Cake pops By <u>Elena Silcock</u>

Preparation and cooking time Prep:45 mins Cook:20 mins plus chilling Easy Makes 12-14 These fun cake pops are easy to make and great for parties. Kids and adults will love these colourful chocolate-covered bites

Ingredients For the cake

- 100g <u>butter</u>
- 100g caster sugar
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 <u>eggs</u>
- 100g self-raising flour

For the buttercream

- 75g butter
- 150g icing sugar
- ½ tsp vanilla extract
- 1 tbsp <u>milk</u>
- 200g white chocolate, melted, to dip
- sprinkles, to dip

Method

• STEP 1

First make the cake. Heat oven to 190C/170C fan/gas 5. Grease and line the base of a 20cm sandwich tin. Place the butter, sugar and vanilla extract into a bowl and beat well to a creamy consistency. Slowly beat in the eggs, one by one, then fold in the flour and mix well. Tip into the cake tin and bake for about 20 mins until risen and golden brown. Set aside to cool completely.

• STEP 2

While the cakes are cooling, make the buttercream. In a large bowl or the bowl of stand mixer, beat the butter and icing sugar together until smooth, add the vanilla extract and milk and beat again. Once the cake is cooled, crumble into large crumbs. Add the butter cream and stir together. Take chunks of the cake mixture and roll into balls, transferring each ball to a lined tray or plate, push a lollypop stick into each, then put into the fridge for an hour to set.

• STEP 3

Melt the white chocolate in the microwave, blasting it and stirring at 10 seconds intervals until smooth. Tip the sprinkles into another bowl. Take each of the chilled cake pops and dip into the white chocolate, allowing it to drip off a little over the bowl. Dip into the sprinkles, then stand upright in a mug to dry at room temperature for an hour, or in the fridge for 30 mins.

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