Old-Fashioned Crazy Cake

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1 hour 30 minutes to prepare serves 8-10

INGREDIENTS

Cake:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/4 cups sugar
- 1 1/4 cups water
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 tablespoon white vinegar
- 1 tablespoon brewed coffee, optional
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
- 3/4 teaspoon salt

Frosting:

- $2\ 1/2-3$ cups powdered sugar
 - 1 cup unsweetened cocoa
 - 1/3 cup water
 - 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) unsalted butter, room temperature
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - 1 pinch salt

PREPARATION

- 1. Preheat oven to 375°F and lightly grease two 9-inch cake pans with butter or non-stick spray.
- Whisk together flour, sugar, cocoa powder, baking soda, and salt in a large bowl, then whisk in water, oil,

- vinegar, coffee, and vanilla.
- 3. Stir until no lumps remain, then pour mixture evenly into greased cake pans.
- 4. Place in oven and bake for 24-26 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.
- 5. While cake bakes, make frosting by whisking together powdered sugar, cocoa powder, and salt in a large bowl or mixer.
- 6. Add water, softened butter and vanilla extract, and beat together until smooth and creamy. Add more sugar for a thicker frosting and more water for a thinner frosting.
- 7. Remove cake from oven and let cool before frosting.

