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— for Less —



CLASSIC BAKES









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## **VICTORIA SPONGE**

#### METHOD

### FOR THE FILLING AND TOPPING

6 tbsp SuperValu strawberry jam 120ml SuperValu whipped cream 300g fresh strawberries, sliced, plus extra to decorate SuperValu icing sugar, for dusting

## **TOP TIP**

Try other types of jam and add flavours to the cream too, like a drop or two of vanilla essence.

SuperValu Irish Creamery Butter 227g-€5.68/kg

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# SIMPLE LEMON CURD AND BLUEBERRY BUTTERFLY FAIRY CAKES







#### **INGREDIENTS**

100g SuperValu unsalted butter, softened 100g SuperValu self-raising flour 100g SuperValu caster sugar 2 SuperValu large eggs 1 lemon, finely grated, zest only 1 tsp baking powder

#### TO DECORATE

125g SuperValu Signature Tastes lemon curd 150ml SuperValu cream 36 small fresh blueberries SuperValu icing sugar, for dusting (optional)

#### METHOD

Preheat the oven to 180°C. Line a 12-hole bun or fairy cake tin with fairy cake-sized paper cases.

Put all the ingredients for the fairy cakes in a large bowl and beat until smooth and well combined. Divide the batter evenly between the paper cases.

Bake in the oven for 15 - 20 minutes, until lightly golden, risen and cooked through. A skewer should come out clean/dry from the centre. Remove from the tin and leave to cool on a wire rack.

Once cool, use a sharp knife to slice the top off each fairy cake to give a disc. Cut this in half and set the pieces aside.

Spread an even amount of lemon curd on top of each fairy cake. Whip the cream to soft peaks, then spoon a small dollop in the centre of each one. Arrange two of the reserved fairy cake halves sitting upright on top of each one to resemble butterfly wings. Put three blueberries down the centre of each one. Dust with a little icing sugar if liked and arrange on a serving platter or cake stand to serve.



## **CHOCOLATE LAYER CAKE WITH RASPBERRY BUTTERCREAM**







250ml water 150g SuperValu unsalted butter, plus extra for greasing 50g cocoa powder 450g SuperValu caster sugar 300g SuperValu plain flour 1 tsp baking soda 2 large eggs 150ml SuperValu sour cream 1 tsp SuperValu vanilla extract

250g raspberries, fresh or frozen 300g SuperValu unsalted butter, softened 600g SuperValu icing sugar

Preheat the oven to 170°C. Grease 4 x 20cm loose-bottomed sandwich tins and line with non-stick baking paper. Set the tins on two baking sheets.

Pour the water into a medium pan, add the butter and sift in the cocoa powder. Heat gently and stir until the butter is melted and the mixture is smooth. Set aside.

Put the sugar, flour and baking soda in a large bowl and stir to combine. Beat the eggs, sour cream and vanilla in a jug, then add to the flour. Add the melted butter mixture and whisk until the batter is smooth and combined. Divide evenly between the prepared tins, levelling them with the back of a spoon.

Bake for 30 to 35 minutes, swapping the trays around on the shelves halfway through. Once cooked, the cakes should be springy to the touch and a skewer inserted into the centre should come out clean. Leave to cool in the tins for 10 minutes before carefully removing and leaving to cool completely on wire racks.

Meanwhile, make the buttercream. Place the raspberries in a small pan and mash completely with a fork. Place the pan on a medium heat, bring to a gentle bubble and continue to cook for 6 to 8 minutes, stirring often, until reduced by half and thickened. The final mixture should weigh about 125g. Remove and leave to cool completely.

Beat the butter in an electric food mixer until pale and fluffy. Once the raspberry purée is completely cool, beat it in until well blended. Sift in the icing sugar in stages, beating it in well before adding the next. Spoon 200g of the buttercream into a piping bag fitted with a 1.5cm plain nozzle (or a hole cut to this size if using a disposable bag). Set aside until ready to use.

When ready to assemble, pipe a ring of buttercream in a circle right at the outside edge of one of the cakes. Pipe the rest of the bag of buttercream inside the ring and spread it smooth to fill the centre. You can just spread the buttercream all over if preferred, but the piped outer ring gives a neat finish once assembled. Repeat with another two layers, using 200g of buttercream each time.

