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Cheeky Monkey Cupcakes

It's time to get back in the kitchen and whip up some teatime treats. Grab your aprons and let's make some cheeky choccie cupcakes.

You'll need:

- Sieve
- Mixing bowl
- Wooden spoon
- 18 cupcake cases
- Cupcake tray or baking tray

Step 1

First pre-heat the oven to 180°C.

Step 2

Pop 18 paper cake cases in a cupcake tray if you have one, or on a baking tray if not.

Ingredients:

- 85 g Self-raising flour
- 30 g Cocoa powder
- 115 g Soft margarine
- 115 g Caster sugar
- 2 Large eggs

Step 3

Sieve the flour and cocoa into a bowl, then add all the other ingredients.

Step 4

Give it a good stir with a wooden spoon until it's completely mixed.

Step 5

Then simply spoon into the cases.

Step 6

Bake on the middle shelf for 13 minutes – when they look ready, insert a skewer or the point of a knife, if it comes out clean, they're done!



Step 7

Allow the cakes to cool slightly and then transfer to a rack to completely cool.

Time to Decorate

Now the really fun bit! There are a few ways you can decorate depending on what you have to hand. If you don't have these items to decorate your cake, be inventive, they'll still taste great.

Ingredients:

- 600g icing sugar
- 300g butter
- 70g cocoa powder
- Chocolate sprinkles (optional)
- Small biscuits
- Writing icing

Step 1

Allow the butter to soften, then sieve in the icing sugar and cocoa powder and whip together.

Step 2

Spread a dollop on to the top of each cupcake, and roughly smooth over. (Just for fun, why not shake over chocolate sprinkles for hair!)

Step 3

Next you'll need some small round biscuits - you'll need two for each cupcake. Place one on top for the nose and mouth, and then cut the other one in half and wedge one in each side for the ears. (Alternatively, you could use giant chocolate buttons or ready-made fondant icing).

Step 4

Then simply ice on the eyes, nose and mouth using an icing kit. Or you can create your own icing, by mixing together icing sugar with a tiny bit of water, then add food colouring.

Lidl known monkey facts

- Believe it or not, monkeys can actually count. They can also understand basic parts of arithmetic and sometimes even do multiplication!
- The smallest monkey in the world is the pygmy marmoset. They are about the size of a hamster and can fit in the palm of a human hand and they weigh about the same as a pack of cards.
- Howler monkeys are the loudest monkeys. Their howls can be heard up to two miles away in a dense forest, and over three miles away in an open area. That's very loud!

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