Red Velvet Cupcakes w/ Cream Cheese Frosting

Serves 12

Carter, Molly and I made this to finish a meal that the kids prepared for the grownups. If the butter isn't soft at room temperature in the wintertime, put it in the microwave for 15 seconds.

Ingredients

- 11/2 cups sugar
- 16 Tbsp. unsalted butter (divided)
- 2 eggs at room temperature
- 21/3 cups cake flour
- 2 Tbsp. Dutch-processed cocoa powder
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 2 tsp. vanilla extract (divided)
- 1 1/2 Tbsp. red food coloring
- 1 tsp. white vinegar
- 8 oz. Cream cheese
- 2 1/2 cups powdered sugar



Equipment

- Cupcake pan
- Cupcake papers
- Spray oil
- Electric mixer
- Toothpicks
- Piping bag and nozzle



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Ø	Description	Minutes			
	Preheat oven to 350 degrees; set out 2 eggs, 2 sticks				
	of butter, and 8 oz. cream cheese to warm		-		
	Line cupcake pan with papers and spray with oil	2			
	In a medium size bowl, with an electric mixer, combine 8 Tbsp. butter and 1 1/2 cups sugar until light and fluffy	3			
	Add 2 eggs, one at a time, and beat until fluffy	2	20		
	In a large bowl, sift together 2 1/3 cups cake flour, 2 Tbsp. dark cocoa, 1 tsp. baking soda, 1 tsp. baking powder, and 1/2 tsp. salt.	3			
	In another bowl, whisk together 1 cup buttermilk, 1 1/2 Tbsp. red coloring, 1 tsp. vanilla, and 1 tsp. vinegar	2			
	In another large bowl, fold together 1/4 of the dry ingredients with 1/3 of the wet ingredients to moisten the dry ingredients.	2			
	Repeat the previous step and then finish with the last 1/4 of dry ingredients.	4			
	Scoop batter into cups. Fill about half-way	2			
Bake					
	Clean out pans	ъ	20		
	Rotate pan after 10 minutes	1			
	Test for doneness with a toothpick	1			
	Allow to cool completely				
	In a large bowl, with an electric mixer, combine 8	3			
	Tbsp. butter and 8 oz. cream cheese		30		
	Blend in 1 tsp. vanilla	1			
	Add 2 cups powdered sugar to taste	2	-		
	Pipe frosting onto cupcakes	10			
	Total; 1 hr. 20 min.				