

** Towel Wedding Cake **



Picture 1

As with the Diaper cake this is just another version of creating a beautiful centerpiece for an upcoming wedding shower, a gift for Mothers Day or any very special birthday by coiling a lovely selection of towels, some silk flowers and hidden gifts. The basic ingredients, color and theme for this cake can be adapted to suit your taste. This can be a very expensive gift so plan ahead, make a list of what you need to buy. The expenses of this gift can be split amongst family members and/ or friends to make it more affordable. When doing this the cake can be made larger by adding a third tier and more gifts and then presented as only one large very special gift to be admired for weeks to come.

Have fun!

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Ingredients:

- Towels: For this 2 tier cake the following were used. Feel free to add more and change the color to what you need. 2 bath sheets, as plain as possible (I have used one cream and one white), 2 bath towels, 2 hand towels and 2 face cloths.
- Ribbon: As wide as you like in white with a gold trim. 1 x roll Small piece of red narrow ribbon.
- Silk flowers: bunches of silk roses with lots of green leaves and buds. Any fresh flowers can be used too!
4 Red bunches or 12 roses in total
2 Cream bunches: 6 roses in total
- Large long stemmed wine glass with a wide top.
- Cake bases: round, 1 x 20" (bottom) , 1x13" (lid to cover the bottom layer hiding the gifts inside) and 1x 8" for the second layer. Purchase another 2 when adding a third tier.
- Gifts: Choose any creams, bath salts, soaps, candles or a small bottle of champagne, two glasses and chocolates.
- Packet of steel safety pins, the largest you can find and a few long quilting pins
- Embroidered band **** See Royal Emblem designs @ <http://www.louisameyeroriginals.co.za> or other bridal sets**
Jens' Wedding Carriage
Princess Scallops &
- Embroidered trimmings: 3 FSL Butterflies in various sizes
- Glue gun

Picture 2



Picture 3



Preparing the towels:

For folding and joining the towels in one long strip, lay out and fold as follows:

- Strip 1: Start with the two facecloths, fold in half and pin (2-3) to each other at one end having the fold to one side, in this case left. On the right side- open ends (lengthwise).
- Divide the one hand towel in 4 quarters, **lengthwise**. Fold the two longer sides first and then again in the middle, keeping it as straight as possible and having the open end on the right and the final fold on the left as shown on the top of the towel on the right. These towels will have 4 layers. Repeat with the other hand towel. Follow the same procedure as with the facecloths. Pin them to the end of one of the face cloths, open ends of the strip to the right and fold the left creating a long strip. Fold and press flat by hand. Ensure the folds and ends are even.
- Repeat with the second hand towel, folding first and then pinning it to the end of the previously folded towel. Mark this end (fold side) with a pin which will be removed

later. This section will form the second tier although it will be rolled up together. This will be removed later. Fold up neatly and put aside.

Picture 4



Second tier: Strip 2

- Two bath sheets and two bath towels are joined for this strip. Do not pin these to the first strip when completed. The inner smaller roll (strip 1) will be removed later. The bath towels will all have 4 layers each, (picture 3) pinned to each other as above creating a long strip and then pinned again to the two folded bath sheets creating an even longer strip.
- Both bath sheets will be folded lengthwise in 5 layers as in the picture on the left. Divide in 5 and fold as in the Picture 4. The left side will be have 3 layers and the right side 2.
- Now pin (2-3 pins) the two sheets together at one end and then again to one edge of the joined folded bath towel strip. Once you have a long strip fold it in a neat heap as in the Picture 5, page3.

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Picture 5: Rolling/coiling



Rolling or coiling the strips creates a large round tier which will be split into two layers.

Start by rolling the face cloths section prepared in strip 1. Roll up tightly having the folds on the left flush as you roll. The pinned edges will be hidden in the roll.

Roll up the entire strip (Strip 1) and then add the second larger strip, overlapping the ends – no pinning. You'll end with one large roll. Picture 6. Secure the end of the roll with 2-3 pins.

Picture 6



Picture 7



Picture 8



Carefully slide the roll onto the largest cake base with open sides facing down and folds showing up. See picture 7. Very carefully remove the inner section, the top layer created first and marked with a pin on the end of the roll. Remove the pin. Picture 7. Cut a length of ribbon and tie a double bow on the right of the roll 2/3rd down with long tie ends hanging down. Put aside. Neaten the hole on the inside of the large layer. Secure the loose open end with a pin or two.



Picture 8

Once the bottom layer is completed, measure the circumference and height and continue making the band. Instead of just making a band, embroider designs from my ***Royal Emblems collection** on a sheet and wrap this around the cake. Just another wonderful hidden gift with this cake.

What you need:

Silky Fabric - 45" (included are 1/2" seams on both sides) x 7 1/2" (height of cake plus hems for top and bottom). Fuse the entire band by ironing a woven linen stabilizer onto the back. Embroider one of the emblems of the Sham Collection and adding a monogram onto the center of the band.

Complete the embroidery around the band by creating a continuous border around the strip/band centering and linking smaller heart scrolls towards the center back and repeating and mirroring the same designs on the opposite side. Fold a 1/2" hem at the top and a smaller one on the bottom., depending on the height of the cake. To close the seam on the center back of the embroidered band, fold a small seam on one side and pin on top of the other side using 3-5 pins. Fit the band around the lower tier, pulling the band at the top a little higher than the towel layer. Pictures 7 & 8. This edge will help to hold the lid in place. Adjust the center back seam and the bottom hem if necessary. Press the embroidery on the back, the folded seam and both hems. Slide the embroidered band over the towel layer having the pins on the back. Fill the hole with all the bought gifts. Picture 7. Cover the layer with the 13" gold base (lid). Measure the circumference of the cake plus a large bow, cut and tie a pretty bow covering the bottom edge of the band. The bow should be off-center and more to the left. Picture 8

Picture 9



Assembling the stand which holds the second tier.

Glue a single rose bud with a tiny red bow onto the center of the lid. Center and glue the glass upside down over this, covering the rose. This forms the pillar for the second tier. Center and glue the 8" gold base onto the foot of the glass. Let dry. Center the small prepared roll, (second tier) on the gold base with the bow on the right side. Picture 9

Trimmings:

Refer to the Towel Cake picture, 1 and decorate with roses and butterflies as desired.

Picture 10

Split the roses and tie together in four smaller posies, two with bows, a bud and mixing the two colors as above.

Posy placements:

- 1: Posy with bow for right side of cake. Base 1 Picture 1
- 2 and 3: Ringlet Posy. Arrange posies around the upside down glass on the lid.
- 4: Posy with bow for top of cake. Pin in place. Picture 1

Picture 11. Ringlet Posy: glue all the posies in place. Apply very little glue.

Picture 10



Picture 11



Picture 12:

Tie a double bow and glue remaining leaves either side. Glue this bow at the center back of the ringlet posy. This will cover the bare stems on the back of the posies.

Final touches.

Optional: Drape a large piece of bridal veiling around the cake for the final wow!

Glue 1 butterfly on the leaves of the posy of the bottom base and 1 on the leaves of the ringlet posy. Picture 1

Pin the smallest butterfly to the side of the top tier. Picture 1

Wrap the cake in clear cellophane or bridal tulle.

The cake can be assembled at the function if it is too heavy or too high for transport.

- Carefully remove the flowery lid and stand section.
- Place the towel layers on top of each other in a large box. Carefully place the glued stand section on top and assemble later.

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