

Make a Victoria Sponge

Every Royal Tea Party needs cake. Follow this simple recipe to make a cake fit for a king (and a cat)!

For the cake:

200g caster sugar 200g softened butter 4 eggs (beaten) 200g self-raising flour 1 tsp baking powder 2 tbsp milk

For the filling:

100g butter (softened) 140g icing sugar (sifted) half a 340g jar good-quality strawberry jam icing sugar to decorate



You'll also need two 20cm sandwich tins. Butter them well and line them with non-stick baking parchment.

How to make your cake:

- 1. Heat the oven to 190C/fan 170C/gas 5.
- 2. Use an electric mixer to beat all the cake ingredients together in a big bowl, until you have a smooth, soft batter.
- 3. Divide the mixture between the two sandwich tins. Use the back of a spoon or a spatula to spread it out gently and smooth the surface.
- 4. Bake for about 20 mins until the cakes are golden and the surface springs back if you press it gently. Turn the cakes out on to a cooling rack and leave to cool completely.
- 5. To make the filling, use an electric mixer or wooden spoon to beat the butter until it's smooth and creamy. Gradually beat in the icing sugar.
- 6. Turn one sponge over, and spread the filling over the bottom of it. Spread jam on top of the butter cream, then carefully place the second sponge on top.
- 7. Dust the top with a little icing sugar before serving. Your cake will keep for two days in an airtight container.



