Chocolate, Beetroot & Wattleseed Cake

Fresh from the garden: flowers

EQUIPMENT

metric measuring spoons measuring scale clean tea towel chopping board cook's knife vegetable peeler food processor wooden spoon medium bowl cake tin

INGREDIENTS

- 100 ml hot water
- 2 ½ teaspoons ground wattleseed
- 90 g coconut oil
- 270g raw beetroot (weight after peeling)
- 280ml milk, lukewarm
- 1½ cups sugar
- 100g cocoa
- ½ tsp salt
- 1½ teaspoons of baking powder
- 1 teaspoon of baking soda
- 240 g white all-purpose flour

CHOCOLATE GANACHE

- 150 g chocolate
- 75 ml full fat coconut milk

METHOD (WHAT TO DO):

- 1. Pre-heat the oven to 180° C (160 fan forced)
- 2. Line a rectangular cake tin with baking paper.

PART 1: Measure the wet ingredients

- 3. Measure the beetroot and put it in the blender.
- 4. Measure the milk and pour it into the blender.
- 5. Measure the hot water and put it into the blender.
- 6. Measure the coconut oil. Melt it in the microwave and pour it in the blender.
- 7. TEACHER HELP: Blend the mixture until it is very smooth.
- 8. Pour the beetroot mixture into a large mixing bowl.

PART 2: Measure the dry ingredients

- 9. Measure the wattleseed and put it in the bowl with the beetroot mixture.
- 10. Measure the sugar and put it in the bowl with the beetroot mixture
- 11. Measure the salt and sift it into the bowl with the beetroot mixture.
- 12. Measure the cocoa and sift it into the bowl with the beetroot mixture.
- 13. Measure the baking powder and sift it into the bowl with the beetroot mixture
- 14. Measure the bicarbonate soda and sift it into the bowl with the beetroot mixture.
- 15. Measure the flour and sift it into the bowl with the beetroot mixture.
- 16. Fold the dry ingredients into the wet ingredients gently.
- 17. Pour the mixture into the prepared baking tin and bake for about 25-30 minutes.
- 18. Allow the cake to cool down and then pour over the ganache.

CHOCOLATE GANACHE

- 1. Break the chocolate into small pieces and place in a microwave bowl.
- 2. Pour the coconut milk over the top and heat for 30 seconds at a time until the chocolate is melted and you have a smooth ganache.
- 3. Let it thicken just a little before applying to the cake.
- 4. Decorate with fresh or dried flowers.