



# Instructions for Baking & Decorating Treeliteful Pan Cakes

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

- Wilton Decorating Bags and couplers or parchment triangles
- Tips 3, 16 and 21.
- Wilton Icing Colors in Red, Orange, Lemon Yellow, Brown, Kelly Green and Royal Blue.
- One 2-layer cake mix or ingredients to make favorite layer cake recipe. Alternate ideas use Crescent Coffee Cake Recipe (included inside) and gelatin.
- Cake Board, Fanci-Foil Wrap or serving tray
- Buttercream Icing (recipe included).
- You will also need sugar cubes. Alternate ideas use candy confetti, gelatin mix, maraschino cherries and non-dairy whipped topping.



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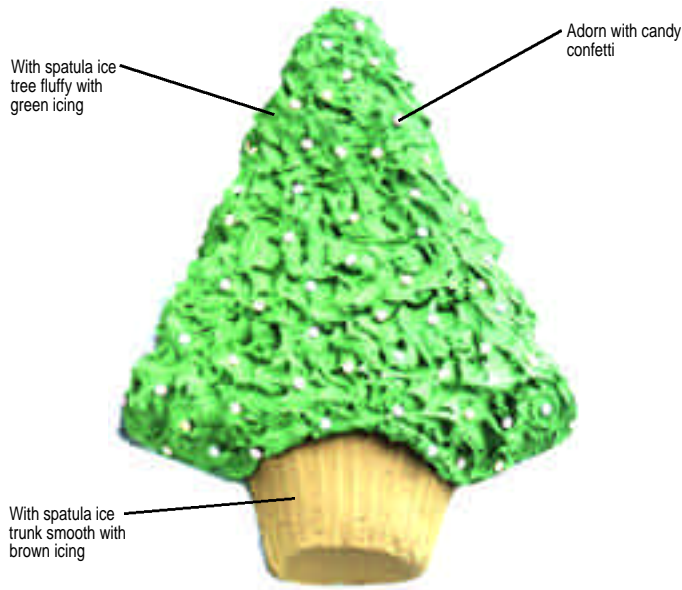
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## To Decorate Christmas Presence Cake

You will need Wilton Icing Colors in Kelly Green and Brown; candy confetti.

- Make 3 cups buttercream icing:
- Tint 2 1/2 cups green
  - Tint 1/2 cup brown



## To Decorate Treeliteful

You will need Wilton Icing Colors in Kelly Green, Brown, Lemon Yellow, Royal Blue and Orange; tips 3, 16 and 21, and sugar cubes. We suggest you color all the icings at once while the cake cools. Refrigerate icings in covered containers until ready to use.

Make 3 3/4 cups buttercream icing:

- Tint 2 cups green
- Tint 1/2 cup brown
- Tint 1/4 cup yellow
- Tint 1/4 cup red
- Tint 1/4 cup blue
- Tint 1/4 cup orange
- Reserve 1/4 cup white for candy canes

### WITH GREEN ICING

- Use tip 16 and "To Make Stars" directions to cover entire tree (except trunk).
- Use tip 3 and "To Outline" directions to pipe garlands on tree

### WITH BROWN ICING

- Use tip 16 and "To Make Zigzags" directions to fill in top of trunk. Use in circular motion of bottom of trunk

### WITH WHITE ICING

- Use tip 3 and "To Outline and Pipe-In" directions to make candy canes

### WITH RED ICING

- Use tip 3 and "To Outline" directions to make candy cane stripes

### WITH RED/ORANGE/YELLOW/BLUE ICING

- Use tip 3 and "To Make Dots" directions to make lights

### FOR ORNAMENTS WITH YELLOW ICING

- Use tip 3 and "To Pipe-In" directions to make round ornaments
- Use tip 3 and "To Outline" directions to decorate ornaments

### FOR PRESENTS WITH RED/ORANGE/YELLOW/BLUE ICING

- Use tip 3 and "To Outline" and "To make Bows" directions to make "ribbons" and "bows" on sugar cubes "packages"

### WITH YELLOW ICING

- Use tip 21 and "To Make Pull-Out Stars" directions to make star on top of cake. Add tip 21 rosette center

**NOTE:** To make smaller bows on sugar cubes, we recommend using tip 1



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## Shimmery Fir Mold

- 1 (6 oz.) package lime gelatin
- 1 (3 oz.) package cherry or strawberry gelatin
- 15 large marachino cherries
- 1 tub (8 oz.) non-dairy whipped topping

Lightly oil Treeliteful Pan.

Prepare lime gelatin according to package directions for molding. Add two cups (just enough to line bottom of pan) to pan. Float cherries in gelatin to appear in "ornament" positions. Let set in refrigerator for 20 minutes or until firm.

Add remaining 2 1/2 cups of gelatin to 8 oz. non-dairy whipped topping. Mix with electric mixer until fluffy. Pour over first two layers. Let set in refrigerator until firm.

Prepare strawberry or cherry gelatin according to package directions for molding. Chill until thickened. Pour over first two layers. Let set in refrigerator until firm.

To unmold: loosen sides with spatula or dip in warm water to rim for 10 seconds and invert on serving plate.

Wetting the surface of serving plate before unmolding makes it easy to move mold on plate to center.

Serves 12.



