

# Banana Split Trifle

## Ingredients:

- 1 box of yellow cake mix or angel food cake mix
- 1 large package of banana pudding mix
- 3 large bananas, thinly sliced
- 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  cups of fresh strawberries, sliced
- 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  – 2 cups of fresh pineapple, chopped (or a 6 oz can of crushed pineapple, drained)
- 1 container of Cool Whip, thawed
- 1 jar of diced maraschino cherries
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of chopped pecans
- $\frac{1}{4}$  cup of chocolate syrup

## Directions:

1. Begin by preparing the cake according to the instructions on the box. Ensure it's completely cooled before proceeding.
2. Cut the cooled cake into bite-sized pieces.
3. Prepare the banana pudding mix according to the package instructions.
4. In a trifle dish or large salad bowl, layer half of the cake pieces on the bottom.
5. Top the cake layer with half of the prepared pudding, followed by half of the sliced bananas, strawberries, pineapple, Cool Whip, diced maraschino cherries, chocolate syrup, and chopped pecans.
6. Repeat the layering process with the remaining ingredients in the same order.
7. Chill the trifle until ready to serve. Note: If desired, you can allow the pudding to set slightly before assembling to let it work its way between the cake pieces before firming up completely.