Rose and Cardamom Cupcakes

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For the cupcakes:

- ¾ cup nut milk, I love flax and macadamia
- ²/₃ cup sugar
- 3 tbsp coconut or sunflower oil
- 2 tsp vanilla bean paste/extract
- 1 1/4 cup gluten free 1-1 flour
- ½ tsp salt
- ¼ tsp cardamom
- 1/2 teaspoon rose water I get mine from @garaskincare it's edible and divine
- ½ tsp baking powder

For the buttercream:

- ½ cup cold vegan butter- cold
- ⅓ cup cold vegan shortening
- ½ tbsp coconut cream (optional, but makes the frosting fluffy)
- 1 tsp vanilla bean paste/extract
- ¼ tsp rose water
- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 2 tbsp dried rose petals for topping cake
- Sprinkle of cardamom

Get cooking:

- 1. Preheat your oven to 350F. Grease a silicone muffin dish.
- 2. In a mixing bowl combine the nut milk, sugar, vegetable oil, and vanilla and whisk to combine. Then, use a flour sifter to slowly add in the dry ingredients including the gluten free flour, salt, cardamom, baking powder, and baking soda. Whisk together until a smooth batter forms.

- 3. Next, fill each cupcake liner ¾ of the way full with batter. Place the tin of cupcakes into the oven and bake for 22-25 minutes until cooked through.
- 4. Remove the cupcakes from the oven and let cool in the baking tray for 5 minutes before removing. Then, carefully remove the cupcakes and let cool completely before frosting. Really let them cool or the buttercream will melt!

For the buttercream:

- 1. While the cupcakes are cooling, make your frosting. Add the vegan butter, shortening, and coconut cream to a mixing bowl and use a mixer to beat until light and fluffy, stopping to scrape down the sides as needed.
- 2. Once whipped, add in the rose water and vanilla and whip about 30 more seconds to combine. As a last step, turn down the speed and slowly add the powdered sugar until a creamy, decadent buttercream forms.
- 3. Add the frosting to a piping bag and frost your cupcakes. Top with the dried rose petals and a sprinkle of cardamom for the perfect touch of beauty.



