

I planned a SURPRISE PARTY

for Sukey

on her birthday, and guess who was the most surprised of all! Me! You know that Sukey and I are Best Friends. In fact, we call ourselves *twins*, because we were born on the same day, although she's a year older. So I decided to give her a surprise party and invited everybody. On the day of the party, I baked this scrumptious birthday cake, decorated with animal crackers and stuff and a little flag with her name on it. Everybody was invited for four o'clock. They would be down in the game room, and I would go over to

Sukey's and tell her about the birthday present Grandma had sent me. I would make it sound so exciting that she would want to see it immediately, and we would go back to my house. I would press the doorbell, *one long and one short*, as a signal, and we would go down to the game room together.

Well, that's what happened. Only, when I opened the door to the game room, everybody—Sukey, too—shouted, "Surprise,

BETSY, surprise!" I guess I must have looked stupid or dazed or something, because I just couldn't understand. And then Mommy explained that Sukey had arranged a surprise party for *me*, BEFORE I had planned one for *her*. Mommy couldn't

say anything, because she'd promised to keep it a secret, so she and Sukey and all our friends turned the surprise on *me*! Wasn't that a tricky thing to do? It was, and I LOVED it, after all. And when Mommy brought in the birthday cake I had made, and set it on the table, I saw that there were *two* little flags on the top, with both our names: SUKEY and BETSY.



Carousel Birthday Cake

GET READY

2 (9-inch) round layer-cake pans
1-cup Pyrex measuring cup
Spatula or paring knife
Pot holders; wire cake rack
Serving plate
Ruler; scissors; glue

INGREDIENTS

1 pkg yellow-cake mix
1 pkg (5¼ oz) fluffy-white-frosting mix
¼ cup maraschino-cherry juice
10 animal crackers
Pastel-color jelly beans
Multicolor wafers
Cardboard circle, 3¼ inches across, covered with yellow construction paper
6 colored candy sticks
2 name flags made of pink construction paper
Wooden toothpicks
8 pink or white candles

1. Follow the directions on the package of cake mix for making cake by hand. Preheat oven as directed. Make cake following instructions for two 9-inch layers. Cool in pans 10 minutes. Lift hot pans with pot holders.
2. To turn out of pans: Carefully run a spatula or paring knife around edge of cake pan, to loosen cake. Invert over wire rack; shake gently; then lift off pan. Let cake cool completely.
3. Prepare fluffy-white-frosting mix, following the directions on the package. Measure ¼ cup maraschino-cherry juice from a bottle of cherries, and use this in the frosting for half the water called for. This makes it pink.
4. Place a cake layer on a serving plate. With spatula, spread it

- with some frosting—use about ⅓ cup for this. Then place the second layer on top. Frost cake all over, top and around side, with the rest of the frosting.
5. Place animal crackers around side of cake, as shown in picture.
6. Decorate the side of the cake with jelly beans and wafers, as you can see in the drawing.
7. Measure cardboard, and cut out circle. Cover with yellow paper. Insert candy sticks in circle (ask Mother to help). Then arrange candy sticks in frosting, to make it look like a tent.
8. Attach the flags with Sukey's and Betsy's names lettered on them to toothpicks with glue, and then stick flags into the center of cardboard circle.
9. Last, put candles in the cake.

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