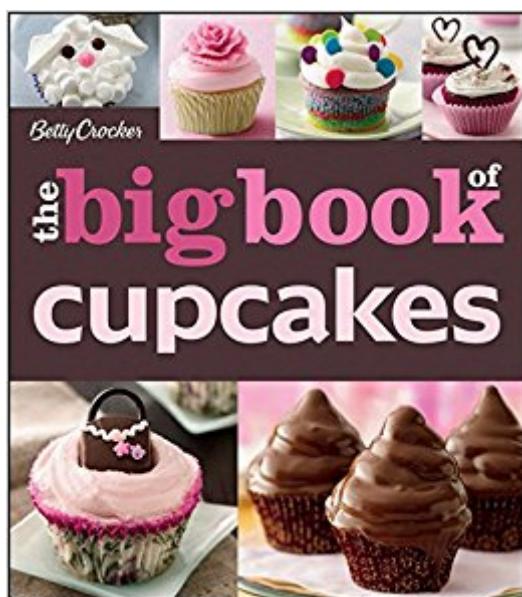


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# The Betty Crocker The Big Book Of Cupcakes (Betty Crocker Big Book)



## Synopsis

Spectacular cupcake recipes made from scratch or with a mixGet ready for adorably decorated and deliciously flavored cupcakes made easy! Betty Crocker The Big Book of Cupcakes features 175 delightful cupcakes, all using new and fun decorating ideas anyone can master and simple ingredients available anywhere. And as a unique feature, almost every cupcake can be made from scratch or with a mix: You decide which method to follow.Recipes include kids' party favorites like Double Chocolate-Peanut Butter Cupcakes, as well as sophisticated flavors like Mocha-Caramel Cappuccino Cupcakes. You'll find:More than 175 cupcakes, with a tantalizing full-color photograph of every cupcake, plus helpful how-to photos showing easy decorating techniquesA special Kids' Party Cupcakes chapter with decorated treats like Puffer Fish Cupcakes, Monster Truck Cupcake Pull-Aparts and Campfire S'Mores CupcakesDazzling Holiday and Special-Occasion Cupcakes chapters including fanciful creations like Easter Egg Baskets, Almond-Filled White Christmas Cupcakes and Molten Caramel Apple CupcakesPerfect for bake sales, birthdays, holiday parties or just an everyday treat, Betty Crocker The Big Book of Cupcakes is one book that really takes the cake. Sample Recipes and Cupcake Designs    Mr. Sun Cupcakes    Aztec Chile-Chocolate Cupcakes    Chocolate Moose Cupcakes

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Simple and scrumptious treats are just minutes away with Betty Crocker The Big Book of Cupcakes. More than 175 delicious varieties and decorations are perfect for any occasionâ "or no occasion at

all. Look inside for: Cupcake & Frosting Basics: straightforward instructions on baking perfect cupcakes of any kind—yellow, chocolate, white or lemon cake, along with frostings and icings. Simply Delicious Cupcakes: Chocolate Whoopie Pie Cupcakes, Malted Milk Ball Cupcakes, Red Velvet Cupcakes with Marshmallow Buttercream Frosting, Harvest Apple Cupcakes with Cream Cheese Frosting. Bake Sale Favorites: Chocolate-Espresso Cupcakes, Double Chocolate-Peanut Butter Cupcakes, Minty Fudge Cups, Cookies 'n cream Cupcakes, Flower-Power Cupcakes, Somewhere Over the Rainbow Cupcakes, Spiced-caramel Pear Cupcakes. Kids' Party Cupcakes: Surprise Cupcake Cones, Mini Cupcake Banana Splits, Jungle Animal Cupcakes, Creepy Crawler Cupcakes, Cupcake Sliders, Football Cupcake Pull-Aparts, Turtle-Topped Cupcakes, Dreamy Sleepover Cupcakes, Pirate's Hidden Treasure Cupcakes. Dazzling Holiday Cupcakes: New Year's Party Cupcakes, Valentine Parfait Cupcakes, Easter Basket Cupcakes, Hole-in-One Father's Day Cupcakes, Stars and Stripes Cupcakes, Ghost Cupcake Cones, Mini Pumpkin Cupcakes, Hanukkah Dreidel Cupcakes, Almond-Filled White Christmas Cupcakes. Special-occasion Cupcakes: Chai Latte Cupcakes, Hot Chocolate Cupcakes, Peanut Butter High Hats, Lemon Meringue Cupcakes, Mini Crumb Cakes, Wedding Cupcakes, Key Lime Cupcakes, Mango-Jalapeño Cupcake Stacks.

Nearly endless cupcake ideas—spectacular yet truly easy to make—from scratch or with a mix. Betty Crocker has gone all-out with this best-ever collection of over 175 sensational cupcakes that are easy and fun to prepare. Best of all, almost every recipe can be made from scratch or with a mix, so you can choose between quick and convenient or scratch preparation. Get ready to be wowed by decorated cupcakes—from adorable Dreamy Sleepover Cupcakes to sophisticated Vanilla Bean Calla Lily Cupcakes, as well as enticing flavors like Aztec Chile-Chocolate Cupcakes. You'll find dozens of inspiring ideas that are sure to make your next party special, whether a birthday, holiday or graduation. This is the one book you need for the treat that never goes out of style. You'll find: More than 175 easy-to-make recipes with an incredible array of flavors and fun decorating ideas, from holiday ornaments to kid-friendly creations. A full-color photo of every cupcake, plus step-by-step photos on frosting, decorating and more. Guidance on the basics, from simple cupcakes and frostings to creative decorating and gift-giving ideas.

