

# CUPCAKE DECORATING

## **\*\*Important Note\*\***

**FAIR ENTRY MAPPING:** Select County Only Projects > Cupcake Decorating > Grade Level

**DESCRIPTION:** Learn how to make and use icing as decoration for cupcakes, cookies, etc. This activity is an introduction to a money-making skill and career.

### **DIVISIONS**

<b>Beginner</b>	Grades 3 - 5
<b>Intermediate</b>	Grades 6 - 8
<b>Advanced</b>	Grades 9 - 12

**REQUIREMENT:** Cupcake Decorating Skills Card

### **EXHIBIT GUIDELINES:**

1. All projects must be on a solid base such as cardboard or wood that is approximately 3/8" thick and is no more than 3 inches larger than the cupcake display.
2. All display boards must be covered.
3. Use only Styrofoam dummy cupcakes. (Suggest covering the cupcake dummy with some cupcake wrap)
4. Cupcakes must be attached to the exhibit to prevent them from being picked up.
5. Icing must be used in the project. Cupcakes will not be judged on taste.
6. Artificial items may be used only in the Advanced division.
7. All cupcakes exhibited must meet the specific level requirements.
8. All cupcakes must be standard-sized, Styrofoam dummy cupcakes. Miniature or oversized cupcakes will be disqualified. Styrofoam dummy cupcakes are available for purchase from the Extension Office.
9. Not all cupcakes need to be decorated identically. Each may be their design if they meet the specific requirements.
10. A completed cupcake decorating skills card must be attached to the exhibit.
11. Cupcakes will be judged on creativity, decoration, technique, instruction, construction, and appearance according to guidelines for each level's requirements.

### **BEGINNER (Grades 3 - 5)**

Display 6 decorated cupcakes. These may be decorated alike or individually. Decoration must be edible.

Display in a single layer on a solid surface not to exceed 16 x 16 inches in exhibit size. Icing should be smooth, and decorations should be added using various cake tips (e.g., stars, dots, lines, etc.). No artificial or added sprinkles, candies, or cookies may be used.

### **INTERMEDIATE (Grades 6 - 8)**

Display 6-16 cupcakes decorated in a theme. Decorate individually or as a group if the theme is carried out on display. The display area must not exceed 18 x 18 x 24 inches in exhibit size. Cupcakes must be presented on a solid base and in a single layer. Decorations must be edible. Smooth or decorate the top with edible sprinkles, candies, cookies, etc., incorporating the theme. No artificial items may be used.

### **ADVANCED (Grades 9 - 12)**

Display 12-24 cupcakes or more decorated in a theme. They are decorated individually or as a group if the theme is carried out on display. The display area must not exceed 24 x 24 x 18 inches in exhibit size. Cupcakes must be presented on a solid base. Cupcakes may be stacked for a 3D display using candy sticks or other edible items. Artificial items may be used in this division only.