



# Instructions for Baking & Decorating Ribbon Cakes

PLEASE READ THROUGH INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE YOU BEGIN. IN ADDITION, to decorate cakes you will need:

- Wilton Decorating Bags and Couplers or Parchment Triangles
- Tip 3, 16, 18 (alternate designs use tips 5, 127R)
- Wilton Icing Color in Lemon Yellow (alternate designs use Royal Blue, Red-Red, Christmas Red)
- Cake Board, Fanci-Foil Wrap or serving tray
- One 2-layer cake mix or make your favorite layer cake recipe
- Buttercream Icing (recipe included)
- Alternate designs use: Cookie Sheet; 6 in. round cardboard, refrigerated ready-made sugar cookie dough, Ribbon Gelatin (recipe included), non-stick vegetable cooking spray

We recommend hand washing pan in hot, soapy water.



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## To Decorate Patriotic Pride Cake

You will need tip 16; Wilton Icing Colors in Royal Blue, Christmas Red, Red-Red. We suggest that you tint all icings at one time while cake cools. Refrigerate tinted icings in covered containers until ready to use.

Make 3 1/2 cups buttercream icing:

- Tint 1/2 cup blue
- Tint 1/2 cup red-red/Christmas red combination
- Reserve 2 1/2 cups white (thin 2 cups with 2 tablespoons light corn syrup)



## To Decorate Ribbon Cake

You will need tips 3, 16, 18; Wilton Icing Color in Lemon Yellow. We suggest that you tint all icings at one time while cake cools. Refrigerate tinted icings in covered containers until ready to use.

Make 3 1/2 cups buttercream icing:

- Tint 1 1/4 cups yellow
- Reserve 2 1/4 cups white (thin 2 cups with 2 tablespoons light corn syrup)

### WITH THINNED WHITE ICING

- Use spatula to ice sides and inside of ribbon smooth.

### WITH YELLOW ICING (cont.)

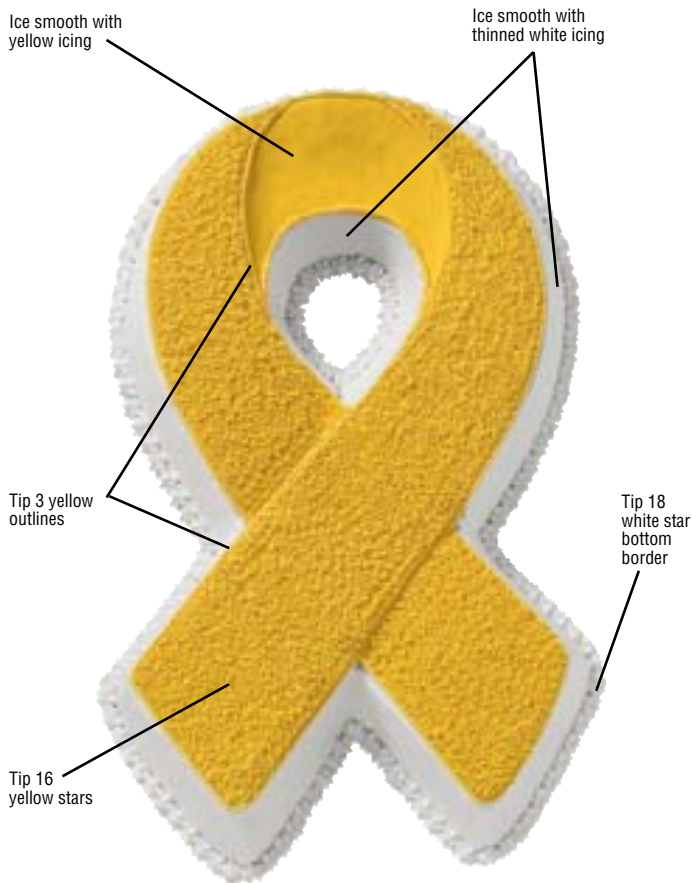
- Use tip 16 and "To Make Stars" instructions to cover ribbon.

### WITH YELLOW ICING

- Use tip 3 and "To Make Outlines" instructions to outline ribbon.
- Use spatula to ice top area of ribbon smooth.

### WITH WHITE ICING

- Use tip 18 and "To Make Stars" instructions to pipe bottom border



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## To Decorate First Prize Cake

You will need tips 5, 18, 127R; Wilton Icing Color in Royal Blue; 6 in. Cake Circle; Cookie Sheet; refrigerated ready-made sugar cookie dough. We suggest that you tint all icings at one time while cake cools. Refrigerate tinted icings in covered containers until ready to use.

