

# DreamCakes!

## Host a Contest for Dream Birthday Cakes

Host an all-school or classroom dream birthday cake contest. In *A Birthday Cake Is No Ordinary Cake* Debra Frasier creates confections out of collaged paper. Offer a contest for flat, collaged, 2-D cakes, like Debra's, or add a little 3-D effect by using the 3-D Cake directions. Consider making giant cakes of stacked boxes, (square or round) or using roll-paper for big paper cakes. Read the story and discuss the science concepts in the book. (See Counting Circles essay at back of book.) Suggest that contest cakes represent the four seasons, the Sun, the Earth, the equinox and solstices, the classmates sun-circles, OR simply go creatively crazy!

3-D cake instructions outlined here:

[www.debrafrasier.com/docs/bdaycake/makecake.pdf](http://www.debrafrasier.com/docs/bdaycake/makecake.pdf)

For awards consider classroom cupcakes, or cookbooks, or wooden spoons, or printing on an invitation, or ribbons or trophies. If everyone is to win, consider awards for Most Original, Most Delicious, Most Colorful, Biggest, Most Scientific Concepts, Most Likely-to-be-Eaten, Most Student Representation, etc. If you are a club or a troop, consider a REAL cake baking contest and invite another group to share the results.



An activity to accompany *A Birthday Cake Is No Ordinary Cake*, written and illustrated by Debra Frasier, Harcourt 2006. Visit [www.debrafrasier.com](http://www.debrafrasier.com) for more downloadables.