Spread a little buttercream in the centre of a serving plate or cake stand and stack these three layers neatly on top of each other on this. Top with the remaining cake, then spoon the remaining buttercream into the piping bag and pipe dots of it all over the top. Piping in circles works best, starting with the outside edge and working inwards. Refrigerate until ready to

This can be served straight from the fridge, or if you prefer to eat a softer buttercream, then remove about 1 hour before serving.





TOP TIP



50g SuperValu mini marshmallows

#### METHOD

Grease a 17.5cm square cake tin or baking dish with sunflower oil and line with non-stick baking paper, leaving a 5cm excess hanging over the edges to help you lift it out later.

Divide the condensed milk evenly between two medium bowls. Finely chop the white chocolate and add to one bowl along with the vanilla extract. Melt the white chocolate in the microwave in 30-second blasts, stirring between each go, or set over a pan of simmering water, shallow enough that the water doesn't touch the bowl. Once melted and smooth, remove and pour into the prepared tin, spreading it

Finely chop the milk or dark chocolate (or both) and add to the second bowl. Melt in the same way

as the white chocolate, then spoon this in blobs all over the top of the white chocolate layer in the tin before spreading it evenly. Working quickly before the mixture sets, sprinkle the marshmallows in a single even layer on top, pressing them down gently to stick. Chill in the fridge for at least 3 or 4 hours, until set firm.

Lift the slab out of the tin and peel off the paper. Using a long sharp knife dipped in boiling water and wiped dry between each cut, slice into 36 pieces. These will keep for up to one week in the fridge in an airtight container, layered between parchment paper.

## NO-CHURN INDULGENT CHOCOLATE ICE CREAM IN CHOCOLATE CUPS







#### INGREDIENTS

500g SuperValu milk/dark chocolate (100g + 400g) 1 x 400g tin of condensed milk 500ml SuperValu double cream

#### **OPTIONAL TOPPINGS**

Chopped chocolate bars like Crunchie, Mars, Flake, Maltesers and Rolos chocolate chip cookies, crumbled Crushed salted peanuts or other nuts, like pecans

Sauces like toffee or even more melted chocolate

Fresh fruits like berries, pomegranate, banana, orange and kiwi Dried fruits like apricots, figs and raisins, chopped if large Desiccated or shaved coconut, toasted Edible sprinkles

SuperValu mini marshmallows

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Chop 100g of the chocolate and melt it in a large heatproof bowl set over a pan of simmering water or in 30-second blasts in the microwave, stirring regularly. Set aside to cool, then add the condensed milk and mix until thick and stiff.

Using an electric whisk, beat the cream in a separate bowl until stiff. Fold the whipped cream into the chocolate mixture until well blended. Pour this mixture into a container suitable for the freezer. Cover and freeze for at least eight hours or overnight, until frozen solid.

To make the chocolate cups, line a 12-hole muffin tin with paper cases. Melt the remaining 400g of chocolate as before and remove from the heat. Spoon a tbsp of it into a paper case and use a small brush to spread it from the bottom up the insides to coat the case completely. Repeat with the other cases. Set the remaining chocolate aside. Pop the muffin tin in the freezer for 20 minutes, until the cups are set.

Repeat the process of coating the cases with chocolate and freezing until set twice more, to give three layers in total. The melted chocolate will cool to room temperature, which is perfect for adding layers without melting the previous layer, but it should not be allowed to set. If it does, then melt it again as before, but not letting it get too warm.

Once the three layers are complete and set, and with cool hands, carefully peel the paper cases away from the chocolate to reveal the fluted cups.

Remove the ice cream from the freezer 10 to 20 minutes before serving, depending on how warm your room is, for ease of scooping and eating. Divide the ice cream between the chocolate cups and arrange on serving plates. Add any toppings you like and serve immediately. before serving.











300g SuperValu ground almonds 250g SuperValu plain flour 150g SuperValu caster sugar pinch of fine sea salt 250g SuperValu unsalted butter, softened, plus extra for greasing 2 x 150g SuperValu milk or dark chocolate bars, finely chopped

Preheat the oven to 180°C. Grease a 20cm square baking tin with butter and line with non-stick baking paper.

