

COCONUT CAKE WITH RASPBERRY FILLING

Cake Ingredients:

3 cups (297g) sifted cake flour (sift before measuring)
2 teaspoons baking powder
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt
1 cup butter, room temperature
1 pound (450g) powdered sugar
4 egg yolks, well beaten *Beat until well combined, about 1 minute
1 cup coconut milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon almond extract (or coconut extract)
1 cup shredded coconut
4 egg whites, well beate

Directions

Pre-heat oven to 350F. Spray 2 – 9" round cake pans with baking spray.

Combine the cake flour, baking powder and salt in a bowl. Sift these ingredients 3 times.

In a mixing bowl, cream butter thoroughly; add sugar gradually. Continue creaming until light and fluffy. Add the egg yolks and beat well. Add flour mixture alternately with the milk, beating well after each addition. Stir in coconut and vanilla.

Fold in egg whites gently until well combined.

Bake for about 30 minutes, or until a wooden pick or cake tester inserted in center comes out clean.

Makes two 9-inch layers, or three 8-inch layers. (This recipe used 9" pans and sliced the layers in half.)

Raspberry Preserves (at least 1 cup) *choose a good quality

Frosting Directions:

In a saucepan, use a whisk to blend 1 cup milk into 3

Tablespoons all-purpose flour. Cook and stir over medium heat until thickened and bubbly. Reduce heat, and cook and stir two minutes more. Remove from heat. Cover the surface with plastic wrap. Cool to room temperature without stirring.

In a medium mixing bowl, beat butter, sugar, and extracts until light and fluffy. Add cooled milk mixture to butter mixture a quarter cup at a time, beating on low-speed after each addition until smooth. **Add powdered sugar, 1/2 cup at a time, beating well afterward. Beat until mixture is light and fluffy. Add more powdered sugar if necessary to desired thickness.

Slice each layer in half. Spread a thin layer of preserves between the sliced layers*. Alternate preserves and frosting between the layers then frost the top and sides of the cake. Sprinkle coconut on top and sides of the frosted cake. Slice and serve!

*Note, on the layers that you place the preserves, you can also add a thin layer of coconut as seen here. Enjoy!

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