



PREP: 20 min  
COOK: 30 min  
SERVES: 12-14

## Classic Red Velvet Cake

The classic red velvet cake is a timeless recipe that all home bakers should master. Its deep red colour and moist, tender crumb is perfectly complimented by a generous dollop of fluffy cream cheese icing. If you'd like to bake a single layer cake or cupcakes using this recipe, scroll to the bottom of the method for ingredient conversions.

### Ingredients

#### Cake

180g unsalted butter, softened  
450g caster sugar  
1 ½ tsp salt  
3 large eggs, room temperature  
30g cocoa powder  
Queen Red Food Colour Gel  
6 tsp Queen Natural Vanilla Extract  
3 cups (450g) plain flour, sifted  
1 ½ cups (375ml) buttermilk  
4 ½ tsp white vinegar  
1 ½ tsp bicarbonate soda

### Method - Cake

#### STEP 1

Preheat oven to 170°C (fan forced). Grease and line three 20cm cake tins with baking paper.

#### STEP 2

Combine butter, sugar and salt in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment. Beat on high until light and creamy, approximately 3-5 minutes. Add eggs one at a time, mixing until fully incorporated.

#### STEP 3

Place cocoa powder in a small bowl with Vanilla Extract and add Red Food Colour Gel until a paste forms. Add to batter and mix until incorporated.

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## Ingredients

### Cream Cheese Icing

250g cream cheese

2 tsp Queen Vanilla Bean Paste

100g unsalted butter, softened

4 cups (600g) icing sugar

## Method - Cake

### STEP 4

Add half the flour and half the buttermilk to the batter, mix to incorporate. Add the remaining flour and buttermilk mixing until just combined.

### STEP 5

Mix vinegar and bicarb in a small bowl before adding to the batter and mix to incorporate. Pour into prepared tin and bake for 30 minutes or until an inserted skewer comes out clean.

## Method - Icing

### STEP 1

In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, beat cream cheese until smooth.

### STEP 2

Add Vanilla Bean Paste and butter and mix until just incorporated. Add icing sugar and mix on low until combined – do not over mix.

### STEP 3

Spread or pipe half the icing onto the first cake layer, top with second layer and repeat with remaining icing. Use a spoon or offset spatula to swirl the icing on top.

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