

Rainier Cherries and Buttercream Frosting

Makes 8 to 10 servings

Ingredients:

1 yellow cake mix ½ cup (1 stick) butter, at room temperature 4 cups powdered sugar, sifted and divided ¼ cup milk ½ tsp vanilla extract 12 to 15 Rainier Cherries, pitted and halved

Instructions:

Prepare cake mix according to package instructions. In a large bowl beat butter until fluffy. Gradually add 2 cups of powdered sugar, beating until well-combined. Slowly add in the milk and vanilla, continuing to beat. Slowly add the remaining 2 cups powdered sugar, continuing to beat. Add additional milk, if needed, to get to spreading consistency. Frost cake. Top with cherries. Dip any remaining cherries in Buttercream Frosting.

Tip: For a lemon buttercream, substitute $\frac{1}{4}$ cup fresh lemon juice for milk and add $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp lemon zest.

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