

# Cupcake Decorating



VERMILLION COUNTY 4H

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## General guidelines for all levels:

1. Cupcakes must be baked (no foam or dummy cakes). Judges will not taste cupcakes
2. Judges will not alter or take display apart for judging
3. Cupcakes will be judged on creativity, decoration, technique, instruction, construction, and appearance.
4. No store-purchased icing permitted in any level—see recipes for recommended icing.
5. Cupcakes must be displayed and baked in paper or foil liner of 4-Her's choice. (Note: this is optional in advanced level)
6. Cupcakes must be displayed on a stiff board. Wood, foam, or thick cardboard material can be used. All display boards must measure at least 2" larger than the cupcake display. Boards should be covered. BOARD SIZE REQUIREMENTS ARE SPECIFIC BY LEVEL.
7. Be creative using different cake decorating tips.
8. Design tip: tape paper together to measure the board size for your level. To get an idea for display, simply place empty cupcake liners until you achieve your basic outline.
9. Any item attached TO THE CUPCAKE MUST BE EDIBLE.

## BEGINNER: Grades 3-5

- A. Display 6 standard-size cupcakes. Cupcakes should be individually decorated in a theme. All six should be decorated alike in uniform appearance.
- B. Display board should not exceed 15" x 15". See # 6 in General guidelines.
- C. Beginner level should be displayed in a single layer on the display board.

## INTERMEDIATE: Grades 6-8

- A. Display 12 standard-sized cupcakes decorated in a theme.
- B. Cupcakes may be decorated individually or as a group as long as a theme is carried out in the overall display.
- C. Display board should not exceed 24" x 24" See #6 in General guidelines.
- D. Theme design should be single layer, not 3D or stacked.

## ADVANCED: Grades 9-12

- A. Display 18 or more cupcakes that can be all one size cupcake or any combination of shape and sizes as long as it is baked in a cupcake pan.
- B. Cupcake liners are optional at the advanced level.
- C. Cupcakes may be decorated individually or as a group as long as a theme is carried out in the overall display.
- D. Display can be 3D or stacked to create desired theme/design.
- E. Display board should not exceed 24" X 24" X 24". See #6 in general guidelines.