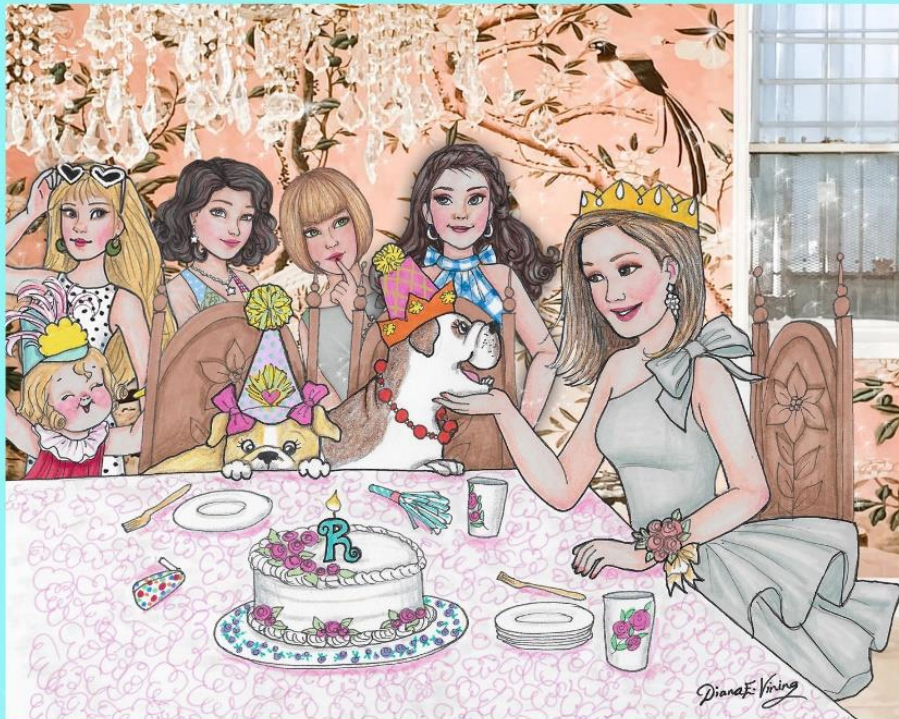


“Birthday Wishes”

A Step By Step Tutorial on How To Make A Cake For the Dolls in Your Life



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Here's a delightful project that is open to endless interpretations! A pretty little birthday cake that you can (if you want to!) cut into pieces for your dolls to enjoy! This tutorial will feature a birthday cake in Rachel's honor, but you can use this technique to make an endless array of miniature treats for your dolls! This is very much like decorating a real cake, except here we use Puffy Paint instead of frosting! So... Let's get "baking"!

First, Gather Your Supplies!

- 3 Round Cosmetic Sponges
- Puffy 3D Paint (Brown, Pink, & Green)
- Scissors
- Yellow Permanent Marker
- Paint Brush



Let's Make a Cake!

1. Lay a cosmetic sponge flat on a paper plate or other work surface that is OK to get messy. Squirt a generous amount of brown puffy paint onto the top, and spread it around using a paint brush. This will be the icing between the layers. If your cake will have 3 layers like my example, you'll need to do this to 2 of the cosmetic sponges. Try to make the paint a bit thick, with as few bubbles as possible. Stack the sponges together, pressing gently enough that the layers stick together, but also so that the paint doesn't ooze out of the sides. Allow to dry overnight.



- When the paint is FULLY dry between layers, use the white Puffy Paint to “ice” the cake. Your sponge should now look white and creamy all over! Allow to dry overnight. (You may need to add a second layer of “frosting” paint, and allow to dry for about 6 – 12 hours)



- Decorate the sides and top of your cake with other colors of puffy paint. I used green, pink, and blue to make my little “flowers and leaves” decorations. (Helpful Hint: To make leaves, I put a dot of green paint on the cake, and then use a fine paintbrush to pull out a “point” on the end. My “flowers” are just dots of Puffy Paint.) Allow to dry for 4 – 6 hours.



4. Write your message on top of the cake with a fine-point permanent marker.



5. (Steps 5 & 6 are Optional) When the cake is all dry, use large scissors to cut a wedge from the cake! This can be tricky, so be careful with this step! And always make a wish before cutting a birthday cake! 😊



6. Use your yellow permanent marker to color the inside part of the “cake”. (You can use any color you like, depending on what “flavor” you want to depict. Allow the marker to dry for a few minutes.



7. (Optional) You can also make tiny candles by cutting and coloring little pieces of toothpicks to resemble candles. The funny thing is that when you poke them into the cake, they'll stay put, and when you take them out, the holes kind of “fill in” and aren't very noticeable!



8. Find a pretty little plate, or make a card stock “cake pad”. When all the paint is fully dry, your dolls can have a party with these adorable, squishy little pieces of cake! You can leave the cake uncut, or cut as many pieces as you like. They look good enough to eat—but I don’t recommend that! 😊

Enjoy!

