



## Cake design and maker based in Hampshire, UK

*Passionate about bringing happiness through cake.*

As the owner of Cake Design By Becky, based out of Southampton, Hampshire, I believe everyone should be able to share in the joy of cake! My passion is baking and making wedding and celebration cakes.

I have a 5-star food hygiene rating, level 2 food hygiene training and am food allergen trained.

I also offer Free-From baking. As someone with experience of food intolerance's, baking to accommodate different dietary requirements without compromising on taste and texture has become a passion of mine.

# Bespoke packages

*My bespoke packages are tailored mostly towards weddings, however I have options available for celebration cakes when a special and unique cake is wanted but the full bespoke package isn't necessarily required. Please reach out via email at [deliciouslyfreecupcake@hotmail.com](mailto:deliciouslyfreecupcake@hotmail.com) for options and prices. My prices reflect the time taken to develop unique custom cakes which included consultations over the phone/video call or in person, designs, tasters, delivery and set up as well as all the background organisation with florists and wedding/event coordinators, all of which I will take out of your hands to give you a worry free and seamless process.*

My style is elegant and modern, and I like to decorate my cakes with fresh and/or dried flowers. I also like to incorporate some seasonal ingredients into the cake flavours or designs.

I offer a fully bespoke design service where I like to find out all your dreams for your big day, colours and themes. Following which I can produce a series custom designs for your consideration painted delicately with watercolour paints. After which we can discuss the designs in depth and add, remove or interchange any elements from the designs.

With my signature style, I like to include 'painted' elements on the cake, especially with my buttercream cakes. I like to use techniques such as pallet knives and piping nozzles to create unique designs often including floral and foliage elements to tie in with your wedding aesthetic.



# Flavour choices

I hope you like the sound of some of my favourite cake flavours, they are all chosen with the utmost care and with attention to the best ingredients available. However, I am more than happy to develop recipes if you wanted flavours/ingredients incorporated into your cake that aren't included on my standard list. I am always keen to include and suggest seasonal flavours.

I offer tester boxes including four flavours for £25 absorbed into the cost of the cake if you go ahead and order (plus postage at £4.50 if required and £2 for each custom flavour). With tiered cakes, many couples and clients like to have more than one flavour included in their cake, something I am always happy to accommodate.

Additionally, at this point it is important to inform me of any dietary requirements. I cater for many requirements including gluten and dairy free at no extra cost and have completed full food allergen training.

Lemon and elderflower sponge with lemon curd

Lemon and blueberry sponge with blueberry jam

White chocolate and raspberry

White chocolate and pistachio

Orange sponge with blackcurrant jam

Fresh strawberry infused sponge with strawberry jam

Lemon with raspberry jam

Victoria sponge with jam

Salted caramel

Chocolate sponge with hazelnut filling

Cookies and cream

Rich dark chocolate with creamy buttercream filling



# Semi-Naked cakes



Many couples and clients may already have a clear vision of their dream cake. If this is the case I also offer an entry level package where elements such as in person or over the phone consultation, watercolor designs and tasters may not be required.

Below are my prices for semi-naked cakes frosted with vanilla Swiss meringue buttercream and containing one flavour of cake.

*\*Please note that the addition of elements such as fresh fruit and flowers will be charged additionally for time and costs.*

Please reach out directly for quotes for single tier cakes

Two tier cake	6" and 8" tiers	Serves 40-45	£200+
Two tier large cake	8" and 10" tiers	50-65	£230+
Three tier cake	6", 8" and 10" tiers	70-90	£320+
Three tier larger cake	8", 10" and 12" tiers	120-130	£380+
Four tier cake	6", 8", 10" and 12" tiers	130-150	£450+

# Icing options

## SWISS MERINGUE BUTTERCREAM

This is my go-to icing for buttercream cakes. It differs from the traditional 'American' buttercream which is very sweet and grainy. Swiss meringue buttercream takes a lot more patience and expertise to make, however the effort is rewarded with a silky smooth, less sweet icing which is perfect for creating designs with the buttercream and obtaining that crisp smooth finish.

This icing is also a much lighter and more delicate colour and so requires less food colouring to obtain a white finish.

*\*Please note that buttercream cakes can never be brilliant white.*

Additionally, Swiss meringue buttercream stands up better to heat than traditional 'American' buttercream. It will be perfectly happy at room temperature, However for a warm summer wedding I would recommend a white chocolate Swiss meringue buttercream which helps add stability to the icing.

*\*Please be aware that no icing is able to withstand high temperatures or direct sunlight.*



## FONDANT ICING

Fondant icing is currently experience a resurgence in popularity. I like to use my fondant icing a little bit differently to a traditional cake and use it to create a marble effect.

I also like to use a technique where I half wrap the cake in fondant leaving some buttercream frosting exposed benefit and often incorporating a gold trim between the two textures.

# Ordering Process

If you have decided on your Wedding date then please get in touch and I will guide you through how to order. Send me an email at [deliciouslyfreecupcake@hotmail.com](mailto:deliciouslyfreecupcake@hotmail.com) so that I can check for availability. Wedding cake season can be busy and so I would recommend reserving your date as soon as possible. Couples usually get in contact between 9-6 months before the wedding, although please reach out earlier if you wish. Alternatively, some sooner wedding dates may still be possible depending on my availability.

## ESTIMATING YOUR CAKE COSTS

Following confirmation of availability, I can provide an initial estimated quotation based on your cake size, preferred finish, decoration ideas and delivery address. I can advise you on the size of cake based on how many guests you have. I can consult with you via email and phone to learn the important details you have chosen for your wedding. Details include the style of your venue, colour schemes, floral choices and any other design details you would like me to include in your cake.

