

## Christmas Cupcakes

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Cupcakes are welcome at any time of year but Christmas Cupcakes are extra special. This Christmas Cupcake Recipe is easy to make and creates a light and deliciously cake.

### Ingredients

#### FOR THE CAKES

280g self-raising flour  
175g golden caster sugar  
175g unsalted butter , very soft  
150g pot fat-free natural yogurt  
1 tsp vanilla extract  
3 eggs

#### FOR THE FROSTING

85g unsalted butter , softened  
1 tsp vanilla extract  
200g icing sugar , sifted

#### TO DECORATE

natural green food colouring (for Christmas trees), sweets, sprinkles and white chocolate stars  
milk and white chocolate buttons and natural colouring icing pens, available at amazon

### Directions

Heat oven to 190C/170 fan/gas 5 and line a 12-hole muffin tin with cake cases. Put all the cake ingredients into a bowl and mix with a whisk until smooth. Spoon the mix into the cases, bake for 25 mins until golden and risen and a skewer comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack.

For the frosting, beat the butter, vanilla extract and icing sugar until pale and creamy and completely combined. To make snowmen, reindeer and Christmas puddings, first spread the icing over the top of each cake. Then lay the chocolate buttons on top, slicing some buttons into quarters to make ears and hats. Finally, use icing pens for the details. For the Christmas tree, colour the icing with green food colouring and pipe onto the cakes using a star-shaped nozzle, decorate with sweets, sprinkles and white chocolate stars.

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