

HOW MUCH FONDANT OR BUTTER CREAM DO YOU NEED TO COVER A CAKE?

It can be very difficult sometimes to judge exactly how much icing or fondant you are going to need for a particular project, especially if you are new to cake decorating. Making too much or too little can be an utter waste of time and end up costing you needless money if you can't freeze you extra icing or use the fondant up for another project.

During my research I found a variety of lists and charts and many of them were inconsistent. In the end I reviewed all of them and put together a chart that should give you a pretty good idea of what amounts you will need when you are covering your cake. The measurements for the fondant assumes that you are using standard rolled fondant that is rolled about 3 mm or slightly thicker to get good coverage without a bulky thickness and less chance of tearing.

The butter cream amounts are very general and will allow for filling the cake or doing top and bottom borders. It obviously does not take into account if you want a thick truly decadent layer of butter cream rather than an efficient one.

If you have cake pan that does not fit these sizes then look at the closest in size and estimate how much fondant or butter cream you might need to cover the cakes.

Shape	Height (Inches /Centimetres)	Width (Inches /Centimetres)	Fondant (grams)	Butter Cream (cups)
ROUND	3" / 7.62cm	6" / 15.24cm	397	2.5
		8" / 20.32cm	510	3.5
		10" / 25.40cm	680	5
		12" / 30.48cm	1021	6
		14" / 35.56cm	1361	8
		16" / 40.64cm	2041	9
		18" / 45.72cm	3062	10.5
	4" / 10.16cm	6" / 15.24cm	510	3.5
		8" / 20.32cm	680	4
		10" / 25.40cm	1021	5.5
		12" / 30.48cm	1361	6.5
		14" / 35.56cm	2041	8.5
		16" / 40.64cm	3062	9.5
		18" / 45.72cm	3969	11

SQUARE	4" / 10.16cm	6" / 15.24cm	680	3.5
		8" / 20.32cm	1021	4.5
		10" / 25.40cm	1361	6
		12" / 30.48cm	2041	7.5
		14" / 35.56cm	2722	9
		16" / 40.64cm	3402	11.5
HEART	4" / 10.16cm	6" / 15.24cm	510	3
		8" / 20.32cm	737	4
		9" / 22.86cm	907	5.5
		10" / 25.40cm	1021	7
		12" / 30.48cm	1361	8.5
		14" / 35.56cm	2041	9.5
		15" / 38.10cm	2041	10.5
		16" / 40.64cm	2722	13
PETAL	4" / 10.16cm	6" / 15.24cm	510	3
		9" / 22.86cm	850	4.5
		12" / 30.48cm	1361	6
		15" / 38.10cm	2041	8
HEXAGON	4" / 10.16cm	6" / 15.24cm	510	2.5
		9" / 22.86cm	1021	4
		12" / 30.48cm	1361	5.5
		15" / 38.10cm	2381	7