■ Shelf-Stable Vanilla Birthday Cake

Ingredients (All Shelf-Stable)

1. 1 box yellow or vanilla cake mix
2. 1 cup shelf-stable milk (or 1 cup water if milk isn't available)
3. 1 individual cup of applesauce (replaces eggs)
4. 1 individual cup of vanilla pudding (replaces oil)
5. 1 teaspoon vanilla extract (optional mini bottle)
6. 1 tub ready-to-spread vanilla frosting
7. 1 small packet of sprinkles or colored sugar

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350°F (or prepare a toaster oven or electric skillet).
2. In a medium bowl, mix together cake mix, milk (or water), applesauce, pudding cup, and vanilla extract until smooth.
3. Pour batter into a greased 8x8-inch pan or two small foil pans.
4. Bake for 25–30 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.
5. Let cool completely before frosting and decorating with sprinkles.