Welcome to Marshmallow Moon Bakery and Ice Cream Parlor



Have a few minutes? Why not let us show you around. There are snacks involved--you'll be glad you came along. ;) The bakery's front entrance is on the right side of the building. Here's what you would see at you approach the bakery on one of those rare mornings when there isn't already a line of customers around the corner.



The sidewalk is made from tumbled marble tiles, and the sidewalk separates into two sections: a strip of four tiles for the entrance-side walkway and a strip of six tiles for the walkway on the front side of the building. The sidewalk is not glued to the building itself, making the bakery much easier to transport.

You'll see more detailed images of various pieces shown above, but one more thing before we move on with our tour: The paper awning above the door is detachable to ensure that it doesn't get damaged in transit. When the bakery arrives, a quick line of craft glue on the awning back will allow you to easily attach it to the door. To the left of the front door is a marshmallow moon sign and a colorful birdhouse with a tiny cockatiel, who belongs to our head baker, waiting to greet customers with a song as they enter.



The painted brick facing on the front and sides of the bakery was hand made from foam sheeting, down to each individual brick. (The mice and I may have lost a few sanity points while doing this part of the project.)



To the right of the entrance is a beautiful cafe table for those lucky customers who arrive first and are able to snag it before the brunch rush crowd.

The table and all of the accessories pictured are loose, and you will receive the table with two chairs, a napkin dispenser, two ice cream desserts, a pitcher with flowers, a tiny book, and a display card advertising the daily specials.

Behind the table you can see vintage ice cream posters, and these are glued to the bakery wall.





Parked outside is a shiny, red bike with a Marshmallow Moon to-go box tied to the back rack, and there are two books tucked into the handlebar basket.

Both the books and the bakery box are removable.

In the image at right you can see a closer view of one of the flowerpots on either side of the front door. Both pots are removable, so you can arrange them however you choose.





Before we step inside the bakery, let's take a closer look at the cafe table. You will receive all of the items pictured here, including the shopping bag visible in the lower left, stuffed with pink and yellow tissue.

The Little Fur Family book even has a few pages of text and colorful pictures inside. :)

Turn the page for two more views of the entrance side, and then we'll finally step inside and have a look around the bakery.

The front sidewalk







As you walk through the front door, immediately to your left is the community board advertising upcoming book sales, yoga classes, and other fun events. We have a really thriving community here and there's usually something for everyone.

Below the board is a gum ball machine and a red-topped trash can lined with a plastic bag to encourage customers to ditch their candy wrappers before they step outside--no littering, please!



If you could fly, this would be your view of the entrance side of the bakery from the inside. There are more vintage posters on the wall, and a bright blue clock above the door (it's easy to lose track of time at Marshmallow Moon).

You can also get a better view of the hand-stenciled floor from this vantage point.





Below is a closer peek at one of the front window displays with heart-shaped sugar cookies, bundt cakes, donuts and coffee. The sweets aren't glued to the dishes, so you can display them in many other ways. (Or I can glue them in the arrangement shown here.)



In the corner of the bakery you can see a tall frozen treats case. On top is a rainbow layer cake and a slice of Party Monster Cake (both of these are re-movable), which is one of our most popular cakes for birthday parties.

Inside the case is an assortment of ice cream sandwiches, a decorated party cake, and cartons of ice cream. To keep the sweets from melting, the front of the case has plastic sheeting, like a walk-in freezer.









Marshmallow Moon always has a lot on offer, as you can see below. In the pastry case on the right there are candies, cookies, cakes, macarons, donuts, eclairs, and cupcakes, along with tiny tea cups with a cherry design and a straw dispenser for customers getting milkshakes.

You can also see the ice cream case on the left, which we'll get a closer look at next. (Hungry yet?)

All of the sweets and other accessories are loose, so you can arrange and rearrange them to your heart's content. I can also glue them in place if you want to keep this exact arrangement.



As promised, now it's time to take a closer look at the ice cream case. Here's a view from the back (aka, what our employees see). There's a bowl full of water for keeping the ice cream scoop clean in between dips.







Here's another view, this time from the front of the ice cream case. Today's flavor of the day: cherry blossom. Yum! Want to try a scoop...or three?





Next to the ice cream freezer is the cake case where customers can pick up pretty desserts for their next party or custom order special cakes for upcoming events. This is usually one of the busiest areas in the bakery.

For customers who are dining in, there are plates and utensils at the ready for cake by the slice.



