Red Velvet Cake

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1 & ½ cups sugar
- 2 Tablespoons cocoa
- 3 eggs
- 2 & ½ cups sifted flour
- 1 teaspoon red food coloring
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoons vinegar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup buttermilk

Procedure

- 1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees
- 2. Cream shortening and sugar until fluffy
- 3. Add eggs and beat well
- 4. Add food coloring and cocoa then beat together
- 5. Add vanilla
- 6. Add flour, salt, and buttermilk beat until smooth, about 2 minutes
- 7. Add the 1 tsp. soda to the 1 tsp. vinegar and then fold into cake mixture
- 8. Bake for 30 minutes

Optional Icing

- -8 ounces of cream cheese
- -1 teaspoon vanilla
- -4 ounces butter
- -3 cups powdered sugar
- 1. Cream together butter and cream cheese until no lumps
- 2. Add vanilla and powdered sugar (1 cup at a time)