

EYEBALLS

These spooky eyeballs, perfect for a Halloween party, were baked in a mini ball pan (<http://www.wilton.com/store/site/product.cfm?id=3E30ABC4-475A-BAC0-5E435F6A2968955C&fid=0D0BED4E-475A-BAC0-5A68AF3A1910E9AD>). Try different eye colors, go out of this world with alien eyes, or design a monstrous creation of your own.



What you will need:

Cake: one recipe white or light colored cake of your choice

Icing: one recipe White Chocolate Glaze (see BAKE), ¼ recipe buttercream (or one jar of vanilla frosting of your choice)

Colors: Red, blue, green, yellow, and black liquid-gel food coloring

Miscellaneous: mini-bowl pan (Wilton), pastry cones, two round cookie cutters: approximately 1/2-inch in diameter and 1 1/4 -inches in diameter.

1. Bake the cakes and let them cool completely. Freeze for 1 hour, or until completely chilled. Meanwhile, prepare the glaze. Place the cakes on a wire cooling rack over a sheet pan. Pour the glaze over the cakes. Let drip and then slide a spatula underneath to transfer them to a serving tray or clean sheet pan. Freeze for an additional 10 minutes to allow the glaze to completely set.



2. Press a medium round cookie cutter into the glaze on top of each ball. This will create the guideline for the iris. Press a small round cookie cutter in the center of the first circle. This will create the guideline for the pupil





3. Set aside 2 tablespoons buttercream. Tint the remaining buttercream: approximately 2 tablespoons each of red, light blue, dark blue, light green, dark green, and black (or colors of your choice). Place the buttercreams into separate pastry cones and cut a small to medium hole at the tip of each.

4. Using red, pipe veins. Start each vein at the bottom edge, and trail it upwards, often forking into two, and ending before the iris guideline.



5. Using black, pipe the outer edge of the iris, using the impression as a guideline.



6. Pipe a dark blue line inside the black line and a light blue line inside the dark blue. Similarly, whatever color you choose, pipe the darker value closer to the balck.



7. Using an offset spatula, blend the colors.



- Using a paint brush, drag some of the darker values toward the center.



- Pipe a black pupil in the center of each iris. Alternatively, pipe a cat/alien eye that bisects the iris.



- Pipe white reflective highlights on each eye.



