



Instructions for Baking & Decorating Little Hero 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, 16 and 21 (alternate designs use 2, 6, 8, 18)
- Wilton Icing Colors in No-Taste Red, Christmas Red, Lemon Yellow, Copper (skin tone), Black, Orange, Brown (alternate designs also use Moss Green, Kelly Green, Royal Blue, Golden Yellow)
- Cake Board, Fanci-Foil Wrap or serving tray
- One 2-layer cake mix or ingredients to make favorite layer cake recipe
- Buttercream Icing (recipe included)
- Cornstarch
- Alternate design also uses small American flag



Wilton Method Cake Decorating Classes
Call: 800-942-8881

© 2003 Wilton Industries, Inc.
Woodridge, IL 60517
www.wilton.com

Stock No. 2105-2077



To Decorate Little Hero

You will need Wilton Icing Colors in No-Taste Red, Christmas Red, Lemon Yellow, Copper (skin tone), Black, Orange, Brown; tips 3, 16, 21, 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 6 1/4 cups buttercream icing:

- Tint 1/2 cup No-Taste Red/Christmas Red combination
- Tint 1 cup yellow
- Tint 3/4 cup copper (skin tone)
- Tint 1/4 cup black
- Tint 1/4 cup brown
- Tint 1/4 cup light gray (use a small amount of black)
- Tint 3/4 cup dark gray (use a small amount of black)
- Reserve 2 1/2 cups white (thin 1 1/4 cup with 1 Tablespoon + 3/4 teaspoon light corn syrup; remaining reserved white icing will be used in bag which is spatula striped with No-Taste Red, Orange and Lemon Yellow Icing Colors).

WITH THINNED WHITE ICING

- Use spatula to ice sides, shirt and background areas smooth.

WITH LIGHT GRAY ICING

- Use tip 3 and "To Pipe-In" directions to cover hat shield (smooth with finger dipped in cornstarch).

WITH NO-TASTE RED/CHRISTMAS RED ICING

- Use tip 3 and "To Pipe-In" directions to cover inside of hat (smooth with finger dipped in cornstarch).
- Use tip 3 and "To Make Outlines" directions to outline hat.
- Use tip 16 and "To Make Stars" directions to cover hat and overpipe shield border and rim of hat.

WITH DARK GRAY ICING

- Use tip 3 and "To Write or Print" directions to print letters on hat.
- Use tip 3 and "To Make Outlines" directions to outline coat, bottoms of shoes and hose.
- Use tip 3 and "To Pipe-In" directions to cover hose, nozzle and bottoms of shoes (smooth with finger dipped in cornstarch).
- Use tip 3 and "To Make Outlines" directions to overpipe nozzle.
- Use tip 16 and "To Make Stars" directions to cover belt and bottom band of coat.

WITH YELLOW ICING

- Use tip 3 and "To Pipe-In" directions to cover inside of sleeves (smooth with finger dipped in cornstarch).
- Use tip 16 and "To Make Stars" directions to cover coat.

WITH BLACK ICING

- Use tip 3 and "To Pipe-In" directions to pipe-in eyes (smooth with finger dipped in cornstarch).
- Use tip 3 and "To Outline" directions to outline mouth.
- Use tip 16 and "To Make Stars" directions to cover shoes.

WITH COPPER ICING

- Use tip 16 and "To Make Stars" directions to cover face and hands. Note: Overpipe three layers of stars to build up nose.

WITH BROWN ICING

- Use tip 3 and "To Make Pull-Out Strings" directions to make hair.

WITH NO-TASTE RED/YELLOW/ORANGE ICING

- Use tip 21 and "To Spatula Stripe" and "To Make Pull-Out Stars" directions to pipe "flame" bottom border.

Bake Easy™

Convenient Non-Stick Spray!

For cakes that turn out beautifully every time, start by spraying pans with Bake Easy. This non-stick spray helps your cakes release perfectly with fewer crumbs for easier icing and a flawless decorated cake. Just a light, even coating does the job. Use Bake Easy for all mixes and recipes—cupcakes, brownies, breads and more. Versatile for all types of baking and cooking. 6 oz. **702-6018**



Cake Release

For perfect, crumb-free cakes!

