

Brown Bear in a Cherry Orchard

If you can't find gingerbread cake mix, you can use the batter from a homemade recipe for an 8- or 9-inch square pan. We tried a [recipe](#) from the King Arthur Flour website, which worked well. And cherry lovers might want to use a can and a half of pie filling.

3 tablespoons butter
1 box (14.5 ounces) gingerbread cake mix
1 can (21 ounces) cherry pie filling
Sweetened whipped cream (optional)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Melt butter in Dutch oven over medium heat. Remove from heat.

Prepare gingerbread batter according to package directions.

Add cherry pie filling to butter in pan, spreading across the bottom, then cover with the gingerbread batter. Cover, place in preheated oven and bake 35 to 40 minutes, until cake tests done.

Serve with whipped cream, if desired.

