

Freshman Macy Sims runs an Instagram bakery where she sells cakes to friends and family in her free time, though she rarely eats the cake herself

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## WHY DID YOU START BAKING?

**I STARTED DURING** quarantine when I had nothing to do and just started making [cakes]. My mom did it too. It was a side thing she did. I make other stuff, but I just got good at [cakes]. I saw other people do stuff on Instagram and tried to do that too, just to get more people to buy stuff. Before, I would make them for friends, but it costs money to buy [ingredients].

## WHAT'S SOMETHING YOU ALWAYS DO WHEN BAKING?

**LISTEN TO MUSIC.** It just helps me focus and not have to listen to anyone else, whether it's my parents or my brothers. It's pretty relaxing. You don't have to think about anything else.

## WHAT'S YOUR BIGGEST TIP FOR OTHER BAKERS?

**DON'T GET FRUSTRATED** when things don't go according to plan. Sometimes if you have a perfect plan for a certain design, it probably will not turn out like that. It still looks good. It's just not what you want if the weather is hot and your frosting in the middle starts to melt and it takes a lot longer to set up or if something's not even. You just have to go off what's happening.

## DOES YOUR FAMILY REQUEST CAKES OFTEN?

**BROTHERS PLAY** sports and don't really eat that stuff, and neither do my parents. I do [like cake], but I don't eat it a lot. If it's just the tops of the cake, me and my brother will eat them or take them to his friends, but other than that, I don't make cakes for me. I make them for other people... and money.

## DO YOU REMEMBER EACH OF THE CAKES YOU'VE MADE?

**[I'VE MADE] MAYBE** 200 over two or three years. [I remember] most of them for the final product. I like finishing it, when it's just me. Everyone always has the same reaction; it's like, "Oh my God!" and then every time, I'm like "Thanks..." and it's kinda awkward.

