



Flourless chocolate easter cakes

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15 minutes

Preparation time

20 minutes

Cooking time

12 servings

Serves

INGREDIENTS

Flourless chocolate easter cakes

150 g dark chocolate, chopped

150 g soft unsalted butter

6 eggs

250 g caster sugar

1 tsp finely grated orange zest

1 orange, juiced (approximately 100 ml)

20 g Dutch-processed cocoa powder

50 g coconut flour

60 g ground almonds

3 tsp mixed spice

60 g currants

60 g sultanas

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1 egg white

2 tbsp icing sugar, sifted

1 tsp lemon juice, or to taste

METHOD

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- 1. Preheat the oven on Moisture Plus with Fan Plus at 175°C with 1 manual burst of steam.
- 2. Melt the chocolate and butter in a saucepan on low heat, induction setting 2, stir until fully combined.
- 3. Meanwhile, beat the eggs and sugar in the bowl of a freestanding mixer with a whisk attachment until pale in colour and tripled in volume.
- 4. In a large mixing bowl, combine the orange zest, orange juice, cocoa powder, chocolate and butter.
- 5. Fold this mixture, along with the coconut four, into the eggs and sugar.
- 6. Add the ground almonds, mixed spice, currants and sultanas into the mixture.
- 7. Pour the mixture into ½ cup silicon moulds.
- 8. Place the buns into the oven on shelf level 2 and release the burst of steam immediately. Bake for approximately 15 minutes. The buns should be slightly undercooked in the centre.
- 9. Remove from the oven and stand for 1 minute before draping a clean dry tea towel over the top to stop the buns forming a crust. Although a cracked and cratered surface is to be expected; this process avoids the buns becoming crunchy.
- 10. To finish, place the mini buns on a baking paper lined tray in a round formation.

Icing

- 1. Mix the egg whites and sugar to create the icing. Add lemon juice to taste.
- 2. Decorate the buns with the icing in a long sweeping motion to achieve the beloved 'hot cross bun' look we all know and love.
- 3. Serve with butter if desired.

Hints and tips

• Gluten free flour can be used as a substitute, if coconut flour is unavailable.