No need to grease and flour your baking pan – Cake Release coats in one step. Simply spread Cake Release lightly on pan bottom and sides with a pastry brush and fill with batter. Cakes release perfectly without crumbs every time, giving you the ideal surface for decorating. Now in convenient dispensing bottle. Certified Kosher. 8 oz. **702-6016**



To Decorate Soldier Boy

You will need Wilton Icing Colors in Moss Green, Kelly Green, Black, Royal Blue, Copper (skin tone), Brown; tips 3, 6, 16, 18, cornstarch.

Make 7 1/4 cups buttercream icing:

- Tint 1 cup dark Kelly Green/Moss Green combination
- Tint 1 cup medium Kelly Green/Moss Green combination
- Tint 1 cup light Kelly Green/Moss Green combination
- Tint 1 1/4 cups Kelly Green
- Tint 3/4 cup copper
- Tint 1/4 cup brown
- Tint 1/2 cup black
- Tint 1 1/4 cups blue (thin with 1 Tablespoon + 3/4 teaspoon light corn syrup)
- Reserve 1/4 cup white



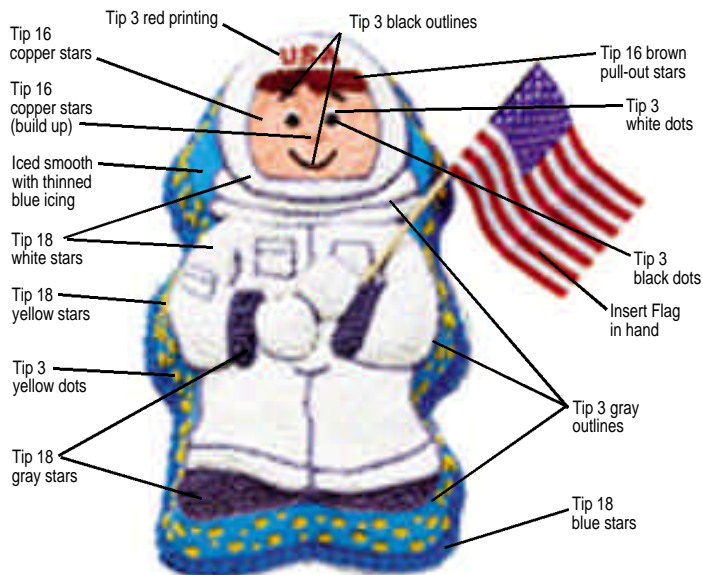
To Decorate Astro Kid

You will need Wilton Icing Colors in No-Taste Red, Royal Blue, Golden Yellow, Black, Copper (skin tone), Brown; tips 3, 16, 18; small American Flag, cornstarch.

Make 5 1/2 cups buttercream icing:

- Tint 1 1/4 cups blue (thin with 1 Tablespoon + 3/4 teaspoon light corn syrup)
- Tint 1/2 cup gray (use a small amount of black)
- Tint 1/4 cup black
- Tint 1/2 cup copper
- Tint 1 1/4 cups yellow
- Tint 1/4 cup red
- Tint 1/4 cup brown
- Reserve 1 1/4 cups white

Before decorating, trim hose, arm extensions and ears off cake.

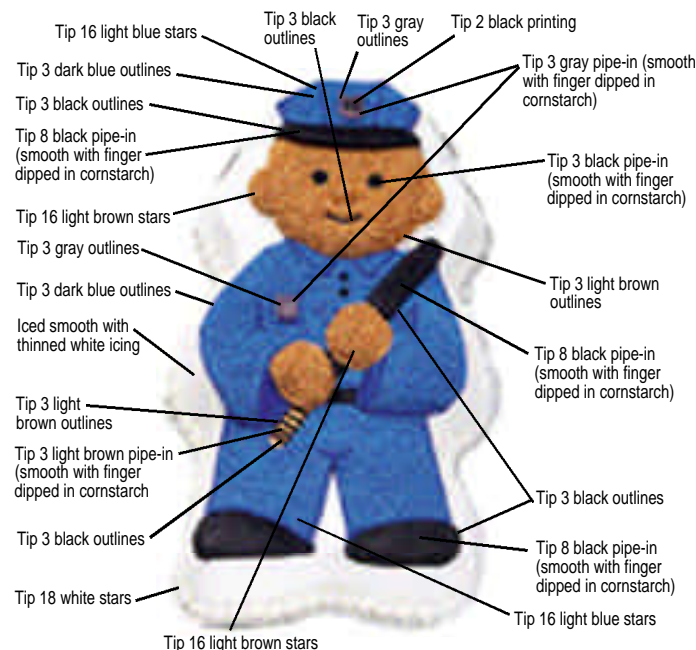


To Decorate Pint-Size Police

You will need Wilton Icing Colors in Black, Royal Blue, Brown; tips 2, 3, 8, 16, 18, cornstarch.

