

Chai Spice Cake

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Cook Time: 30 minutes

1 C unsalted butter, softened
1 1/2 C granulated sugar
3 lg eggs
2 1/2 C all-purpose flour
2 1/2 t baking powder

1/2 t salt
1 C milk
4 T Masala Chai tea leaves
1 t vanilla extract

Topping:

1 C heavy cream
8 oz cream cheese, softened

1/2 C powdered sugar
2 T Masala Chai tea leaves, finely ground

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Grease and flour two 9-inch round cake pans, or a 13x9-inch sheet cake pan.

Heat the milk until just simmering, then add the Masala Chai tea leaves. Let steep for 5 minutes, then strain and let cool.

Cream the butter and sugar together until light and fluffy. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition.

Combine the dry ingredients (flour, baking powder, salt) in a separate bowl.

Alternate adding the dry ingredients and the cooled chai-infused milk to the butter mixture, beginning and ending with the dry ingredients. Mix until just combined.

Divide the batter evenly between the prepared pans and smooth the tops.

Bake for 25-30 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.

Cool the cakes in the pans for 10 minutes, then turn out onto wire racks to cool completely.

For the topping:

Whip the heavy cream until stiff peaks form.

Beat the cream cheese and powdered sugar together until smooth.

Fold in the whipped cream and finely ground Masala Chai tea leaves until well combined.

Assembly (for two 9-inch rounds):

Place one cake round on a serving plate.

Spread a layer of the topping over the first cake layer.

Add the second cake round on top and cover with the remaining topping.

Decorate with cinnamon sticks or other complementary items. Enjoy your delightful creation!