

THE ART OF PIPING

A BEGINNER-FRIENDLY GUIDE TO
MODERN CAKE DECORATING

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Shell Border



STEPS

- 1 Hold piping bag at a 45° angle.
- 2 Apply pressure to create a base.
- 3 Release pressure while pulling slightly away.
- 4 Repeat, overlapping each shell.

PRO TIP

Consistent pressure is what creates that smooth, vintage finish.

Rosette Technique



STEPS

- 1 Start in the center.
- 2 Pipe in a spiral outward.
- 3 Keep pressure steady.
- 4 Stop pressure before lifting.

PRO TIP

Don't rush the spiral — slower = cleaner.

Cake Script Basics



STEPS

- 1 Use light, even pressure.
- 2 Keep tip slightly above the surface.
- 3 Let the frosting fall naturally.
- 4 Write slowly and continuously.

PRO TIP

Think of it as guiding the frosting — not dragging it.

Star Border



STEPS

- 1 Hold bag straight (90° angle).
- 2 Squeeze to form a star.
- 3 Stop pressure cleanly.
- 4 Pull away and repeat.

PRO TIP

A clean stop gives sharp edges.

Workshop Essentials

THE TOOLS WE USED



PIPING BAGS

OPEN STAR TIP

ROUND TIP

OFFSET SPATULA

BENCH SCRAPER

PIPING PRACTICE SHEETS

PRACTICE. REPEAT.
CREATE BEAUTIFULLY.



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Piping Practice Line Control

BUILD CONSISTENCY BEFORE DETAIL

1. STRAIGHT LINES

Pipe over each line using steady pressure.



2. CURVED LINES

Follow the curve without changing pressure.



PRO TIP

Even pressure matters more than speed.

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Shell Border Practice

1. PRACTICE EACH SHELL

Pipe each shell following the guide shape.



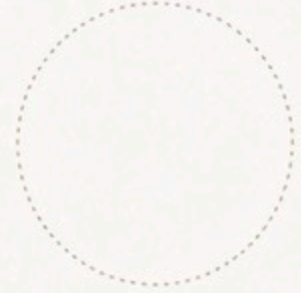
2. CONTINUOUS SHELL BORDER

Create a continuous shell border along the line.



3. CURVED SHELLS

Practice wrapping shells around a cake edge.



PRO TIP

*Start → squeeze → release → pull.
Repeat rhythmically.*

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Rosette Control

1. SMALL ROSETTES

Start in the center and spiral outward.



2. MEDIUM ROSETTES

Keep spacing even and pressure consistent.



3. FREEHAND PRACTICE

Try rosettes without the guide.



PRO TIP

If it looks messy, you're rushing.

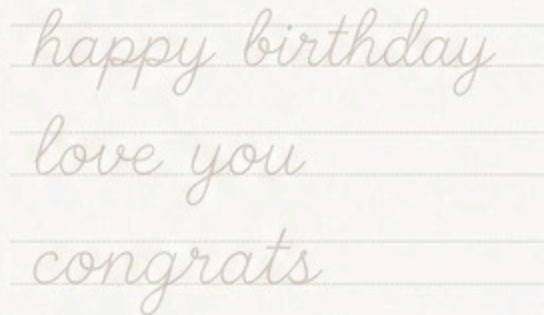
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Cake Writing Practice

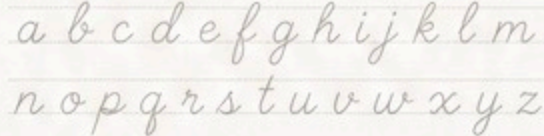
1. TRACE THE WORDS

Trace each word using light pressure.



2. ALPHABET PRACTICE

Practice the alphabet.



3. YOUR TURN

Write your own message.



PRO TIP

*Keep the tip slightly above —
let the frosting fall.*

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Star Tip Practice

1. INDIVIDUAL STARS

Pipe one star on each dot.



2. STAR BORDER

Create a clean star border along the line.



3. FILL THE SHAPE

Fill the shape using stars.



PRO TIP

Stop pressure cleanly before lifting.

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PRACTICE TODAY,
CREATE BEAUTIFULLY TOMORROW.

