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Dark chocolate, pear and pistachio cake

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15 minutes

40 minutes, plus cooling and setting time

10-12

Serves

INGREDIENTS

200g good quality dark chocolate,
coarsely chopped
70g pistachio kernels, plus extra to serve
150g butter, softened
150g castor sugar
3 eggs
150g plain flour, sieved
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 Packham pear, cored and coarsely
chopped

Chocolate ganache

150g dark chocolate, coarsely chopped
150ml pouring cream

METHOD

1. Pre-heat oven on Fan Plus or Cake Plus at 160°C.
2. Process chocolate and pistachios in a food processor until coarse crumbs form, set aside.
3. Beat butter and sugar in a standard mixer until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition.
4. Sieve baking powder and flour together and stir through mixture, followed by the pistachio and chocolate mixture and the pear.
5. Pour mixture into a greased and lined 22cm springform cake tin.
6. Place in the oven on shelf position 2 and bake for 35 minutes.
7. Cool in tin for 10 minutes before turning out and cooling to room temperature on a wire rack.

Chocolate ganache

1. Place chocolate in a heatproof bowl. Heat cream in a saucepan, Induction setting 6, to just below boiling. Pour cream over chocolate and let it stand until the chocolate melts (3-5 minutes), then stir until smooth. Set ganache aside for 5-10 minutes until thickened slightly.
2. Smooth ganache over the top and sides of the cake, scatter with pistachios and let stand for 20 minutes to set prior to serving.