## FINALISING YOUR WEDDING CAKE ORDER

I will be able to provide a final quote for your wedding cake once we decided on your cake style, design and decorative details. If you are happy to proceed with a cake from Cake Design by Becky, I will then be able to send you an invoice with all the details we've discussed along with terms and conditions of sale. At this point I will require a non-refundable deposit amount to reserve the date (50% of cake cost). Payment is accepted by bank transfer. When I receive this payment, I will confirm your wedding cake order and reserve your wedding date. However, don't worry I won't fully book a date you're interested in before you've paid the deposit without first getting in touch, however if I don't receive a reply for more than 48 hours I may need to give the date away. The balance of your order becomes due 21 days prior to your wedding day.

## ON THE DAY

Due to the delicate nature of our wedding cakes, many couples choose a full delivery and set-up service at their venue. For an additional cost of £35 (plus delivery at 50p per round mile) would recommend this for any cake over two tiers tall. I will liaise with your wedding coordinator directly to arrange this in the lead up to your wedding day. You may also collect your cake from our premises in Hampshire. However as mentioned, depending on the design of the cake this is not always advisable.

## FRESH FLOWERS

I find many couples want fresh flowers on their cake. This is something I can cater for and I have several florist contacts I can order directly from. However, many couples prefer to source their flowers directly from their florist to match the bouquets and arrangements. This is absolutely fine! However, I will need the contact information for the florist so that I can liaise directly to organise handing over of the flowers, the format the flowers will be in and to ensure all flowers comply with food safety regulations. Due to these flower regulations I must be made aware with plenty of time that there will be fresh flowers on the cake as I am required to complete documentation for the regulating body for every flower that goes onto a cake I have made. Due to the time required for this, the time required to ensure the flowers sit properly and safely on the cake as well as final preparations with food grade supplies on the day, and the additional insurances required, I do charge an extra £10 for handling of fresh flowers.

# Testimonials

## Ben and Vikki

### Perfect Wedding Cake

Our whole wedding cake experience was perfect with Becky, from start to finish. She was a wonderful host when we visited her home and she took the time to understand what we wanted. She was very open to our honest feedback from the tasting samples and slightly tweaked the final recipe to our taste. The design process was perfectly balanced to allow my wife to feel involved but not overwhelmed with the job. This was finalised with a lovely drawing of the design to be sure we were all on the same page. Communications with our florist happened almost without any input from us at all which was one less thing for us to worry about, and she delivered and assembled the whole thing for us on the day, long before anyone arrived at the venue. And all of that for a fantastically reasonable price. We would absolutely use her again for any future celebrations.

## Nicole S.

The best cake I've ever had!

From the moment Becky, my husband and I started discussing what we'd like our cake to be, I knew we were in the best hands. Becky was so attentive, patient and creative. We were not easy customers to work with - my husband and I kept changing our minds in the creative stages, and weren't going for a standard tiered wedding cake. Becky was fantastic at helping bring our ideas to life and figure out exactly what it was we wanted when we really didn't even know ourselves! The cakes were absolutely incredible, genuinely the most delicious cakes we have ever had and everyone at the wedding kept commenting on them and wanted to take some home! We had 3 layers; a ginger cake, a lemon cake and a fruit cake/ traditional wedding cake. I truly couldn't tell you my favourite layer, they were all incredible - so moist and so delicious! Becky was attentive, accommodating, creative and, for the amount of time, attention and care she was giving us, we really couldn't believe she wasn't charging us much more! I truly couldn't recommend her enough.

## Hannah

Yummiest cake ever!

Becky was a delight to order our wedding cake from. We went with a 3 tier cake with different flavours for each - lemon & elderflower, white chocolate & raspberry, and lemon & blueberry. It was hard to pick a favourite as they were all delicious. We wanted the cakes dairy free which Becky accommodated and also opted for gluten free due to some of our guests, and honestly you wouldn't know it was DF/GF! I can normally tell gluten free but Becky works some sort of magic to make it taste better than a 'normal' cake! The presentation of them was beautiful as well, and Becky was friendly and responsive throughout the ordering process making sure we were happy with everything. We will definitely be recommending her to friends and family, not just for wedding cakes but for any occasion, and she does postbox brownies which we have since tried and are absolutely amazing! 5/5 stars.

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## Maija H.

Lovely Wedding biscuits personalised

I ordered some wedding biscuits from Becky and she was amazing. Not only did the biscuits arrive on time- She was so considerate and thoughtful about the logistics and packaging that she sent the tracking number in advance, she even made a few extra biscuits in case any broke along the journey in the post and, she timed it so that if I needed more biscuits she would have time to make these before my wedding date. The biscuits looked amazing. Everyone enjoyed those and as an extra touch she added some gold foil onto the personalised biscuits which looked lovely and tasted great ! Thank you Becky!

## Casey D.

Thank you so much for the amazing wedding cake on Saturday, it was just incredible! We got so many compliments on how delicious it tasted and it looked just stunning. It was the centrepiece to our day. Simon mentioned how much time and effort you put into setting up and arranging the flowers, it really showed.

## Roberta and Riccardo

Absolutely amazing

Becky made us the perfect wedding cake, and she was a super star from beginning to end. We needed a two-tier, smallish wedding cake with a very simple design. Becky was incredibly helpful and accommodating with our preferences. We did two rounds of samples because she wanted to make sure we found the perfect flavours. In the end we got her lemon and elderflower, and a custom-made chocolate sponge with hazelnut filling - both absolutely delicious. All our guests loved it. And not only did it taste incredible, but the cake also looked stunning. Becky delivered it to the venue in the morning and gave us all instructions about storing and serving it.

We couldn't have been happier with any part of process. As well as a wonderful baker, Becky is so lovely and responsive. We will definitely find excuses to order cakes from her again! Do not hesitate to book her.





# Portfolio

