

Easter Cupcakes

If it's Easter, it must be time for egg hunts -- but most kids would rather take a bite out of a yummy cupcake than a dyed hard boiled egg. Give your kindergartener just what his sweet tooth craves with a baking activity that leads to a delicious spelling exercise as well.

What You Need:

- Cake mix
- Measuring cups
- Water
- Vegetable oil
- Eggs
- Cupcake pan
- Cupcake liners
- Bowls
- Oven mitt
- Candy
- Spoon
- Knife
- Frosting
- Food coloring



What You Do:

1. Preheat your oven to the temperature indicated on the cake mix box.
2. Help your child follow the cake mix instructions to make the cupcake batter. Have him mix the eggs, water, vegetable oil and cake mix in the large bowl.
3. Have him prepare the cupcake pan by putting in the cupcake liners.
4. Let him use a spoon to fill each liner with batter. Make sure the batter fills about 2/3 of the liner.
5. Carefully place the cupcake pan into the oven. Bake for the amount of time indicated on the box.
6. Pull the pan out with an oven mitt and set aside to cool.
7. Let your child experiment with frosting and food coloring. The colored frosting will be the backdrop for his easter cupcake masterpieces.
8. Help your child use a spoon to scoop out the center of each cupcake.
9. Have him place a small candy in the empty space.
10. Let him use a knife to spread his colored frosting on the cupcakes.
11. To put a twist on the classic Easter egg hunt, use candy to spell out a single letter on the top of each cupcake.
12. When Easter finally arrives, hide the cupcakes in different locations throughout your house or back yard.
13. Challenge your child to find the cupcakes that spell out his name. He can't eat his yummy treat until he finds his whole name.

For a bigger group, make more cupcakes! Just make sure you have enough cupcakes and letters to spell out each child's name.