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Red Velvet Cupcakes

Makes 30 cupcakes. Recipe from Cooking Light. Serving size: 1 cupcake

Cupcake Ingredients

Cooking spray

10 ounces cake flour (about 2 1/2 cups)

3 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa

1 teaspoon baking soda

1 teaspoon baking powder

1 teaspoon kosher salt

1½ cups granulated sugar

6 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened

2 large eggs

11/4 cups nonfat buttermilk

1½ teaspoons white vinegar

1½ teaspoons vanilla extract

2 tablespoons red food coloring (about 1 ounce)

Paper cupcake liners

Frosting Ingredients

5 tablespoons butter, softened

4 teaspoons nonfat buttermilk

1 (8-ounce) block cream cheese, softened

3½ cups powdered sugar (about 1 pound)

1¼ teaspoons vanilla extract

Nutritional info per cupcake

Calories:	205
Total fat:	7g
Cholesterol:	34mg
Sodium:	168mg
Total Carbs:	34g
Protein:	2g
Calcium:	35mg

Directions

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°.
- 2. To prepare the cupcakes, place 30 paper muffin cup liners in muffin cups; coat with cooking spray.
- 3. Weigh or lightly spoon cake flour into dry measuring cups; level with a knife. Combine cake flour, unsweetened cocoa, baking soda, baking powder, and salt in a medium bowl; stir with a whisk. Place granulated sugar and unsalted butter in a large bowl; beat with a mixer at medium speed until well blended (about 3 minutes). Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating well after each addition. Add flour mixture and 1 1/4 cups nonfat buttermilk alternately to sugar mixture, beginning and ending with flour mixture. Add white vinegar, 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla, and food coloring; beat well.
- 4. Spoon batter into prepared muffin cups. Bake at 350° for 20 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan 10 minutes on wire rack; remove from pan. Cool completely on wire racks.
- 5. To prepare frosting, beat 5 tablespoons butter, 4 teaspoons nonfat buttermilk, and cream cheese with a mixer at high speed until fluffy. Gradually add powdered sugar; beat until smooth. Add 1 ¼ teaspoons vanilla; beat well. Spread frosting evenly over cupcakes.
- 6. Dust with red crumbs from 1 cupcake or red sprinkles.