Make 4 ¼ cups buttercream icing:

- Tint 2 cups blue
- Reserve 2 ¼ cups white (thin 2 cups with 2 tablespoons light corn syrup)

**To make cookie:** Roll out dough ⅛ in. thick and use 6 in. cake circle as pattern to cut cookie. Bake cookie on ungreased cookie sheet 6-7 minutes or until cookie is lightly browned; let cool.



## Baking Instructions

Preheat oven to 350°F or 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.



## To Decorate Glory Gelatin

You will need five 3 oz. packages of lemon gelatin, 8 oz. container frozen whipped topping, non-stick vegetable pan spray.

### Ribbon Gelatin

6 cups boiling water  
5 boxes (3 oz. ea.) lemon flavored gelatin  
1 container (8 oz.) frozen whipped topping, thawed

Spray pan with vegetable pan spray. In bowl, stir water into gelatin; continue stirring until gelatin has dissolved completely. Pour 4 cups of mixture into prepared pan. Chill both mixtures 20-30 minutes.

Fold thawed whipped topping into gelatin in bowl. Spoon over gelatin in prepared pan. Chill until firm.

Makes about 20 servings.



## For more Decorating Techniques & Tips

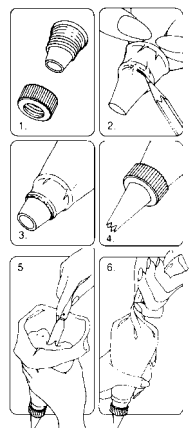
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## Using Your Decorating Bag and Coupler

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 ½ 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 Icing

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

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## 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  
1/2 cup butter or margarine  
4 cups (1 lb.) sifted confectioner's sugar  
2 tablespoons milk  
1 teaspoon Wilton Clear Vanilla 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.

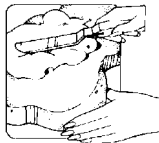
\*To thin for icing cake, add a small amount of light corn syrup.

## 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.

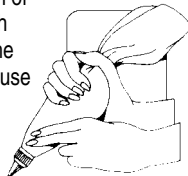
## Icing Smooth With A Spatula

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.



## Let's Practice Decorating

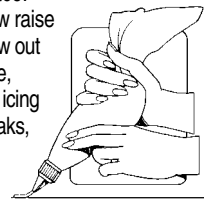
Use decorating bag and coupler as directed. Practice each of the following techniques on the back of a cookie sheet with white icing. The practice decorations can be scraped off the cookie sheet back into the mixing bowl and rewhipped for use again. To hold bag while decorating, curl fingers around bag 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 or visit [www.wilton.com](http://www.wilton.com)

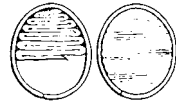
## To Make Outlines

Use tip 3. 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.



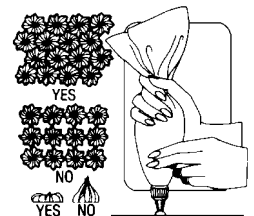
## To Outline & Pipe-In

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.



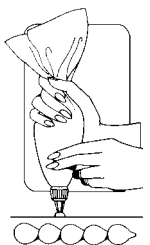
## To Make Stars

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. Your stars will be neatly formed only if you stop squeezing before you pull the tip away.



## To Make Beads

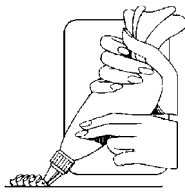
Use tip 5. Hold bag at 90° angle to surface, with end of bag pointing towards you. Lightly touch tip to surface and squeeze until icing builds up and fans out into a base. Then lift tip slightly and relax pressure as you pull tip down and towards you to make a tail. Stop pressure completely and pull tip away for a finished bead. Practice this procedure until you can produce a clean bead shape. To make a row of beads, rest head of one on tail of preceding bead. For larger beads, increase pressure, for smaller beads, decrease pressure.



TOP VIEW

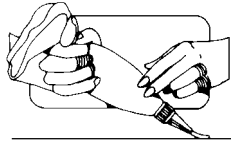
## To Make Ruffles

Use tip 127R. Hold bag at a 45° angle to surface, finger tips on bag facing you. Touch wide end of tip to surface, angle narrow end out about ¼ in. away from surface. As you squeeze, move hand up and down slightly to ruffle the icing.



## To Write or Print

Use tip 5. 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.



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