

# Red Velvet Cupcakes

### Ingredients:

2 1/4 c. cake flour

2 Tbsp. cocoa powder

1 tsp. Clabber Girl® Baking Powder

1 tsp. baking soda

1/2 tsp. salt

1 c. sugar

1/2 c. butter, softened

2 eggs

1 c. buttermilk

2 Tbsp. red food coloring

2 tsp. vanilla extract

1 tsp. white vinegar

#### Icing:

1/2 c. butter, softened

8 oz. cream cheese, softened

2 c. powdered sugar

2 tsp. vanilla extract

#### Directions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Line muffin tin with paper baking cups.
- 2. In a large bowl, sift together flour, cocoa, baking powder, baking soda and salt; set aside.
- 3. In a separate bowl, cream together sugar and butter.
- 4. Add eggs one at a time until well blended.
- 5. Add buttermilk, food coloring, vanilla and vinegar to the creamed mixture.
- 6. Slowly add flour mixture, mixing until well blended.
- 7. Beat on medium high until batter is smooth, about 2 minutes.
- 8. Spoon batter into paper baking cups about 2/3 the way full.

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# Baking for my Valentine

Activity: Baking red velvet cupcakes
Lesson: Homemade Valetine's Day gifts

- 9. Bake 16-18 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean.
- 10. Let cool in pans on wire rack 5 minutes. Remove from pans, and cool completely on wire racks.
- 11. To prepare the icing: Beat butter and cream cheese at medium speed with an electric mixer until creamy. Gradually add sugar and vanilla, beating until well blended. Spread frosting evenly over cooled cupcakes.

Makes 2 1/2 dozen cupcakes.

## Make your own bath bombs

#### Instructions:

- 1. Mix 1 c. Clabber Girl® Baking Soda, 1/2 c. citric acid, 1/2 c. Clabber Girl® Corn Starch in a large bowl.
- 2. Set out 3 small bowls.
- 3. Add 1 1/2 tsp. of your favorite essential oil to each bowl.
- 4. Add 1 drop of food coloring to each. Mix color into essential oil.
- 5. Divide the mix into 3 small bowls evenly. Use a whisk to combine the oil mix with the powder mix.
- 6. Spoon the mix into bath bomb molds.
- 7. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour, then release from mold.



