## **Universe Biscuits**



## **Ingredients**

- 100g unsalted butter/marg
- 100g golden/white caster sugar
- 1 egg , lightly beaten
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 280g plain flour
- 250g royal icing sugar
- red, blue, green, yellow, orange and black food colouring

## Method

- STEP 1 Heat oven to 190C/170C fan/gas 5. Line a baking sheet with baking parchment. Using an electric whisk, beat the butter and sugar together in a large mixing bowl until pale and fluffy. Gradually beat in the egg and vanilla extract.
- STEP 2 Stir in the flour, then knead the mixture briefly to make a dough. Divide the dough in half. One half can now be frozen or chilled to make another batch of biscuits. On a floured work surface, roll out the remaining dough to the thickness of a £1 coin. Using plain round biscuit cutters, cut out the following size biscuits: 1 x 8cm, 2x7cm, 4x6cm, 2x5cm and 1x3.5cm.
- STEP 3 Carefully transfer the biscuits to the prepared baking sheet and bake for 10-12 mins until pale golden brown. Leave them on the baking sheet for 5 mins, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.
- STEP 4 Mix the icing sugar with 2-3 tbsp water to make a smooth, spreadable icing – it shouldn't be too runny. Colour small amounts of the icing with food colouring and decorate the biscuits to resemble planets, however you like.

