

# Mocha Brownies

## Ingredients

- 2 sticks butter
- 2 cups sugar
- 4 eggs
- 3 tsp vanilla
- 4 ozs unsweetened chocolate melted
- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 2 sticks butter softened
- 5 cups Powdered Sugar
- 1/4 cup cocoa
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 3 tsp vanilla
- 1/2 cup strong brewed coffee cooled

## Instructions

- Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F.
- Spray an 8-inch square baking pan with nonstick baking spray.
- For the brownie batter: Place the chocolate in a microwave-safe bowl.
- Melt the chocolate in the microwave in 30-second increments, being careful not to let it burn. Set it aside to cool slightly.
- In a medium mixing bowl, cream the butter and granulated sugar.
- Beat in the eggs.
- With the mixer on low speed, drizzle in the melted chocolate.

## Summary

**Yield:** 20

**Source:** The Pioneer Woman

**Prep Time:** 1 hour

**Category:** Cakes

**Cuisine:** American

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- Add the vanilla extract and mix.
- Add the flour to the bowl and mix just until combined; do not over mix.
- Pour the batter in the prepared baking pan.
- Spread it to even out the surface.
- Bake until the center is no longer soft, 40 to 45 minutes.
- Set the brownies aside to cool completely before icing.
- For the icing: In a large mixing bowl, combine the butter, powdered sugar, cocoa powder, salt and vanilla.
- Mix until slightly combined,
- then add 1/2 cup of the coffee.
- Whip until the icing is light and fluffy.
- If the icing is overly thick, add 1/4 cup more coffee. It should be very light and fluffy.
- Ice the cooled brownies, spreading the icing on thick. Refrigerate until the icing is firm, and then slice the brownies into VERY SMALL squares. A little goes a long way!
- Notes
  - Cook Notes: Can also serve in a bowl topped with coffee ice cream and hot fudge sauce. Sinful!
  - Note: Icing recipe can easily be halved.
  - Bake brownies in a 9 x 13 inch pan if you want them a little thinner.