**Superhero Cupcakes**

**What you need!**
- Cupcakes In Brightly Coloured Cupcake Cases
- Buttercream
- Sugarpaste
- Coloured Sugarpaste
- Small Sharp Knife, Fine Paint Brush
- Set Of 3 PME Star Plunger Cutters
- Set Of 3 Large Metal Star Cutters
- Set Of 26 Metal Alphabet Cutters In A Tin
- PME Silver/Gold Lustre Spray (optional)

**Step 1**
Decide the colour theme of your superhero cupcakes and colour small amounts of sugarpaste to suit. The best way to do this is by using edible paste colours as they will give brighter colours or alternatively buy ready coloured sugarpaste.

**Step 2**
Smooth buttercream around the outside edge of the cupcake leaving the middle clear. Choose a circle cutter the same size as your cupcake top and cut out a circle of coloured sugarpaste. Place on top of the cupcake.

**Step 3**
Starting in the centre of the cupcake, make several cuts (about 2cm in length) towards the outside edge. Use a small sharp knife and make sure to cut completely through the sugarpaste (ask a grown-up to help if you are little!).

**Step 4**
Using the tip of the knife, carefully lift up each section of sugarpaste and pull back.
**Step 5 - To Make the Hands**

Place a ball of coloured sugarpaste about 3cm across in the palm of your hand. Roll your finger backwards & forwards across the middle of it to create an indent for the wrist. Flatten one end for the hand and make cuts for the fingers cutting out a small triangle of sugarpaste between the thumb and fingers as shown. Press the tip of your finger gently into the sugarpaste below the fingers to shape the palm of the hand and curl the fingers and thumb over to create a fist.

For other hand shapes move the fingers and thumb accordingly. You can even change the colour and shape of the arm to match your favourite character. Attach with a little buttercream in the centre of the pulled back sugarpaste so that the hand looks like it is punching through the cupcake.

**Step 6**

Cut out stars in coloured sugarpaste to add extra detail to the cupcakes. We have used the PME Star Plunger Cutters which come in a set of 3 and are very easy to use.

**Step 7**

To decorate the cupcakes with words, simply cut out different coloured letters to match the colour theme and add them to the cupcakes along with some stars.

For a metallic effect, place the hand on some paper and spray with edible silver or gold lustre spray. Allow to dry and add to cupcake.
To paint an outline on the letters, add a little water to some paste food colouring and using a fine paint brush, carefully paint a line around each letter.

You can make up all sorts of wording like ZAP, POW, BANG, BAM etc.

Decorating Ideas

Add extra features to the cupcakes such as a cape, mask or simply paint a design on to the sugarpaste.