

For more bright ideas, go to [www.brightideas.com](http://www.brightideas.com)

## Santa Cupcakes



### What you'll need:

- 1 bag POP'ABLES® 3 MUSKETEERS® Brand, POP'ABLES® MILKY WAY® Brand or POP'ABLES® SNICKERS® Brand Candies
- 3 M-AZING™ Brand Milk Chocolate Bars Filled with M&M'S® MINIS® Chocolate Candies
- 1 bag M&M'S® Brand Milk Chocolate Candies for the Holidays
- 1 18.25-oz. box yellow cake mix
- 2 16-oz. cans vanilla frosting
- Red food coloring
- 2 12-cup standard muffin tins
- 24 standard-size paper cupcake liners
- Resealable plastic bag
- Toothpicks
- Red decorator's icing, optional

### What to do:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line the muffin tins with the paper cupcake liners.
2. Reserve 48 POP'ABLES® Brand Candies; chop the rest.
3. Prepare the cake mix according to the package instructions. Fold the chopped POP'ABLES® Brand Candies into the batter. Fill each cupcake cup 2/3 full, then bake for 18-21 minutes. Once baked, set aside to cool completely.
4. Put 1 can (2 cups) of vanilla frosting into a resealable plastic bag, then set aside. Tint the remaining can of vanilla frosting pale pink, and use it to frost the cupcakes' tops.
5. Cut each M-AZING™ Brand Milk Chocolate Bar into 4 rectangles, then cut the rectangles diagonally to make 8 triangles total. Frost each triangle with red icing, if desired.
6. Snip a small corner of the plastic bag with vanilla frosting. With the photograph as a guide, decorate the cupcakes as follows:
  - For Santa's hat: Use frosting to attach a rectangle on top of each cupcake for Santa's hat.
  - For Santa's face: Dot each cupcake with M&M'S® Brand Milk Chocolate Candies for the Holidays for Santa's eyes, nose and mouth. Place two reserved POP'ABLES® Brand Candies on either side of the nose for Santa's cheeks.
  - For Santa's beard & moustache: Use frosting to dot the bottom of each cupcake in the shape of Santa's beard and moustache.

**Makes 24 cupcakes.**