Make 5 3/4 cups buttercream icing:

- Tint 1 1/4 cups light blue
- Tint 1/4 cup dark blue
- Tint 1 cup light brown
- Tint 1/2 cup black
- Tint 1/4 cup gray (use a small amount of black)
- Reserve 2 1/2 cups white (thin 1 1/4 cups with 1 Tablespoon + 3/4 teaspoon light corn syrup)



Baking Instructions

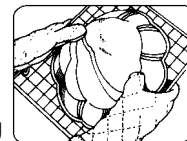
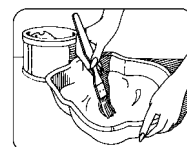
Preheat oven to 350°F. For temperature per recipe directions. Your cake will unmold easily, without sticking, when you prepare the pan properly. Grease the inside of pan using a pastry brush and solid vegetable shortening (do not use butter, margarine or liquid vegetable oil).

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.



For more Decorating Techniques & Tips

Visit our website at www.wilton.com -

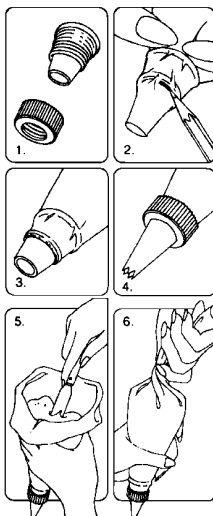
Learn To Decorate - Basic Decorating Lessons

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.



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 Frosting 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 frosting mix, you will need three 15.4 oz. packages of the creamy vanilla type that will frost two 8 in. or 9 in. layers. For each package of frosting 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.

Wilton Ready-to-Use Decorator Icing: You will need approximately 2-3 cans of our delicious white icing. Each 16.5 oz. can holds about 2 cups. It's ideal for all of your decorating needs – frosting, decorating and flower making.

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	2 Tablespoons milk
1/2 cup butter or margarine	1 teaspoon Wilton Clear Vanilla
4 cups (1 lb.) sifted confectioners' sugar	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.

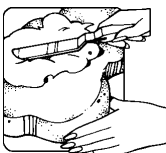
*To thin for icing cake, add a small amount of light corn syrup.

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.



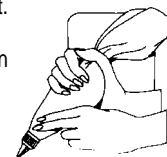
To Spatula Stripe

Use spatula and icing colors to make various color stripes inside of decorating bag. Fill bag with white icing. Squeeze out icing with color contrasts.



Let's Practice Decorating

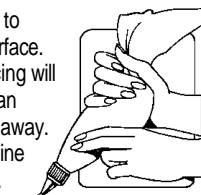
Use decorating bag and coupler as directed in this booklet. Practice each of the following techniques on the back of a cookie sheet with white icing. The practice decorations can be scraped off the cookie sheet back into the mixing bowl and rewhipped for use again. To hold bag while decorating, curl 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.

To Make Outlines

Use tips 3, 6 or 8. 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.



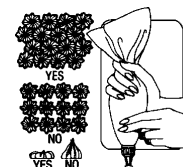
To Outline & Pipe-In

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.



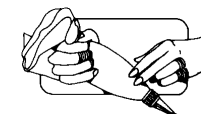
To Make Stars and Pull-Out Stars

Use tip 16 or 18. 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. 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 Write or Print

Use tip 2 or 3. Hold bag at a 45° angle to surface of cake with bag toward your right so that fingers face you (see illustration). As you write or print, always work from left to right. To write, squeeze out icing with a steady, even pressure as you glide tip along surface in a smooth continuous motion. Keep wrist straight; use your arm, not your fingers to form each line, letter or word. Tip should lightly touch cake at all times. To print, touch tip to surface and then raise tip slightly as you continue to squeeze. The icing will flow out of the tip while you direct it along surface. Stop squeezing and touch tip to surface to end each stroke of printed letter, then lift tip and pull away.

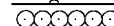


To Make Dots

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.



TOPVIEW



Wilton Method Decorating Classes

Discover The Fun
of Cake Decorating!

Find Classes Near You!

In U.S.A., Call **800-942-8881** Or visit our website at www.wilton.com
In Canada, call (416) 679-0790 x201 Or E-mail: classprograms@wilton.ca