Turkish Delight Bundt Cake

Ingredients

Cake ~

- 4½ ounces butter at room temperature
- ¾ cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla bean essence
- 2 large eggs at room temperature
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1½ tablespoons baking powder
- 2 teaspoons ground cardamon
- pinch of salt
- ½ cup milk
- 2½ tablespoons rosewater
- ⅔ cup turkish delight, cut into small cubes

Turkish Delight ~

- 2½ cups hot water
- ¼ cup powdered gelatin
- 2 cups sugar
- ¾ cup cornstarch
- 1⅓ cups powdered sugar
- ¼ teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1 teaspoon rosewater
- 1 to 2 drops pink food coloring

Ganache ~

- 3 ounces bittersweet chocolate, chopped
- ½ cup heavy cream
- 2 tablespoons butter, softened
- 1 to 2 drops red food coloring

Preparation

Cake ~

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°F and thoroughly grease a Bundt pan.
- 2. Cream butter with a stand mixer and then gradually add the sugar and vanilla, beating until the mixture is light and fluffy.
- 3. Add each egg one at a time, beating well after each egg, and scraping the bowl as required.
- 4. Mix the milk and rosewater together.
- 5. Sift the flour, salt, baking powder, cardamom and salt and then add to the mixing bowl in three batches, alternating with the milk mixture. Do not over beat.

- 6. Add turkish delight and gently stir to combine.
- 7. Pour into the Bundt pan and even out with a spatula.
- 8. Bake for around 40-45 minutes or until an inserted skewer comes out clean.
- 9. Cool in tin for 10 minutes and then turn out onto a wire rack to cool completely.
- 10. Trim Bundt base to level if necessary, place on serving plate, and pour desired amount of ganache over the top of the cake.
- 11. Decorate with additional turkish delight.

Turkish Delight ~

- 1. Lightly grease a 8-inch x 8-inch square pan. Line base and sides with parchment paper, allowing a 1-inch overhang at both long ends.
- 2. Place 2½ cups hot water in a large heatproof, microwave-safe bowl.
- 3. Sprinkle gelatin over water, and using a fork, whisk until gelatin dissolves.
- 4. Stir in sugar. Microwave, uncovered, on high for 5 minutes. Stir well. Microwave, uncovered, on high for a further 4 to 5 minutes or until mixture is thick and syrupy.
- 5. Whisk cornflour, powdered sugar and cream of tartar into gelatin mixture. Microwave on high for 3 minutes.
- 6. Stir in rosewater and food coloring.
- 7. Pour into prepared pan and refrigerate until firm.
- 8. Remove Turkish delight from pan, and place on a cutting board. Cut approximately three slices, and then cut these pieces into small cubes. Refrigerate the remaining turkish delight to enjoy later.

Ganache ~

- 1. Place chocolate in a heatproof bowl.
- 2. Bring cream to a simmer in a small saucepan; pour over chocolate, and let stand 2 minutes.
- 3. Add butter, and mix until smooth. Let stand, stirring occasionally, until slightly thickened.
- 4. Pour glaze over cake.

Recipes adapted from The Hungry Australian, Taste, and Martha Stewart