

Celebration Cupcakes



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Design a faux cake designed to celebrate and express gratitude for a special person.

Cake is synonymous with special events and celebrations, and cake creation is an art form in itself. This non-edible cupcake can be crafted as a festive and creative gift that pays tribute to a special person. Making a cake is a means of saying “thank you,” “I appreciate you,” or “I celebrate you” to someone. This long-lasting version can be decorated with a wide variety of materials that look good enough to eat and extend the celebration for years to come!

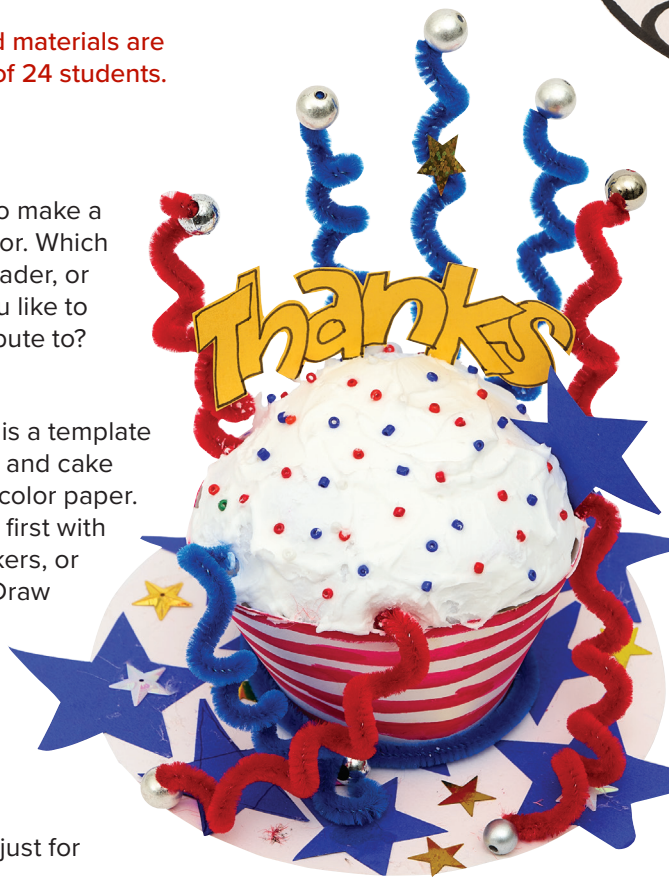
Note: Instructions and materials are based upon a group of 24 students. Adjust as needed.

Preparation:

1. Select a person to make a special cupcake for. Which friend, teacher, leader, or relative would you like to thank and pay tribute to?

Process:

2. On page 3, there is a template for making a liner and cake board from watercolor paper. Design the paper first with watercolors, markers, or colored pencils. Draw images, words, and patterns that reflect the person you've chosen. It should be something they would like; something made just for them.
3. Glue ends of the liner together to make a cup shape. Hold in place with tape or a paper clip while it dries.



Required Materials

Blick Watercolor Paper, 140 lb, cold press, 15" x 22" (10008-1028); share one sheet between four participants

Kunin Classic Felt Sheets, 9" x 12", choice of colors (65301-); share one sheet between six participants

Liquitex Basics Modeling Paste, Light, 8-1/2 oz (00775-1905); share three

Elmer's Glue-All, 7.63 oz (23887-1007); share one bottle between two participants

Westcott Soft Handle Scissors Teacher Pack, set of 12, pointed (58477-1105); need two

Faber-Castell Triangular Colored EcoPencils, class pack of 252 (82703-2529)

Royal & Langnickel Watercolor Pens, set of 13 (86344-1009); share one between two participants

Optional Materials for decorating:

DecoArt Love Color Frosting Acrylic, 8 oz (09455- 1000)

Blick Premium Construction Paper, 80 lb, choice of colors (11409-)

Krafty Kids Mini Colored Craft Sticks, 1/4" x 2-1/8", pkg of 150 (80914-1001)

Morex Ribbon Sample Pack, assorted sizes and colors (87782-1040)

Creativity Street Jumbo Chenille Stems, pkg of 100, assorted colors (60923-)

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Process, continued

4. Make faux "cake" by forming a 2" diameter ball of scrap paper, bubble wrap, or fabric. Secure with tape. Cover with a piece of felt, then apply glue to the inside of the liner and insert the ball.
5. Glue cup filled with faux cake to the center of the cake board. Allow to dry.
6. "Frost" the cupcake using Modeling Paste or Frosting Medium. For colorful frosting, mix watercolor or tempera paint colors with the medium. It can also be painted on after drying.
7. Beads, gemstones, yarn, and other objects can be pressed into the "frosting" before it dries. Ribbons and chenille stems can be added to add festive touches.
8. If desired, create a cake topper to complete the celebration cupcake. Cut from construction paper and glue to a mini craft stick or a toothpick. Insert between the felt and the cupcake liner.



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Step 1: Cut liner and cake board from watercolor paper and create designs. Form cup by joining ends of liner.



Step 2: Fill liner with a ball made of scraps, covered with felt. Glue into cup.



Step 3: "Frost" cupcake and decorate with the selected recipient in mind.

