

CUPCAKE SOCKS

Christmas Idea - Cupcakes

SPA SOCK CUPCAKES Supplies: Spa socks, a thick fuzzy style, rubber band, Wilton large baking cups, ribbon to coordinate with your paper and sock colors, buttons, tags, sparkles or whatever other bling of your choice, cellophane cupcake bags.

Turn thick, comfy spa socks into gorgeous "cupcakes." To complete the illusion of a bakery treat simply slip finished "cupcake" into cellophane bags tied with a bow. The only limits to your creativity are the colors of the spa socks that you can buy. Shop for the baking cups first so you can coordinate colors for the cupcake wrappers. Spa-sock cupcakes make great "Secret Santa" gifts, stocking stuffers and party favors. With a little creativity, you can decorate the cupcake wrapper however you'd like using items you may already have (like buttons, ribbon, etc).

Directions: Remove all tags from the socks. Lay them flat, one on top of the other. Beginning at the toe end, roll up the socks, keeping the "non-heel" edge even as you roll. Place a rubber band on the lower half of the sock roll to secure it. One edge of the sock roll will be flat; that is the bottom of your cupcake. Set the cupcake on its bottom. Using your fingers, pull on the top edges of the cupcake to make the edges of the sock look like swirls of frosting. Start by gently pulling up on the middle of the sock and rolling upward to make a slight peak and work down from there. If you pull the "frosting" too high, smash it down with your hand until you get the look you like. Place rolled "cupcake" socks in baking cup, and insert lip balm like a cherry in the center to top your cake. You can even hot glue a red pom pom on top to look like a cherry! Use coordinating ribbon and make a bow to adhere to the wrapper front. You can use buttons, snowflakes, flowers or stamped tags to decorate your bow. For a finishing touch, place your cupcake in a clear cellophane bag and tie the top with coordinating ribbon.

Cost: Lip balm 3 pack for \$15.00 (all colors would match the pink petal cups) - \$5.00 each. Socks \$1 (dollar store or other discount store) approx. Baking cups (pack of 24) for \$3.00 or \$.13 (sold with Wilton cake decorating supplies - available at Wal-Mart). Cellophane bag - Pack of 20 for \$1.99 at party supply. Fluff / ribbon \$1.00. Total cost under \$7 for each cupcake!



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