbook of Cake Decorating or visit [www.wilton.com](http://www.wilton.com)

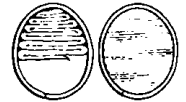
## To Make Outlines

Use tip 3, 5, 6. Hold bag at a 45° angle and touch tip to surface. Squeeze at starting point so that icing sticks to surface. Now raise the tip slightly and continue to squeeze. The icing will flow out of the tip while you direct it along surface. To end an outline, touch tip back to surface, stop squeezing and pull away. If icing ripples, you are squeezing bag too hard. If icing outline breaks, you are moving bag too quickly or icing is too thick.



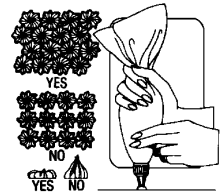
## To Outline & Pipe-In

After outlining, using the same tip, squeeze out rows of lines to fill area. Pat icing down with fingertip dipped in cornstarch or smooth with dampened art brush.



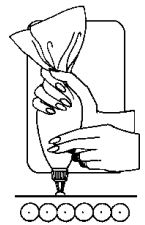
## To Make Stars and Pull-Out Stars

Use tip 16. Hold bag straight up and down (see illustration) with tip 1/8 in. above surface. Squeeze until a star is formed, then stop pressure and pull tip away. Your stars will be neatly formed only if you stop squeezing before you pull the tip away. **To make pull-out stars**, lift tip as you squeeze, stop pressure, pull tip away.



## To Make Dots

Use tip 3. Hold bag at 90° angle with tip almost touching surface. Steadily squeeze out a dot of icing, lifting the bag slightly and keeping tip in icing as it builds up into a small mound. Then stop pressure and pull tip away. Vary size of dots by lengthening the amount of time you apply pressure to the bag.



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