

Baking with Pride by Janusz Domagala
Freddie Mercury Moustache Biscuits p.24

Makes 12

Freddie Mercury was not only a rock star, he was (and remains) a symbol of self-Pride today. I want to help others channel a bit more Freddie with these banana and cardamom biscuits shaped like the iconic Mercury moustache. I encourage everyone to try them on for size and live your own life unapologetically, just like Freddie.

BANANA & CARDAMOM BISCUITS

125g (4½oz) plain (all-purpose) flour
50g (1¾oz) unsalted butter, room temperature, cubed
1½ tablespoons double (thick) cream
25g (1oz) icing (confectioners') sugar, sifted
1 teaspoon banana extract
½ teaspoon ground cardamom
pinch of salt
¼ teaspoon yellow gel food colouring

Combine all the ingredients in a stand mixer with the paddle attachment and mix on high speed until a dough forms.

Wrap the dough in plastic wrap and refrigerate for 30 minutes.

Remove the dough from the fridge and let it rest for 10 minutes.

On a floured work surface, roll out the dough until 5–10mm (¼–½ inch) thick.

Using a moustache-shaped cookie cutter, about 12cm (4½ inches) long (or a knife and a template made from card), cut out iconic Freddie moustache shapes. Place the biscuits on the baking tray.

Place the tray in the freezer for 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, preheat the oven to 180°C (350°F). Grease a baking tray and line it with baking paper.

Remove the biscuits from the freezer and bake for 9 minutes. Leave to cool on the tray for 5 minutes, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.

MOUSTACHE DECORATION

25g (1oz) dark chocolate (80% cocoa solids), chopped
black gel food colouring

Heat the chocolate in the microwave on High in 20-second bursts, stirring after each burst, until melted.

Add two drops of black food colouring to the melted chocolate and stir until combined and the colour is even.

Use a pastry brush to paint the black chocolate onto the biscuits, creating a hair-like effect.

Allow the chocolate to set completely before handing out your Freddie Mercury moustache biscuits. Hold them in place for a great photo opportunity and go on living life a little more loud and proud!

Store in an airtight container for up to 5 days.