

PREP: 30 COOK: 30 SERVES:12

# Salted Caramel Apple Pie Cupcakes

All the best bits of apple pie, rolled into one very indulgent cupcake. Just wait until you taste the Salted Caramel buttercream...

# Ingredients

### Cupcakes

1 1/3 cup (200g) self-raising flour, sifted
½ tsp ground cinnamon
½ tsp ground nutmeg
100g unsalted butter, softened
185g caster sugar
2 tsp Queen Organic Vanilla Essence
2 large eggs
1/2 cup (125ml) milk

### **Apple Filling**

4 apples, peeled, cored and chopped into cubes

# **Method - Cupcakes**

#### **STEP 1**

Preheat oven to 160°C (fan forced). Line a 12 hole cupcake tin with cupcake cases.

### STEP 2

Combine flour and spices in a bowl. Set aside.

### **STEP 3**

In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, or using a hand mixer, cream butter, sugar and Vanilla Essence until light and fluffy - about 5 minutes. Add eggs one at a time and beat well after each addition.

#### **STEP 4**

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# Ingredients

30g unsalted butter
1/4 cup (55g) brown sugar
3 tsp lemon juice
½ tsp ground cinnamon
2 tsp Queen Vanilla Bean Paste

### **Salted Caramel Buttercream**

200g butter 350g icing sugar 1 tsp Queen Salted Caramel Flavour

# **Method - Cupcakes**

Add half the flour mixture, followed by half of the milk, mixing until combined. Repeat with remaining flour mixture & milk. Fill cupcakes case <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup (approx. 1/4 cup – 60ml of batter per standard size cupcake case) and bake for 18-20 minutes or until cupcakes bounce back when pressed. Allow to cool for 10 minutes in the tin, before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.

### Method - Apple Filling

### STEP 1

Place butter and sugar in a frypan over medium heat until melted. Add apple, cinnamon and Vanilla Bean Paste. Cook, stirring occasionally until apples have softened and liquid has thickened. Set aside to cool.

# Method - Salted Caramel Buttercream

### **STEP 1**

Place butter and Salted Caramel Flavour in the bowl of a stand mixer and beat on medium-high speed for 5 minutes until pale and fluffy.

### STEP 2

With mixer off, sift in icing sugar. Return to mixer and beat on low until combined, the increase ot high and beat for 2-3 minutes.

### STEP 3

Spoon into piping bag fitted with an open star tip, pipe around the circumference of the cupcake, leaving a space in the middle. Fill with cooled apple filling.

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