Shades of Cinnamon

A Mini Collection of SWEET BAKES
A mini selection of some of my favourite sweet bakes from the blog Shades of Cinnamon.com
Cakes and Cupcakes

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Coconut Bundt Cake
A soft and moist cake with a drizzle topping

Ingredients:
- 170g butter
- 240g flour
- 1 1/2 cups packed shredded coconut
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 270g white sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 2 large egg whites
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 3/4 cup coconut milk

For the Icing:
- 180g sifted icing sugar
- 3 Tablespoon milk
• Preheat oven to 175ºC/ 350ºF.
• Grease and flour 20cm / 8 in Bundt Pan.
• In a food processor, pulse 1/2 cup shredded coconut, flour, baking powder and salt until well mixed.
• In a mixer, beat the butter until creamy and gradually add sugar until light and fluffy.
• Add eggs, egg whites and vanilla extract and beat well until mixed.
• Add the flour mixture alternating with the coconut milk, starting and ending with the flour mixture and beating well after each addition.
• Pour the batter into prepared bundt pan and bake for 35 minutes or cooked
• Transfer to a wire rack and allow to cool in the pan for 30 minutes.
• Beat the icing sugar and milk until smooth.
• Drizzle icing over the top of the cake and sprinkle with more shredded coconut.

Coconut Bundt Cake

Serves : 10
Simple Almond Cake
A rich almond Cake sprinkled with Castor Sugar
RICH ALMOND CAKE

METHOD

- Grease and flour an 18cm / 7in cake tin. Cut a baking paper disk to cover the base of the tin and grease it.
- Set the oven to 175°C / 350°F.
- Add butter to a stand mixer and with the paddle attachment, soften and cream the butter.
- Add the eggs, one at a time, adding one third of the almond flour with each egg. Beat well.
- Fold in the sifted flour and almond essence with a metal spoon and pour the cake mixture into the prepared pan.
- Bake for 45 minutes or until cooked. This cake will shrink very slightly from the side of the pan.
- Once it has cooled, turn the cake onto a cake rack and cool completely before sprinkling with extra castor sugar.

SERVES: 10

115g / 4 oz butter
145g / 5oz castor sugar
90g / 3oz almond flour, sifted
425g / 1 1/2oz flour, sifted
3 - 4 drops almond essence
3 eggs
Devil Food Cake
Also known as “The Boyfriend Cake”

2 cups sugar
1 3/4 cup all purpose flour
3/4 cup cocoa powder
1 1/2 tsp baking powder
1 1/2 tsp bicarbonate of soda 1 tsp salt
2 eggs
1 cup milk
1/2 cup vegetable oil
2 tsp vanilla extract
1 cup boiling water

For the Frosting
1/2 cup butter
2/3 cup cocoa
3 cups icing sugar (confectioners)
1/3 cup milk
1 tsp vanilla extract

Serves 12
Devil Food Cake “The Boyfriend Cake”

- Heat the oven to 175°C/350°F.

- Grease 2 x 18cm/8in baking pans and line with paper. If you have solid baking pans these would be better as the batter is very thin and can leak out of the tin when baking.

- Sift and Combine all the dry ingredients in a large mixing bowl.

- Add eggs, milk, oil and vanilla extract and beat for 2 minutes on medium speed.

- Stir in the boiling water. The mixture will be very thin.

- Pour into prepared baking pans.

- Bake for 30-45 minutes or until the cake is cooked. This is a very moist and dense cake.

- Cool in the pans for 10 minutes before removing and placing onto a wire rack.

Chocolate Frosting

- Melt the butter in a pan on the stove and stir in the cocoa.

- Remove from the stove and add the icing sugar and milk alternatively, beating on medium speed to spreading consistency. Add more milk if necessary.

- If you would like the frosting to be pouring consistency, keep the mixture on the store until it becomes soft and then pour over the cake. You will have to make some spreading consistency to sandwich the two cakes.
Vanilla Layer Cake with Spiced Chai Buttercream
**SINGLE LAYER VANILLA CAKE**

- 185g / 6oz butter
- 1 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 cup castor sugar
- 3 (6g/2oz) eggs
- 2 1/4 cups self raising flour
- 3/4 cup milk

- Preheat oven to 180°C/350°F.