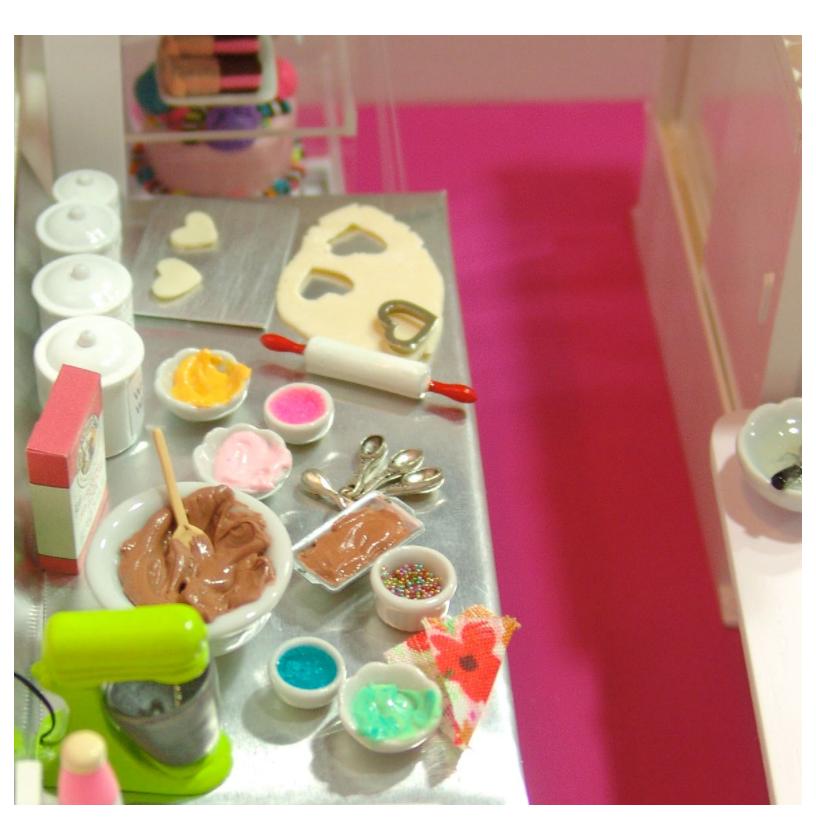
There are eight miniature cakes in this case, all of which are loose so you can display them in other ways. Or I can glue them in place if you wish. You will receive all of the plates, doilies, and other accessories pictured.



Behind the main cases is the employee prep area, which features the main preparation counter (the silver-topped piece) and the sink for cleaning up all those dirty dishes.

You'll receive everything pictured here, and we'll take a closer look at both the counter and the sink so you can see all of the goodies you'll be getting. Underneath the metal counter, there are also two baskets, one filled with paper towel rolls (you can never have too many in a busy bakery!) and one filled with linen towels. You'll also receive all of the plates and bowls stacked on the bottom shelf, perfect for serving the after-lunch rush crowd (trust me, you'll be glad you have them when it gets busy).





The prep counter is filled with canisters of flour, sugar, etc.; bowls of cake batter, frosting, and sprinkles; sugar cookie dough, a rolling pin, and a cookie cutter; measuring spoons, a cookie sheet, and a loaf pan filled with chocolate cake batter; and a lime green stand mixer. You'll receive all of the pieces you see here. Here's another peek at the prep counter and the sink. Whoops--looks like someone didn't finish cleaning up that dirty brownie pan before they took their lunch break! I'll take care of that...



The sink includes a tiny sponge and a bottle of eco-friendly soap, a handmade roll of paper towels, a dirty pan, a wooden cutting board, a colorful dish rag, and a white dish drainer with two plates and two cups.

Next to the sink is the refrigerator, and you can see a couple entries from the kids' coloring contest taped to the front. (Winners are being chosen next week, so stay tuned...)





Here's a view of the top of the fridge with a couple of bakery boxes and some of our sanding sugar that we use for decorating the sugar cookies. One of our customers ordered an entire mermaid/ocean-themed set of cookies for their daughter's birthday party, and these pretty blue sanding sugars really came in handy!



We like to keep things neat and tidy around here (well, except for whoever left that brownie pan in the sink), so we have a bucket of cleaning supplies hanging on a little golden hook, right beside the fridge. This makes cleaning up little messes here and there a snap.





Now it's time to move to the wall that's directly opposite the front entrance. This is where we have the checkout counter, and you can see the wall menu behind the counter and all of the entries for our annual kids' coloring contest. The winner gets their birthday party catered for free, so it's a pretty big deal!



Here's a side view of the checkout counter with one of our regular's, Mrs. Pettigrain's, box of cupcakes packaged up and ready to go; a stack of colored tissue for wrapping sweets; and our candy-by-the-pound station. You can also see where we hang our bakery bags on the wall behind the register, and there's a tiny pair of scissors up on the adjacent hook for snipping ribbons on our to-go gift packages.



From the front of the checkout counter, you can see some of the treats displayed on the shelves below the counter top, like candy bars wrapped in rainbow-colored papers, white chocolate dipped sugar cones, chocolate fudge bundt cake, and our very own handmade birthday candles.

Closer to the register, you can also get a glimpse of the tiny tray with Marshmallow Moon business cards, a pitcher of fresh flowers, and a platter with warm chocolate waffle hearts dusted with powdered sugar. We always like to leave out yummy free samples for our beloved customers!





Here's a view of the back corner of the bakery, just to help you get oriented. I know we have a lot going on around here, so it's easy to feel a bit lost your first time. Here, try one of these watermelon macarons--we're testing out this new flavor for summer. Whaddya think?





Time to take a look out back! Let's take the employee exit, which is over in the corner by the fridge. Follow me...



On the backside of the bakery, we've got your standard dumpster and recycling bin. A few of the neighborhood kids volunteered to help out one weekend last summer, and we cleaned up this entire alley area.

You should have seen what a mess it was before! We put up the nice white stucco you can see on the next page, and we hung up signs for customer parking. What a difference!



Well, that pretty much wraps up our little tour of Marshmallow Moon.

Why don't you come back inside and we'll get you a nice cup of locally roasted coffee and a slice of our Sugared Sunrise Cake. It has fresh orange juice and lemon zest folded into the batter, and it's covered in Creamsicle Buttercream. Perhaps we can tempt you with a scoop of homemade ice cream while we're at it? Pick your favorite flavor--we'll meet you inside!

Have questions? No problem. Just get in touch with Mo--she's in charge of the business side of things so we can focus on makin' the sweet stuff--and she'll get you all sorted out. Email her at info@themousemarket.com.

Looking through the front window:



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The community board. Anyone want some free puppies?



