



Baking for my Valentine

Activity: Baking chocolate raspberry whoopie pies

Lesson: Valentine's Day craft

Chocolate Raspberry Whoopie Pies

Ingredients:

- 2 c. all-purpose flour
- 1/2 c. cocoa
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. Clabber Girl Baking Powder
- 3/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 c. vegetable shortening
- 1/4 c. butter, softened
- 1 c. brown sugar, packed
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 2 tsp. flavored raspberry syrup or 1 tsp. raspberry extract (optional)
- 1 c. buttermilk

Filling:

- 1 c. shortening
- 1 1/2 c. marshmallow fluff
- 1 1/4 c. powdered sugar
- Pinch of salt
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 Tbsp. flavored raspberry syrup or 1 tsp. raspberry extract
- 1 c. fresh raspberries

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees F.
2. Mix flour, cocoa, baking soda, baking powder and salt in medium bowl and set aside.
3. With an electric mixer in a large bowl cream shortening, butter and brown sugar until light and fluffy. Add egg, vanilla and raspberry flavoring to the creamed mixture and mix well with electric mixer.
4. Alternately add dry ingredients with buttermilk, starting and ending with the dry ingredients. Mix until just

incorporated. If dough gets very stiff, continue mixing with a wooden spoon.

5. Scoop 2 tablespoons of batter onto a greased or parchment-lined baking sheet.
6. Bake 9-10 minutes. When cookies are done, remove from oven and place cookies on cooling racks. Let cool completely.
7. To prepare filling: In a medium mixing bowl with electric mixer, cream together shortening, marshmallow fluff and salt. Add powdered sugar slowly then add flavorings. Whip until light and fluffy and add fresh raspberries on a slow speed. (Raspberries will break up in the filling.)
8. For each whoopie pie, scoop about a tablespoon of filling onto the bottom side of a cooled cookie. Place another cookie on top of the filling, making a sandwich. Makes 12 whoopie pies.

Additional Activities:

1. Wrap the Whoopie Pies well and place in a sturdy container for gift-giving.
2. Valentine's Day wouldn't be complete without a Valentine card! Make a personal handmade Valentine to go along with your gift or download the card template provided with this lesson plan and color the Valentine yourself!
3. Print out Clabber Girl's Whoopie Pie recipe card provided along with this lesson plan from the clabbergirl.com website to give your Valentine.



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