Place the ground almonds, flour, sugar and salt in a food processor and pulse together. Add the butter and blend briefly to form coarse crumbs. Tip half of the mixture into the baking tin and press it down to form an even, firmly packed layer. Placing a sheet of parchment paper over it and pressing it down with the base of a glass will make an easy job of this (just remember to remove the paper afterwards!). Reserve the remaining crumble mixture in the fridge.

Bake the base for 15 to 20 minutes, until lightly golden all over. Remove and sprinkle the chopped chocolate over in an even layer. Scatter the remaining crumble mixture evenly on top, pressing it down lightly. Return to the oven to bake for about 20 minutes, until the topping is light golden brown.

Remove and leave to cool a little in the tin before lifting out and leaving to cool completely. Cut into 12 bars or 16 smaller squares and enjoy. These will keep for up to three days, layered between parchment paper, in an airtight container in the fridge.

## BLACKBERRY AND CREAM CHEESE TRAY BAKE







#### **INGREDIENTS**

a little sunflower oil, for greasing
225g SuperValu unsalted butter, softened
225g SuperValu caster sugar
4 eggs
175g SuperValu self-raising flour
50g SuperValu ground almonds
2 tsp baking powder
1 tsp SuperValu ground cinnamon
50g fresh blackberries
about ¼ tsp purple gel food colouring,
optional

#### FOR THE TOPPING

200g full-fat cream cheese 100g SuperValu unsalted butter, softened 100g SuperValu icing sugar 1 tsp vanilla extract

#### FOR DECORATING

200g fresh blackberries small handful of fresh mint leaves, optional

#### METHOD

Preheat the oven to 180°C. Grease a 20cm square loose-bottomed cake tin and line with non-stick baking paper.

In a large bowl or food mixer, beat the butter and sugar together until smooth and pale. Beat the eggs in one at a time with a spoonful of flour with each one. Add the remaining flour along with the ground almonds, baking powder and cinnamon and beat briefly until well combined. Lightly mash the blackberries with a fork and mix them in. If using, add enough food colour gel to give a good strong purple colour. Spread the batter level in the tin.

Pop in the oven to bake for 35 - 40 minutes. Once cooked, the cake should be well risen and springy to the touch and a skewer inserted into the centre should come out clean. Leave to cool a little in the tin before removing and leaving to cool completely on a cooling rack. If you used the food colour, the cake will most likely have unsightly outside edges. Trim these from the cake if liked.

Meanwhile, to prepare the topping, beat the cream cheese and butter together in a medium bowl to loosen, then sift in the icing sugar and add the vanilla and beat until smooth. Cover and keep in the fridge to firm up a little until needed.

To assemble, spread the topping evenly all over the cake. Cut into nine equal pieces. Arrange the blackberries, pointed side upwards, on top of each square. Decorate with mint if liked and serve.







4 SuperValu egg whites, at room temperature 225g SuperValu caster sugar 1½ tsp gluten-free cornflour 1½ tsp white wine vinegar

#### FOR THE BERRY SYRUP

115g SuperValu caster sugar 1 lime, juice only 1 tbsp SuperValu honey 200g blackberries, redcurrants or Raspberries

#### FOR THE CHANTILLY CREAM

250ml SuperValu single cream 1 dstspn SuperValu icing sugar ½ tsp vanilla essence

#### FOR THE FILLING

passion fruit, seeds scooped out fresh pineapple fresh mango kiwi fruit fresh blackberries tiny fresh mint leaves

#### METHOD

Preheat the oven to 100°C. Line a large baking sheet with non-stick baking paper.

It's very important that you use a spotlessly clean, grease-free bowl to whisk the egg whites, as you won't achieve the volume you want if there's any trace of grease in the mixture. Eggs at room temperature ensure good volume too. Clean your whisk attachment and bowl with boiling water before use. Use kitchen paper to wipe everything dry.

In a food mixer fitted with the balloon attachment, whisk the egg whites until they maintain soft peaks. Gradually add the caster sugar, spoon by spoon, mixing well after each addition. Once all the sugar has been added, run the mixer on high speed for 3 to 4 minutes. The biggest mistake people make is not mixing it enough, which means the pavlova won't hold its shape.

Put the cornflour and vinegar in a small bowl and mix to a paste. Add to the egg whites and mix well to fully combine. Place a drop of the meringue on the reverse side of the corners of the baking paper to hold it in place. Alternatively, you could use a silicone baking mat. Put 6 to 8 separate dollops of the meringue mixture onto the lined sheet.

