



Ingredients

- 3 pinches cream of tartar divided
- 3.5 ounce bittersweet chocolate melted
- 3 large egg whites divided at room temperature
- 0.8 cup granulated sugar divided
- 1.5 teaspoons espresso powder
- 2 teaspoons cocoa powder unsweetened
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract pure
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil

Equipment

baking sheet
baking paper
oven
whisk
sieve
blender
plastic wrap
hand mixer
wooden spoon
wax paper
pastry bag

Directions

Preheat oven to 200°F with racks in upper, middle, and lower thirds of oven (or use 2 racks and bake in batches). Line 2 or 3 large baking sheets with parchment paper.

Beat 1 egg white with vanilla (for vanilla meringues) and a pinch each of cream of tartar and salt with an electric mixer at medium-high speed until it just holds soft peaks.

Add 2 tablespoons superfine sugar, a little at a time, beating, then increase speed to high and beat until meringue holds stiff, glossy peaks. Fold in 2 tablespoons superfine sugar gently but thoroughly.

Transfer meringue to a pastry bag fitted with tip, then dab some meringue under corners of parchment on all baking sheets to secure to sheets. Pipe 1-inch-wide stars (1 inch high) about 1/2 inch apart.

Make coffee meringues using same amounts and procedure as above but using espresso powder (11/2 teaspoons) in place of vanilla.

Sift cocoa through a fine-mesh sieve and whisk together with 2 tablespoons superfine sugar.

Beat remaining egg white with a pinch each of cream of tartar and salt with mixer at mediumhigh speed until it just holds soft peaks.

Add remaining 2 tablespoons superfine sugar, a little at a time, beating, then increase speedto high and beat until meringue holds stiff, glossy peaks. Fold in cocoa mixture gently but thoroughly.
Transfer meringue to a pastry bag and pipe more stars.
Bake, switching position of upper and lower sheets halfway through baking, until dry, crisp, and firm, 1 1/2 to 2 hours. (Meringues are done when they release from parchment.)
Turn off oven and cool meringues in oven with door propped open about 1/2 inch using handle of a wooden spoon 1 hour, then slide parchment with meringues onto racks to cool completely.
Line a large baking sheet with parchment or wax paper.
Stir together chocolate and vegetable oil until completely smooth. Peel meringues off parchment, then dip bottom of each into chocolate, allowing excess to drip off.
Transfer meringues to lined baking sheet, arranging as close together as possible, and when baking sheet is full, freeze meringues just until chocolate is set, about 3 minutes.
Remove meringues from freezer.
• We used a Wilton 2110/1M star tip for our meringues. An Ateco 885 swirl star tip also works well.• To avoid stickiness, try to bake meringues on a dry day.• Dipped meringues keep, layered between sheets of parchment or wax paper, in an airtight container at cool room temperature 1 week or frozen, container tightly wrapped in plastic wrap, 1 month. Thaw frozen meringues, still in wrapped container, until container reaches room temperature, at least 30 minutes. (Do not unwrap and open container until completely thawed.)

Nutrition Facts

📕 PROTEIN 5.09% 📕 FAT 34.52% 📒 CARBS 60.39%

Properties

Glycemic Index:0.83, Glycemic Load:1.25, Inflammation Score:-1, Nutrition Score:0.25608695784341%

Flavonoids

Catechin: 0.02mg, Catechin: 0.02mg, Catechin: 0.02mg, Catechin: 0.02mg Epicatechin: 0.05mg, Epicatechin: 0.05mg, Epicatechin: 0.05mg

Nutrients (% of daily need)

Calories: 16.1kcal (0.81%), Fat: 0.63g (0.96%), Saturated Fat: 0.29g (1.79%), Carbohydrates: 2.46g (0.82%), Net Carbohydrates: 2.36g (0.86%), Sugar: 2.23g (2.48%), Cholesterol: 0.07mg (0.02%), Sodium: 2.13mg (0.09%), Alcohol: 0.02g (100%), Alcohol %: 0.47% (100%), Protein: 0.21g (0.42%)