



Plum pudding truffles dipped in chocolate and pistachios

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20 minutes for truffles, 1 hour for pudding

Preparation Time

Up to 8 hours

Cooking Time

40 truffles

Serves

INGREDIENTS

300g plum pudding 200g paleo muesli 50ml rum 300g white coverture chocolate, melted 1 tbs grapeseed oil 1 cup crushed pistachio

Plum pudding

80ml brandy

200ml orange juice

100g mixed peel

100g currants

100g sultanas

450g seedless raisins, chopped

225g brown sugar

225g butter, softened

2 eggs, lightly beaten

400g fresh breadcrumbs

1 tsp ground ginger

1 tsp mixed spice

1 tsp Murray River Salt Flakes

75g grated carrot

2 tbs milk

2 tbs golden syrup

30g butter, extra for greasing

METHOD

Pudding

- 1. Combine brandy, orange juice and all dried fruit in a large bowl, cover with cling wrap and allow to macerate in the refrigerator for 2-3 days.
- 2. Cream butter and sugar on low speed until light and fluffy. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well between each addition to ensure it is fully incorporated.
- 3. Using a large spoon, combine the macerated fruit into the egg mixture and stir well.
- 4. Add remaining ingredients and using your hands, mix well.
- 5. Grease your moulds and/or pudding basins with butter and line the base of each mould with a round of baking paper.
- 6. Cover puddings with a round of baking paper, pleated down the centre to allow for expansion. Follow with a piece of foil, also making sure to have a pleat in the centre.
- 7. Place the puddings in a perforated steam container. Steam at 100°C for 4 hours for small puddings and 6-8 hours for large puddings, refilling the water in the Steam Oven when directed.
- 8. Leave the covers on the puddings and allow to cool before storing in the refrigerator until required.

Truffles

- 1. In a medium sized bowl, vigorously mix the plum pudding until it is broken up and quite a soft texture.
- 2. Add the paleo mix and rum. Mix well then shape into small balls approximately half a tablespoon in size.
- 3. Place chocolate into a plastic bowl and melt in the Microwave at 850W for 30 seconds. Remove from the Microwave and stir with a plastic spatula. Heat at 30 second intervals, stirring well between each interval.
- 4. Melt the chocolate until it is approximately 50% liquid and 50% solid chocolate. Remove from the Microwave and stir vigorously until the solid chocolate is melted.
- 5. After 5 minutes if you still have solid lumps of chocolate, gently warm the bowl with a hair dryer or heat gun. Mix in oil to combine. If too thick, add more oil to make it fluid.
- 6. Dip the balls into the chocolate and roll through the crushed pistachio. Rest until set on a baking paper lined tray.