Make a slight hollow in the centre of each one using the back of the spoon. This will hold the whipped cream and fruit when baked. Bake in the oven for 80 minutes. Leave the pavlovas in the oven, but turn the oven off and leave the door open to allow the nests to dry out and cool completely.

Meanwhile, to make the berry syrup, combine the sugar, lime juice and honey in a small saucepan set over a medium heat and stir until the sugar has dissolved. Bring to the boil, then add the berries and cook at a rapid boil for one minute. Remove from the heat and cool slightly.

Transfer to a food processor and blend until smooth, then strain through a fine-mesh sieve. This will keep for several days in an airtight container in the fridge.

For the Chantilly cream, put all the ingredients in a bowl and whisk together until soft peaks form. Chop the fruit into pieces about the size of a blackberry.

To serve, spoon some of the Chantilly cream into the hollow of each pavlova, then top with the fresh fruit. Drizzle the berry syrup over the pavlovas and scatter over the fresh mint just before serving.









175g dark muscovado sugar
75g SuperValu butter,
plus extra for greasing
70g treacle
30ml golden syrup
2 SuperValu eggs, at room temperature
200g gluten-free self-raising flour
200g pitted dates
300ml water
1 tsp baking soda
SuperValu whipped cream,
to serve

#### FOR THE TOFFEE SAUCE

100g SuperValu butter 100g dark muscovado sugar 200ml SuperValu double cream

#### METHOD

Preheat the oven to 180°C. Grease 8-10 dariole moulds, ramekins or small cups with a little butter.

Using the paddle attachment on a stand mixer, cream together the sugar and butter until light and fluffy. This should take about 10 minutes. Scrape down the bowl from time to time to ensure the mixture is fully combined. Add the treacle and golden syrup and mix well.

Add the eggs one at a time, then add the self-rising flour after the eggs have been fully incorporated. Mix together, scraping down the sides of the bowl, until all the ingredients are fully combined.

Place the dates in a saucepan with the water and bring to the boil. Remove the pan from the heat and purée the date mixture with a hand-held blender. Add the baking soda to the date purée and blend again, then add the date purée to the cake batter and mix well.

Pour the batter into the greased moulds and bake for 20 to 25 minutes, until the cake shrinks away from the sides of the moulds and springs back when gently pressed with a finger.

While the puddings are baking, you can make the toffee sauce. Melt the butter and sugar together in a saucepan, then add the double cream. Bring to the boil, then reduce the heat and simmer until the mixture coats the back of a spoon.

Serve the puddings while still warm, drizzled with the toffee sauce. Serve with whipped cream.

### STORAGE

The puddings freeze well. Place them in a ziplock bag or sealed container and then place in the freezer. Defrost at room temperature, top with toffee sauce and reheat in a microwave.



a little SuperValu sunflower oil,
for greasing
200g white candy buttons
200g pink candy buttons
200g blue candy buttons
5ml silver metallic food paint
15g SuperValu mini marshmallows

- 1 tsp SugarCraft Hot Pink sparkling sugar
- 2 tsp SugarCraft Sweetheart Mix sprinkles
- 1 pack of 12 White Wild Rose sugar decorations

#### METHOD

Grease a 23cm x 33cm Swiss roll tray with a little sunflower oil and line with non-stick baking paper.

Melt each of the candy buttons in separate bowls in the microwave or set over a pan of simmering water, stirring regularly until smooth. Dot tablespoonfuls of each colour randomly all over the lined tray. Then, using the tip of a small palette or table knife, swirl the colours together to give interesting patterns as they marble, making sure to fill in all the gaps as you go.

Dot some of the silver edible paint around, then using the handle of a tsp or the tip of a skewer, marble that in too. Working quickly before everything sets, scatter the marshmallows over in a single even layer.

Sprinkle the sparkling sugar over in little patches. This has a better effect than just sprinkling it all over. Avoid sprinkling it on the silver paint if possible because it causes it to blacken. Next, scatter the heart sprinkles over, again in patches. Dot the flower decorations around the top.

Pop the tray in the fridge for about one hour, until set firm. Remove from the tray and break into shards. These are now ready for use.