Sugar Cookie Bars with Cream-Cheese Butter Frosting from Lady With the Red Rocker

Ingredients... 1 cup butter, room temperature 2 cups sugar 4 eggs 2 tsp. vanilla extract 5 cups flour 1 tsp. salt 1/2 tsp. baking soda parchment paper

*(Notes in parentheses are mine, just like this one. :))

Directions...

Cream butter and sugar until fluffy. (*I beat the butter and sugar together, for about 5 minutes, until it was really light and fluffy.*) Add the eggs, one at a time, mixing after each egg. Add vanilla extract and mix well. In a separate bowl, combine flour, salt, baking soda and stir with a wire whisk to mix well. Add to wet mixture and mix just until combined. Spread dough onto a greased (*I used parchment paper lined*) 13 x 18 baking sheet. (*I like parchment, 'cause there is, absolutely,* **no sticking**. *JMO. ;)*) Bake at 375 degrees for 10-15 minutes, until light golden brown or until a toothpick comes out clean. The bars won't look done so do the toothpick test. Cool completely and then frost.

Cream-Cheese Butter Frosting...

1/2 cup butter, room temperature 4 oz. cream cheese, softened 1 tsp. vanilla extract 1/4 tsp. salt 5 cups powdered sugar 1 tbsp. milk food coloring (if desired) sprinkles (of course) Directions...

Combine butter and cream cheese until smooth and creamy. Add vanilla extract and salt. Add powdered sugar in 1 cup increments until combined, then add milk and mix until smooth and spreading consistency. Spread over cooled sugar cookie bars.