

Easter Bunny Cupcakes by Jess Lemon

INGREDIENTS

Buttermilk chocolate cupcakes

185g plain flour 275g caster sugar ½ tsp salt 1 tsp bi carb soda 25g cocoa powder 60g sour cream 125g buttermilk 2 eggs 80g vegetable oil 60g hot coffee 1 tbsp instant coffee granules + ¼ cup hot water 2 tsp vanilla extract

Chocolate buttercream frosting

115g softened butter 300g icing sugar 25g cocoa powder 60g milk 1 tsp vanilla essence

Garnish

12 Ferrero Rocher24 medium sized dark chocolate buttons¹/₂ cup cooking white chocolate, melted

Tools & equipment



Regular cupcake pan 12 pockets 12 cupcake liners Stand mixer or hand held mixer with paddle attachment Medium Ice cream scooper 3 Large mixing bowl Sieve Scales Measuring spoons Whisk 2 Piping bags Star nozzle tip Cooling wrack Oven mitts Silicon spatula Baking tray Baking paper

INSTRUCTIONS

Buttermilk Chocolate cupcakes

- 1. Preheat oven to 180° c.
- 2. In a large bowl, combine the sugar, flour, cocoa powder, salt and bicarb soda.
- **3.** In another separate bowl, whisk together the sour cream, buttermilk, oil, eggs and vanilla until well combined.
- **4.** Mix the wet ingredients with the prepared dry mix and whisk until smooth.
- 5. Lastly add in the hot coffee and mix until well combined.
- 6. Scoop the mixture into prepared cupcake liners and bake for 20-25 minutes or until a wooden skewer comes out clean.
- **7.** Allow to cool completely.

Chocolate buttercream frosting

- 1. In a stand mixer bowl fitted with a paddle attachment, beat the softened butter on high until light and fluffy.
- 2. Meanwhile, sift the cocoa powder and icing sugar.
- **3.** Reduce the speed to low and gradually add in the icing sugar mixture, alternating with the milk.
- 4. Lastly add in the vanilla essence and beat for 1 minute until creamy.
- 5. Transfer the buttercream into a piping bag fitted with a star nozzle, set aside.

Easter bunny feet

- 1. Pour the melted white chocolate into a piping bag or zip lock bag.
- 2. With the flat side of the chocolate button facing up, pipe 3 small dots on the top, finishing with a larger circle beneath the 3 dots to resembles the bunnies foot.
- **3.** Allow the chocolate to set before decorating the cupcakes.

Assembly



- **1.** Pipe a generous swirl of buttercream on top of the cooled cupcakes.
- **2.** Assemble a Ferrero Rocher at the centre of the frosting to resemble the bunny tail.
- **3.** Gently place two bunny feet just behind the Ferrero Rocher and enjoy!