Vanilla Rooibos Hot Chocolate

A smooth and creamy hot chocolate with the subtle sweetness of vanilla rooibos.

2 C whole milk tea bags for easy removal 1/2 C heavy cream 4 oz milk chocolate, chopped

1/4 C granulated sugar 1 t vanilla extract

1/4 C unsweetened cocoa powder Whipped cream and a sprinkle of cocoa

1 † Vanilla Rooibos tea leaves, placed into powder for garnish

HEAT THE MILK AND CREAM: In a medium saucepan, combine the milk and heavy cream. Heat over medium heat until just simmering.

STEEP THE TEA: Add the Vanilla Rooibos tea bags and let steep for 5 minutes. Remove the tea bags and discard.

MIX IN THE DRY INGREDIENTS: Whisk in the sugar and cocoa powder until smooth.

ADD THE CHOCOLATE: Stir in the chopped milk chocolate until melted and smooth.

FINISH WITH VANILLA: Remove from heat and stir in the vanilla extract.

SERVE: Pour into mugs and top with whipped cream and a sprinkle of cocoa powder.