

Basic Pastry Cream — This Might Be "The One"

Vegetarian

READY IN SERVINGS

15 min.

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LUNCH

MAIN COURSE

MAIN DISH

DINNER

Ingredients

1 oz cornstarch

4 large egg yolks

1 oz flour

0.7 cup granulated sugar

1 cup optional: heavy cream

2 T butter unsalted (I used three)

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

	2 cups milk whole
Equipment	
	bowl
	sauce pan
	whisk
	plastic wrap
Di	rections
	Place the milk and half of the sugar in a medium saucepan (see note). Slowly bring to a gentle boil. While you're waiting for the milk mixture to come to a boil, whisk the remaining 1/3 cup sugar into the egg yolks until thick and pale.
	Combine the flour and cornstarch in a small bowl, then whisk the combined flour and starch into the egg/sugar mixture. When the milk comes to a boil, whisk some (I used about a cup) of the hot milk into the egg mixture to temper and thin. Reduce the heat to medium or if using a large burner, medium low, and add the tempered egg yolks to the boiling milk, whisking constantly. The pastry cream will thicken almost immediately. Continue to cook and stir until or 2 large bubbles break the surface (this might take a minute or two, but it helps kill the enzymes that cause thinning).
	Remove from the heat and whisk in the butter and vanilla.
	Transfer the pastry cream to a clean container. Press a piece of plastic wrap to the surface and chill until cold. If desired, you may lighten the texture of the pastry cream by folding in the whipped cream after the pastry cream if fully chilled. You may want to sweeten the cream with 2–3 tablespoons of powdered sugar and add a little more vanilla before folding it into the pastry cream because the cream itself is just the right level of sweetness and adding unsweetened cream will make it slightly less sweet.
	Nutrition Facts
	PROTEIN 6.44% FAT 56.36% CARBS 37.2%

Properties

Nutrients (% of daily need)

Calories: 1130.32kcal (56.52%), Fat: 71.66g (110.24%), Saturated Fat: 42.47g (265.46%), Carbohydrates: 106.41g (35.47%), Net Carbohydrates: 105.9g (38.51%), Sugar: 82.23g (91.37%), Cholesterol: 561.48mg (187.16%), Sodium: 145.14mg (6.31%), Alcohol: 0.69g (100%), Alcohol %: 0.17% (100%), Protein: 18.41g (36.82%), Vitamin A: 2989.72IU (59.79%), Vitamin B2: 0.83mg (48.79%), Selenium: 32.99µg (47.13%), Phosphorus: 468.74mg (46.87%), Vitamin D: 6.64µg (44.25%), Calcium: 429.22mg (42.92%), Vitamin B12: 2.2µg (36.59%), Vitamin B5: 2.31mg (23.09%), Vitamin B1: 0.33mg (22.17%), Folate: 80.77µg (20.19%), Vitamin E: 2.43mg (16.21%), Vitamin B6: 0.32mg (15.83%), Potassium: 539.4mg (15.41%), Zinc: 2.2mg (14.65%), Magnesium: 43.38mg (10.84%), Iron: 1.81mg (10.06%), Manganese: 0.14mg (7.08%), Vitamin B3: 1.19mg (5.96%), Vitamin K: 5.81µg (5.54%), Copper: 0.08mg (3.88%), Fiber: 0.51g (2.04%)