FAIRTRADE COFFEE CUPCAKES

INGREDIENTS

For the cupcakes:

- 1 tbsp Fairtrade instant coffee
- 115 g butter, softened
- 140 g self-raising flour
- 140 g Fairtrade caster sugar
- 2 tbsp milk
- 2 large eggs

For the coffee icing:

- · 2 tsp Fairtrade instant coffee
- 100 g butter, at room temperature
- 225 g Fairtrade icing sugar

METHOD

- 1. For the cupcakes: Preheat the oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4 and line a 12-hole muffin tin with paper muffin cases. Put the coffee granules and 1 tablespoon of boiling water into a mixing bowl and stir until smooth. Add the butter, flour, sugar, milk, and eggs and mix with an electric whisk until smooth. Spoon into the muffin cases.
- 2. Bake in the centre of the oven for 20-25 minutes or until risen and golden brown. Transfer to a wire rack until cold.
- **3. For the icing:** Put the coffee granules and 2 teaspoons boiling water into a bowl and stir until smooth. Add the butter, sift in the icing sugar, and stir until smooth and free of streaks.
- **4.** Spoon on to the cupcakes, smooth over and then decorate each one with a chocolate button or coffee bean.