## To Decorate Sweet Greeting Cake

You will need Crescent Coffee Cake Recipe (below), ribbon bow and holly.

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 3 pkgs. (8 oz. each)        | Nut Glaze (for bottom of pan) |
| refrigerator crescent rolls | 1/4 cup butter, divided       |
| 6 Tbsp. brown sugar         | 1/4 cup brown sugar           |
| 6 Tbsp. granulated sugar    | 1 Tbsp. light corn syrup      |
| 1 1/2 tsp. cinnamon         | 1/4 cup chopped pecans        |
| 6 Tbsp. raisins             |                               |

Preheat oven to 375°F. divide dough from each package into 2 rectangles. Press perforations together to form 4 x 12 in. rectangles.

Combine sugars, cinnamon, and raisins in a small bowl. Sprinkle sugar mixture evenly over dough rectangles, leaving one long edge plain.

Starting with the widest edge, roll up and press plain edge to seal roll. Cut into 1" pieces.

Hint: To cut, slide a strong thread or string under dough. Bring ends up and twist together tightly.

This prevents flattening dough as a knife would.

For nut glaze: melt 1 Tablespoon butter and brush bottom and sides of Treeliteful Pan. heat remaining butter, sugar and syrup until melted, stirring to combine. pour mixture evenly into prepared pan; sprinkle with pecans.

Place 1" pieces of dough (cut edges down) into pan, filling all spaces.

Bake at 375°F for 20 to 25 minutes or until golden brown. Invert onto serving platter. Decorate with bow and holly.



## Baking Instructions

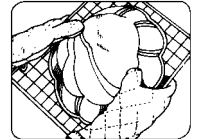
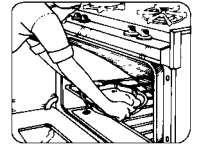
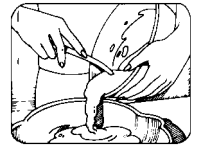
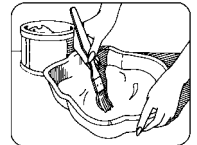
Preheat oven to 350°F for temperature per recipe directions. Your cake will unmold easily, without sticking, when you prepare the pan properly. Grease the inside of pan using a pastry brush and solid vegetable shortening (do not use butter, margarine or liquid vegetable oil).

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 **New Wilton Cake Release**, for perfect, crumb-free cakes!)

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

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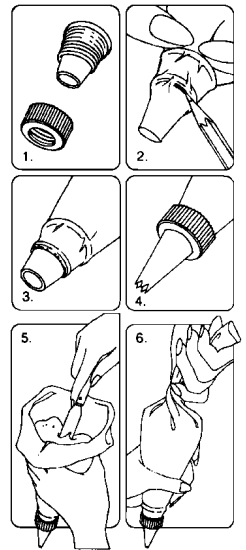
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## Using Your Decorating Bag and Coupler

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 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  
1/2 cup butter or margarine  
4 cups (1 lb.) sifted confectioners' sugar  
2 tablespoons milk  
1 tsp. 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.

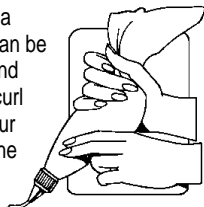
## Coloring Your Icing

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.

## Let's Practice Decorating

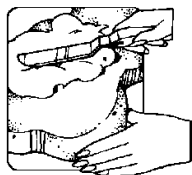
Use decorating bag and coupler as directed in this booklet. Practice each of the following techniques on the back of a cookie sheet with white icing. The practice decorations can be scraped off the cookie sheet back into the mixing bowl and rewhipped for use again. To hold bag while decorating, curl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



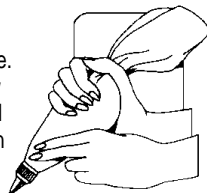
## Icing Smooth With A Spatula

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.



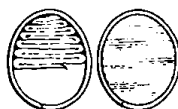
## To Make Outlines

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.



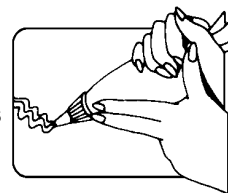
## To Outline & Pipe-In

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.



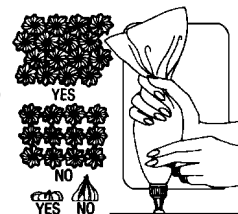
## To Make Zigzags

Use tip 16. Hold bag at a 45° angle with tip lightly touching surface. As you squeeze out icing with a steady, even pressure, move hand in a side-to-side motion for a zigzag effect. To end zigzag, stop pressure and pull tip away. Loose, overpiped zigzags are made following the basic zigzag technique. As you move the tip in the side-to-side motion, vary the width of the zigzags and overpipe areas to create dimension. Cover the entire area, with no background showing.



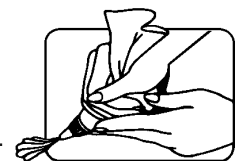
## To Make Stars

Use tip 16. 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.



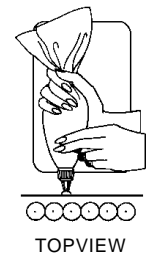
## To Make Pull-Out Stars

Hold bag at 45° angle with tip lightly touching surface. As you squeeze out icing, pull tip down and away from surface. When icing strand is long enough, stop pressure and pull decorating tip 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.



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