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- 18-inch yellow cake layer, chilled
- 2 6-inch yellow cake layers, chilled
- 3 cups white frosting (see below)
- pink fondant
- black fondant

Frosting:

- ¹/₂ cup solid vegetable shortening
- ½ cup unsalted butter (1 stick softened)
- 4 cups powdered sugar (confectioners' sugar)
- 2-3 tablespoons milk or water
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- pinch of salt
- 1-2 drops yellow food coloring
- 2-3 drops black food color, as desired

Supplies:

- mixer
- measuring spoons
- small bowls
- small rolling pin

- serrated knife
- cake board
- icing spatula
- pastry bags or zip top bags and tips

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- Gradually add small amounts of milk or water at a time until the desired consistency is reached. Continue to beat at a medium speed until light and fluffy. Scrape down the bowl once more and beat again to make sure all the ingredients are incorporated.
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- 2. Cut two ears from the 6" cake layers (see diagram). Place ears on top of cake board touching the first layer.
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- 4. Squeeze the bag allowing a small bit of frosting to come out on the cake.
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