What you need!

- 8" Round Cake
- 12" Round Cake Drum
- Sugarpaste Smoother
- Rolling Pin
- PME Large Diamond Impression Mat
- Large Round Cutter & Palette Knife
- Funky Alphabet Cutters
- 1 Kilo of Sattina Aqua Sugarpaste or Colour of your Choice
- 250g Black Modelling Paste
- Icing Sugar
- Edible Glue & Small Brush

Optional for Accessories & Purse:-
- Small Amounts of Coloured Sugarpaste
- Button, Zip & Make Up Mould
- Silver Sparkle Lustre Dust
- Cornflour Pouch

How To Make A Handbag Cake

Impress your friends and family by designing and creating your own handbag cake with these simple step by step instructions. We used an eight inch round madeira cake, because it has a firm texture, and cut one third off. Cut and fill with your favourite filling then stand on your cake board and cover in buttercream. Pop in the fridge for half an hour to firm up the buttercream ready for decorating. To create extra colour use a coloured cake board or cover the board in sugarpaste.

Step 1 - Covering the cake

Dust your work surface and hands with a light sprinkling of icing sugar then knead the coloured sugarpaste and roll out large enough to cover the cake. Use your rolling pin to measure the size of the cake then measure against the sugarpaste so that you know it’s going to fit neatly.

Lift the sugarpaste up on your rolling pin and carefully place over the cake smoothing it around every side (use a cake smoother to achieve a really professional finish). While the icing is still soft emboss a diamond pattern onto it with the PME diamond impression mat by pressing it firmly into the icing.

To create a purse, shape some of the icing into a rectangle, soften the edges with your fingers and emboss the diamond pattern on to the front. Roll any excess icing into a ball and keep airtight so that it can be used a little later to make the flap of the bag.
To create a beaded edging for the bag and purse, roll some black modelling paste into a long sausage shape then, if you have a smoother, roll it backwards and forwards over the icing to make it perfectly neat. If you don’t have a smoother tool use the palm of your hands. Attach the beading on to the cake and around the purse with edible glue.

Roll out some coloured sugarpaste and cut into a wide rectangle. Use a large circular cutter or palette knife to cut a perfect curve at one end and attach to your bag with edible glue. With black modelling paste, edge the flap with beading to match the bag and make a long sausage shape for the handle. Neaten the handle by rolling over with a smoother, if you have one, and leave to set overnight in a curve. We used a four inch dummy to set the handle but anything circular will work - like a large mug!

To create a small zip, take a narrow strip of icing and mark indentations along its length with a cocktail stick and paint it with edible silver lustre dust mixed with a little water or clear alcohol. Alternatively use a flexible zip mould! To add a message on the board, we used the black modelling paste and Fmm’s funky alphabet cutters.

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Design and add your own finishing touches like bows, flowers, make up etc. Use modelling paste to make the bow by cutting two strips, one long and one very short. Take the long strip and fold both sides into the middle and stick with edible glue. Place small rolls of kitchen paper under each side of the bow so that it will set in shape.

Attach the short strip of icing over and around the centre and leave to dry for an hour. There are many moulds and cutters on the market, like buttons, make up and animal shapes which are really easy to use. Use a modelling paste to make the accessories and add a dusting of cornflour from a cornflour pouch to stop the icing from sticking to the moulds, your hands or your work surface.