

RETRO-SHAG PIPING TEHCNIQUE FOR '60s THEMED CAKE

INGREDIENTS:

8-inch and 6-inch round cakes, cooled (number of round cakes needed will depend on desired cake size.)

12-18 cups of buttercream frosting depending on size of the cake
Princess Cake & Cookie Bakery Emulsion - for flavoring buttercream frosting
(use 1-2 teaspoons for every 3 cups of buttercream frosting)
Assortment LorAnn Liquid Gel Food Colors or LorAnn Liquid Food Colors
small and medium grass piping tips
piping bags



DIRECTIONS:

- 1. Trim the tops of the cakes to make them level. Stack the cakes on a cake stand, spreading a layer of buttercream between each with an offset spatula.
- 2. Cover the cake with a thin layer of flavored buttercream (this is the crumb coat), smoothing it with a bench scraper. Refrigerate until set, about 15 minutes.
- 3. Divide remaining flavored buttercream among 4 or more bowls depending on the number of desired colors for the cake. Add food coloring to each bowl. Recipe Tip: Add a small drop of brown liquid gel food coloring or brown liquid food coloring to each buttercream color to achieve a classic, warm and muted palette that embodies the '60s aesthetic.
- 4. Transfer each color frosting to a separate piping bag fitted with a grass tip.
- 5. Holding a piping bag perpendicular to the cake and working from the base of the cake, pipe a small section (pulling downward) of buttercream.
- 6. Continue piping small sections with the grass tips, alternating the colors, sizes and shapes of each area as desired or until there is no crumb coat showing.
- 7. Once the sides are complete, cover the top of the cake with the piping technique as desired; alternating colors, shapes and sizes of frosting.
- 8. Refrigerate the cake at least 30 minutes to allow the frosting to set.

9. Add mini disco balls for a sparkly touch and to nail the groovy theme! - optional