- Line a 20cm / 8inch baking pan with paper and grease.
- Beat butter, vanilla and sugar until light and fluffy.
- Beat eggs in, one at a time.
- Stir in sifted flour and milk, alternatively, starting with flour and ending with flour.
- Spread mixture in pan and bake for 45 mins or until lightly browned.
- Turn out onto a baking rack to cool.

**SPICED CHAI BUTTERCREAM**

- 300g / 10oz butter
- 3 1/2 cups icing sugar, sifted
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp ginger powder
- 1/4 tsp mixed spice powder
- 2 Tablespoons milk

- Sift icing sugar and the spices into a bowl.
- Beat the butter in another bowl until soft.
- Add the sifted dry ingredients, slowly until combined.
- Add the milk a few drops at a time until the desired consistency is reached.
- Sandwich the two cakes together if making a double layer one and spread the buttercream over the cake.

**Double these ingredients for a two layer cake.**

Images show a double layer
Coconut Cupcakes with Cinnamon Popcorn Dust

**CUPCAKES**

- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 160g (3/4 cup) sugar
- 1 large egg at room temperature
- 2 large egg whites at room temperature
- 1 tsp vanilla essence
- 150ml (2/3 cup) coconut milk (canned)
- Handful coconut flakes, toasted

**FROSTING**

- 200 g butter
- 450 g icing sugar
- 2-3 tsp coconut milk

**CINNAMON POPCORN DUST** (Optional)

- 14 cup popcorn kernels
- 1-2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 3 Tablespoons coconut sugar (or white sugar)

Makes 12 Cupcakes
COCONUT CUPCAKES

• Preheat the oven to 175°C/350°F.
• Line silicone cupcake tray with paper liners.
• Sift flour, salt and baking powder into a bowl.
• In an electric mixer beat the butter with the sugar until light and fluffy.
• Add the vanilla essence.
• Mix in the egg and beat, then add the egg whites, one at a time and beat.
• Mix in the flour mixture alternatively with the coconut milk, starting and ending with the flour.
• Divide the batter into the cupcake tray (should make 12)
• Bake for 18 minutes or until cooked.

FROSTING

• Beat the butter until soft and add the sifted icing sugar and beat.
• Add a teaspoon or two of the coconut milk to get desired consistency.
• Toast the flaked almonds and sprinkle over the cupcakes.
• Sprinkle with popcorn dust as an extra delicious dimension

POPCORN DUST

• Cook popcorn in a tablespoon of coconut oil or vegetable oil until popped.
• In a high speed blender add popped corn, cinnamon and coconut sugar and pulse into a powder forms. Adjust seasoning to your taste.
• Keep in an airtight container until needed.
Bee sting Cupcakes

Bee Sting cakes are filled with an almond custard and topped with a sticky caramelized honey almond mixture.
Cake

• Preheat the oven to 350°F/175°C.
• Beat butter, sugar and salt until soft and creamy.
• Add eggs, one at a time, and then add yoghurt. Do not over beat.
• In a separate bowl mix the flour, almond flour and baking powder.
• Add to the egg mixture.
• Fill 12 cupcake cases and bake for 25 minutes.

Custard

• Warm the milk with the scraped vanilla bean seeds.
• Whisk the egg yolks and sugar until combined and add the flour and salt, mix until smooth.
• Whisk in half the warmed milk to the egg mixture, and combine, making sure there are no lumps.
• Pour the rest of the milk into the mixture and return to the stove.
• Let the mixture thicken, whisking until it is thick, take off the stove and allow to cool.

Almond Topping

• In a small saucepan add butter, honey, sugar, cream and salt, and simmer for 3 minutes allowing it to boil and turn a golden colour and thicken.
• Add the almonds and cool slightly. This mixture needs to be poured over the cupcakes while still warm, as the caramel hardens when cold.

To Assemble

• Cut the cooled cupcakes in half.
• Add the Almond topping to the top of the cupcake before you fill with custard. It is much easier this way.
• Fill with custard and dust with icing sugar.

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