This book has 4 basic cupcake recipes and 6 recipes for icing. The rest of the book uses these recipes as ingredients - for example Turtle Topped Cupcakes require yellow cupcakes, buttercream frosting, and store bought candy. I'd estimate 75% of the book is combining the first 10 recipes with

different store bought candy or food coloring. Every recipe has a "tip" that tells you to how to use a cake mix instead of baking from scratch. There ARE some nice variations (Butternut Squash Cupcakes, Aztec Chocolate, and Spiced Caramel Pear) but overall this book is written to sell cake mix and it's little too obvious about it.

The Betty Crocker Big Book of Cupcakes starts off telling about how the first commercial cupcake was introduced in 1919 and goes onto tell about how to bake them, frost them, decorate them and how to store them. The book goes onto offer up basic recipes on how to bake and frost them. Later chapters specialize in bake sales, kid's party cupcakes, holiday cupcakes and special-occasion cupcakes. There is a metric conversion guide found at the back of the cookbook. Some of the basic recipes you will find in this cookbook include: Yellow Cupcakes Chocolate Cupcakes Vanilla Buttercream Frosting Fluffy White Frosting Decorator Icing Some of the other recipes you will find include: Adorable Applesauce Cupcakes (uses a included Applesauce cupcake recipe and uses the Vanilla Buttercream Frosting recipe) Surprise Cupcake Cones Mr. Mouse Party Cupcakes Chirping Chick Cupcakes (I'm thinking about making these for Easter dinner) Merry Holiday Ornament Cupcakes Chai Latte Cupcakes Hot Chocolate Cupcakes Lemon Meringue Cupcakes Pink Champagne Cupcakes Mini Crumb Cakes Butterfly Cupcake Petits Fours Pastel Angel Food Cupcakes Wedding Cupcakes Baby Rattle Cupcakes Sunflower Cupcakes Key Lime Cupcakes As you can see there are many choices to choose from. Best of all the cookbook is filled with plenty of color images illustrating the recipes. You will also find an interactive table of contents making navigation easy. Recommend.

So happy with this cookbook. The first chapter has basic cupcake and frosting recipes with no frills. The following chapters are chock full with interesting recipes and decorating ideas. The flavors are exciting and fun and I can't wait to make more cupcakes more often. The decorating ideas are fun and not so complicated that I won't be able to achieve a reasonable likeness to the pictures. The recipes give extra tips and tell you how you can use a box of cake mix if you don't want to make them from scratch. The one recipe I've tried so far (candy bar cupcakes) was extremely easy. The most complicated things I had to do was separate eggs and test for doneness with a toothpick. Some of the recipes use the basic cupcake / frosting recipe and then add other ingredients to make them different & original. I would definitely recommend this cookbook for anyone who likes to bake but is tired of the same old boring recipes. \*\*\*\*\* Update 11.01.11 - I've been making cupcakes about twice a month now since I've purchased this book and get rave reviews for

each new recipe. The added ingredients definitely change the flavors and the decorating (so far) is a snap. I would recommend if you're going to start making cupcakes more often that you buy a few accessories to make putting the batter into the pan and frosting easier. I've purchased a simple decorating bag with two different large tips - with this I can frost 24 cupcakes in minutes and they look professional. I also love the 'batter scoops' I've purchased. It helps ensure that my cupcakes are of a consistent size - which again makes them look prettier in the end.

I've been baking successfully for 45 years. I've tried 3 recipes from this book and didn't care for any of them. My family and I found them dry. Today I made peanut butter cakes. I could barely taste the peanut butter and I threw them away. This is the last time I'll waste my time and money. Obviously from all the good reviews people like this book. I'd be very interested to know how many of these good reviews come from using cake mix since cake mix cakes are usually very moist. The reason I gave a 3 star rating is because there's so many cute decorating ideas and tips and ideas for unusual frosting flavors.

This book is amazing! For anyone who sees bad reviews and doubts this book I can give you my advice and say not to listen! It contains seemingly endless recipes for young bakers especially, and inspires creativity with a beautiful color picture beside each idea. Next to each recipe there is always a useful tip for perfecting your creation, whether it's for the frosting, filling, or garnish. For people just starting to get into the fun world of baking, this book inspires creativity and contains many wonderful tips and ideas that can turn any beginner into a master. I have nothing bad to say about THE BIG BOOK OF CUPCAKES, and I fully recommend it.

I love this book! I checked it out of the library and then used so many recipes from it I decided I had to have my own copy. I like how many of the recipes are "from scratch" recipes, and then there is a cake mix version for quicker turnaround or for those who don't feel as comfortable in the kitchen baking from scratch. The section on holiday cupcakes is especially fun.

I feel like this book is a great example of choosing quantity OVER quality. The recipes at the front have been awful, cupcakes & frosting alike.. Too sweet or just taste.. well, awful. It's a nice big book of just photos, but I am hesitant to try any other recipe in there mostly when they all incorporate the base recipes at the front... I will update this review when I am brave enough & have plenty of time to waste for another take on the recipes.

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