Hazelnut cupcakes with Nutella[®]

Hard 9 Portions



2 h 20 min

FOR 10 PORTIONS

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For the cupcakes

110g soft butter 220g granulated sugar 2 eggs 120g ground hazelnuts 115g flour ½ teaspoons (2g) baking powder a pinch of salt 120ml whole milk 150g Nutella[®] – 1 heaped tsp (15g per portion) per cupcake

For the meringue:

2 egg whites 185g granulated sugar 50g water



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For the cupcakes:

Preheat the oven to 170°C (340°F) and position the baking rack in the middle of the oven.

With a whisk, cream the butter and the sugar for 5 minutes. Then mix the eggs and the ground hazelnuts in.

In another bowl, sift together the flour, the baking powder and the salt then fold in the butter and egg mixture until just combined

Spoon the batter into 10 muffin paper cups and bake for 20-25 minutes, (or until a toothpick inserted in the middle of the cake comes out clean)

Let the cupcakes cool down on a wire rack

Using a small knife, cut the top of each cupcake (you will use this as a cupcake lid later) and spoon out a little bit of the centre to make enough room to pipe 15g of Nutella[®]



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For the meringue:

In a small pan, heat 150g of sugar and the water until it reaches 118° C (245° F)

In the meantime, whisk the egg whites in the bowl of an electric mixer, gradually adding 35g of sugar until soft peaks form

Once the sugar syrup reaches 118° C (245° F), turn up the speed of the mixer and pour the syrup along the sides of the bowl. Continue whisking until the bowl sides are barely warm

Fill a piping bag with the meringue and pipe it on top of the cupcakes

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Caramelize the meringue using a blow torch