

Caramel Popcorn Cake

With buttery vanilla cake, cream cheese frosting and decadent Werther's Caramel Popcorn, this fun showstopper cake is perfect for any celebration



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Ingredients

Cake

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tbsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 cup butter, at room temperature
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 4 eggs
- ½ tsp vanilla extract
- 1 cup milk
- 2 cups Werther's Original Caramel Popcorn

Frosting

- 2 pkg brick-style cream cheese, cold
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 1 ½ cups icing sugar, sifted
- 1/4 tsp salt

Caramel

- 24 Werther's Soft Crème Caramels, unwrapped
- 2 tbsp 35% whipping cream
- 2 tbsp butter, softened

Instructions

- **1.** Cake: Preheat oven to 375°F (190°C). Butter and flour three 6-inch (15 cm) round cake pans; set aside. Sift together flour, baking powder and salt; set aside.
- **2.** Using electric mixer, beat together butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs, one at a time, incorporating each one fully before adding the next one. Beat in vanilla.
- **3.** With mixer on low, alternately add flour mixture in 3 parts with milk in 2 parts, starting and ending with flour mixture, scraping down bowl as needed between additions.
- **4.** Scrape into prepared pans; smooth tops. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until lightly golden and tester inserted into center of cake comes out clean. Let cool completely.
- **5.** Frosting: Meanwhile, beat cream cheese until light and fluffy. Beat in butter; beat in icing sugar and salt just until smooth (if frosting is too soft to spread, refrigerate for 10 to 15 minutes to firm up).
- **6.** Carefully remove cakes from pans. Using serrated knife, trim tops to make flat cakes. Place one cake layer on serving plate; spread with generous ½ cup frosting. Repeat with remaining cake layers. Spread remaining frosting over side of cake. Refrigerate for 1 to 2 hours or until frosting is well chilled and set.
- **7.** Caramel: In small saucepan set over medium-low heat, combine caramels, cream and butter. Cook, whisking, for 3 to 5 minutes or until well combined and smooth.





Prep Time

• 35 minutes

Number of portions

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8. Drizzle caramel over top of cake, allowing some to drip over the side. Pile Werther's Original Caramel Popcorn on top of cake, pressing lightly to adhere to caramel.

Tip

Add $\frac{1}{3}$ cup of peanuts to caramel popcorn if desired.

