Little Rascals Cake Pops

Ingredients

Cake base:

- 1 cup unsalted butter, room temperature
- 2 cups sugar
- 3 tsp vanilla extract
- 6 large eggs
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 1/2 cups sour cream

Buttercream:

- 1 cup unsalted butter, room temperature
- 1 tsp vanilla extract or seeds from 1 vanilla bean
- 2 ½ cups confectioner's sugar

½ cup almonds

2 cups purple candy melts

- ½ cup yellow candy melts
- 1/4 cup white candy melts
- 1/4 cup brown candy melts

½ cup pink fondant

Directions

Bake the cake:

- 1. Beat the butter and sugar with an electric mixer until pale and smooth. Add the vanilla extract and eggs one at a time, mixing with each addition.
- 2. In a separate bowl, combine the flour, baking soda and salt. Add this to the batter in 2 additions, alternating with the sour cream.
- 3. Spoon the batter into 2 cupcake pans. Bake at 350F for 15-20 minutes, or until a skewer inserted into the centers comes out clean. Cool completely.

Make the buttercream:

1. Beat the butter with an electric mixer until pale and fluffy. Add the vanilla extract and confectioner's sugar one cup at a time, beating with each addition.

Make the cake pops:

- 1. Crumble the cupcakes into a bowl. Add about 2 cups of buttercream and mix with an electric mixer, until the cake is broken into fine crumbs and can be shaped into balls.
- 2. Shape the cake pop mixture into 24 balls and place on a plate lined with plastic wrap. Stick almonds into the top of the cake pops, to create ears. Place the cake pops in the fridge and chill for 1 hour, or until firm.
- 3. Melt all shades of candy melts. Dunk the cake pops into the purple candy melts and tap to remove any excess. Return to the plate lined with plastic wrap.
- 4. Once the purple layer has set, place the yellow candy melts into a piping bag. Pipe on Little Rascal's inner ears and tummy. Allow to set at room temperature.
- 5. Pipe Little Rascal's eyes with white and brown candy melts. Place a tiny dollop of candy melts in the

nose area and attach a small piece of pink fondant as the nose.

6. Allow to fully harden at room temperature and enjoy!