



PREP: 15 m | TOTAL TIME: 2 h 50 m | SERVES: About 8

INGREDIENTS

7 egg yolks

1/2 cup sugar

1/3 cup sweet marsala, plus 2 tablespoons

8 ounces mascarpone, softened to room temperature

1 cup heavy cream

1 cup brewed espresso coffee

1 ounce dark chocolate

1/4 cup rum

1 teaspoon natural vanilla extract

48 ladyfingers

1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Cream together egg yolks and sugar in a heatproof bowl set over a pot of simmering water.
- 2. Add 1/3 cup of the marsala and continue to whisk until mixture is thick and doubled in volume.
- 3. Remove from heat. Stir in the mascarpone until completely blended.
- 4. In a chilled bowl, whip the heavy cream to soft peaks. Fold the whipped cream into the mascarpone mixture, to lighten.
- 5. In a small saucepan, combine espresso, chocolate, rum, vanilla, and remaining 2 tablespoons marsala. Heat gently, and stir to dissolve the chocolate.
- 6. Then, chill the mixture to cool it down, about 15 minutes.

- 7. Quickly dip each ladyfinger in the chilled coffee mixture and arrange in a single layer on a 9 by 13-inch glass baking pan. (Do not soak the cookies or they will become too moist.)
- 8. Spread 1/2 the mascarpone cream evenly with a spatula on top of the dipped ladyfingers. Repeat with a second layer of dipped ladyfingers and remaining mascarpone cream.
- 9. Sprinkle top with cocoa powder.
- 10. Refrigerate for 2 hours before serving.