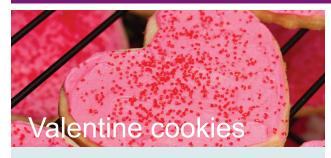
## February



- 1/2 lb butter, softened
- 2 ½ cups sifted all-purpose flour
- · 1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar
- 1 tbs milk
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees F.
- Mix butter in a mixer until light, and add remaining ingredients. Knead until dough is well-mixed and velvety.
- 3. Roll one-half of the dough at a time to about 1/4-inch thickness using a small amount of flour.
- Use cookie cutters to cut out your cookie shapes. Bake on a lightly greased pan for 12 minutes. Cool and add sprinkles or frosting, if desired.



## Easy weekend projects

Use your weekends to spruce up your home! Here are some easy projects to do on your days off.

**Upgrade your cabinets** by adding a fresh coat of paint. Add new knobs and hardware to update to a modern look.

**Dress up your entryway** by adding potted plants, outdoor seating and a welcome mat. Paint your door a bright color and switch out the handle for new hardware.

**Add storage** to your home by installing organizers in your drawers, cabinets and closets.

**Install window shutters** on the exterior walls of your home for a colorful touch.

**Repair holes** in your walls with a putty knife and some spackle. Add fresh paint over the repairs to match your wall colors.

**Start a vegetable garden**. Plant vegetables in a raised planting box to keep the area neat and protected from accidental damage.

**Paint a room** in your house to give it a pop of color or a fresh new atmosphere.

**Declutter messy areas** in your home – desks, drawers and closets are top culprits for excess clutter. Use a trash bag for disposable items and a box to collect items for donation.

**Repair your bathroom** by re-caulking your bathtub and shower. Chip away old caulking and add a fresh lining to stop leaks and give your bathroom a clean, finished look.

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