

Cook the Book: Revelatory Caramel Cake



Ingredients

- 4 teaspoons double-acting baking powder
- 3 cups cake flour sifted
- 3 tablespoons plus light
- 4 large egg whites at room temperature
- 0.8 teaspoon salt
- 3 cups sugar divided
- 4 tablespoons butter unsalted ()
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - 1.5 cups milk whole

Equipment

bowl
frying pan
sauce pan
oven
whisk
wire rack
blender
hand mixer
wooden spoon
spatula
offset spatula
candy thermometer

Directions

- To make the cake layers: Preheat the oven to 350°f. Grease 3 eight–inch cake pans. Line the bottoms with rounds of parchment and grease the parchment. Lightly coat the inside of the pans with flour, tapping out the excess. Set the pans aside.
 - Stir together the egg whites, ¼ cup of the milk, and the vanilla in a small bowl; set aside. In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt. Scatter the pieces of butter over the top and pour in the remaining ¾ cup of milk. Use an electric mixer set to low speed to mix the batter until the dry ingredients are moistened. Increase the mixer to medium speed and beat the batter for 90 seconds. Scrape down the sides of the bowl with a rubber spatula. With the mixer set to medium speed, add the egg mixture in 3 additions, beating the batter for 20 seconds after each addition.

Divide the batter evenly among the 3 prepared pans and smooth the tops with the spatula.

Bake until a tester inserted into the center of the cakes comes out clean and the cakes are just beginning to pull away from the sides of the pan, about 20 minutes.

The layers will be light golden on top, not browned. Cool the layers in the pans on a wire rack for 10 minutes. Turn out the layers onto the rack to cool to room temperature before making

the icing.

To make the caramel icing: In a small saucepan, stir together 2½ cups of the sugar, the corn syrup, and the milk; cook over medium heat, stirring until the sugar dissolves. Keep warm over low heat. In a deep, heavy saucepan, sprinkle the remaining ½ cup of sugar evenly over the bottom. Cook over medium heat without stirring until the sugar dissolves, caramelizes, and turns the color of amber. Carefully pour the warm milk mixture into the caramel; the mixture will bubble vigorously and hiss, and the caramel will harden. Cook over medium-high heat, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon, until the caramel loosens from the bottom of the pan and dissolves into the liquid. Cook without stirring until the mixture reaches soft-ball stage (235°f) on a candy thermometer.

Remove from the heat and stir in the butter and vanilla. Set aside to cool for 15 minutes. Beat vigorously with a wooden spoon or an electric mixer set to medium speed until the icing is no longer shiny and is thick and creamy enough to spread, about 15 minutes.

Place a cake layer on a serving plate.

Pour enough icing over the layer to cover the top.

Add the next cake layer and cover the top with icing.

Add the final cake layer and slowly pour the rest of the icing over the top, letting it run down the sides. Use an offset spatula to gently spread the icing evenly around the sides of the cake, taking care to not rip the cake.

Let the cake rest at room temperature at least 2 hours or until the icing is set before serving.Note: You can also bake the cake in 2 nine-inch pans. Increase the baking time to about 30 minutes.

Nutrition Facts

PROTEIN 6.17% 🚺 FAT 12.7% 📒 CARBS 81.13%

Properties

Glycemic Index:47.68, Glycemic Load:102.54, Inflammation Score:-3, Nutrition Score:9.0956522070843%

Nutrients (% of daily need)

Calories: 760.05kcal (38%), Fat: 10.94g (16.83%), Saturated Fat: 6.08g (38.01%), Carbohydrates: 157.22g (52.41%), Net Carbohydrates: 155.71g (56.62%), Sugar: 111.62g (124.02%), Cholesterol: 27.39mg (9.13%), Sodium: 643.21mg (27.97%), Alcohol: 0.23g (100%), Alcohol %: 0.11% (100%), Protein: 11.97g (23.93%), Selenium: 31.15µg (44.5%), Manganese: 0.51mg (25.34%), Calcium: 247.56mg (24.76%), Phosphorus: 186.24mg (18.62%), Vitamin B2: 0.24mg (14.18%), Vitamin A: 333.31IU (6.67%), Magnesium: 26.47mg (6.62%), Copper: 0.13mg (6.44%), Vitamin B1: 0.09mg (6.14%), Vitamin B12: 0.37µg (6.08%), Fiber: 1.51g (6.02%), Zinc: 0.86mg (5.71%), Potassium: 195.79mg (5.59%), Vitamin B5: 0.55mg (5.54%), Folate: 21.78µg (5.45%), Vitamin D: 0.81µg (5.41%), Iron: 0.93mg (5.16%), Vitamin B3: 0.72mg (3.59%), Vitamin E: 0.5mg (3.31%), Vitamin B6: 0.06mg (3.09%)