Buttery Birthday Cake

Ingredients:

625 mL sifted cake and pastry flour (sift then measure)

17 mL baking powder

5 mL salt

250 mL milk (80 mL milk powder)

375 mL sugar

175 mL soft margarine (approx. 1 ½ square of margarine)

2 eggs 5 mL vanilla



Method:

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Grease pan with shortening and line bottoms with parchment paper (except cupcakes). Use either two 9-inch round pans; two 8-inch square pans or two cupcake tins.
- 2. In a medium bowl, sift together flour, baking powder, and salt. Set aside. Make up milk and set aside.
- 3. In a large bowl, beat margarine and sugar together with a wooden spoon. Add one egg; beat well. Add second egg, beat well. Add vanilla.
- 4. Add flour mixture alternating with milk (dry, wet, dry, wet, dry). Mixing well after each addition.
- 5. Spread batter evenly in prepared pans.
- 6. Bake in oven according times or until tops of cake spring back when lightly touched.

 Cool 10 minutes in pan before turning out onto racks.

-Layers: 25-35 minutes

-Rectangular: 40-45 minutes -Cupcakes: 20-25 minutes

Buttercream Icing:

60 mL shortening 60 mL margarine 2 mL vanilla 500 mL icing sugar

15 mL milk

In a medium bowl, cream together shortening and margarine. Add vanilla. Gradually add sugar. Add milk. Yield 375 mL.