

# **Christmas Croquembouche**

**Gluten Free** 







SIDE DISH

## Ingredients

0.5 cup heavy cream

1 balls candy decorations such as m&m's red assorted

1 cup pastry cream

### **Equipment**

bowl

baking sheet

baking paper

oven

	baking pan	
	hand mixer	
	toothpicks	
	wax paper	
	skewers	
	pastry bag	
Directions		
	Make cream puffs	
	Preheat oven to 425°F. and butter and flour 2 baking sheets. Spoon pâte à chou into a large pastry bag fitted with a 1/2-inch plain tip and pipe about 55 mounds onto baking sheets, each about 11/2 inches in diameter, leaving 11/2 inches between mounds. With a finger dipped in water gently smooth pointed tip of each mound to round puffs.	
	Bake puffs in upper third of oven 10 minutes, switching position of sheets in oven halfway through baking if necessary. Reduce temperature to 400°F. and bake puffs 20 minutes more, or until puffed and golden.	
	Let puffs stand in turned-off oven 30 minutes.	
	Transfer puffs to racks to cool. With a skewer poke a 1/4-inch hole in bottom of each puff. Puffs may be made 2 days ahead and kept in an airtight container. Recrisp puffs in 400°F. oven 5 minutes and cool before filling.	
	Make filling	
	In bowl of a standing electric mixer beat pastry cream until just smooth and soft enough to fold in heavy cream (do not overbeat). In a chilled bowl with cleaned beaters beat heavy cream until it holds soft peaks. Fold whipped cream into pastry cream. Chill filling, covered, about 1 hour, or until cold.	
	Fill cream puffs	
	Transfer filling to a large pastry bag fitted with a 1/4-inch plain top and barely fill each puff (do not overfill), putting filled puffs in a shallow baking pan.	
	Assemble croquembouche	
	Using tape, cover cone with parchment paper.	
	Place cone on turntable if using.	

Line a tray with wax paper. Working with 1 cream puff at a time, dip bottom in chocolatesauce,
leaving top 1/3 inch uncoated and letting excess drip off, then arrange 1 ring of puffs around
base of cone, placing as closely together as possible. Insert toothpick through each puff into
cone to attach puff to cone, leaving end of toothpick sticking out (you'll push it in later with
thimble).
Attach second ring of puffs above first, again packing tightly and staggering so puffs in
second ring are not directly above puffs in first ring. Continue in same manner to dip and
attach remaining puffs. Finish covering cone with 1 puff attached to top of cone.
Using thimble, push in toothpicks until not visible.
Decorate by pushing candies and leaves into gaps between doughnut holes.
To serve croquembouche, dismantle, 1 puff at a time.
Nutrition Facts

PROTEIN **7.69%** FAT **64.19%** CARBS **28.12%** 

### **Properties**

Glycemic Index:4.57, Glycemic Load:2.27, Inflammation Score:-2, Nutrition Score:2.2021738968628%

#### Nutrients (% of daily need)

Calories: 94.21kcal (4.71%), Fat: 6.81g (10.48%), Saturated Fat: 4.16g (25.97%), Carbohydrates: 6.71g (2.24%), Net Carbohydrates: 6.71g (2.44%), Sugar: 2.21g (2.46%), Cholesterol: 34.81mg (11.6%), Sodium: 33.71mg (1.47%), Alcohol: Og (100%), Alcohol %: O% (100%), Protein: 1.83g (3.67%), Vitamin B2: 0.11mg (6.21%), Calcium: 58.96mg (5.9%), Vitamin A: 283.1IU (5.66%), Phosphorus: 54.45mg (5.45%), Vitamin D: 0.66µg (4.41%), Selenium: 2.56µg (3.66%), Vitamin B12: 0.21µg (3.45%), Vitamin B5: 0.28mg (2.84%), Potassium: 87.1mg (2.49%), Magnesium: 6.68mg (1.67%), Vitamin B1: 0.02mg (1.63%), Zinc: 0.22mg (1.44%), Vitamin B6: 0.03mg (1.39%), Vitamin E: 0.16mg (1.05%)