

PREP: 20 min COOK: 20 min SERVES:12

# Strawberry Eton Mess Cupcakes

Tender vanilla bean cupcakes topped with strawberry whipped cream and crunchy meringue kisses. All the best bits of a classic British dessert, rolled into one very pretty cupcake!

# Ingredients

#### **Meringue Kisses**

1 pack Queen Meringue & Pavlova Powder Mix Queen Hot Pink Food Colour

 $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp Queen Vanilla Bean Paste

#### Cupcakes

110g unsalted butter, room temp
½ cup (110g) caster sugar
2 tsp Queen Natural Vanilla Essence-Extract

2 large eggs <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup (110g) self raising flour, sifted <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> tsp baking powder

# **Method - Meringue**

#### STEP 1

Prepare Meringue & Pavlova Powder Mix according to pack directions, flavouring with Vanilla Bean Paste. Spoon into piping bag fitted with a large round tip and pipe meringue kisses onto baking tray. Bake as per pack directions.

# **Method - Cupcakes**

#### **STEP 1**

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

#### STEP 2

In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment or using a hand mixer, beat butter, sugar and Vanilla Essence until light and creamy (approx. 5 minutes). Add eggs one at a time, mixing to combine.

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# Ingredients

1⁄4 cup (60ml) milk

#### Whipped Cream

400ml thickened cream 2 tbsp icing sugar 2 tsp Queen Vanilla Bean Paste Queen Hot Pink Food Colour Gel 125g fresh strawberries, halved Strawberry jam

# **Method - Cupcakes**

#### **STEP 3**

Add sifted flour and baking powder, mixing on low until just combined. Add milk and mix until just incorporated.

#### **STEP 4**

Fill cupcake cases with <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup of mixture and bake for 15-18 minutes or until an inserts skewer comes out clean. Cool in tin for 15 minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely. Once cool, use a knife to "core" the cupcake, removing a small portion of cake from the middle of the cupcake. Fill with strawberry jam.

### Method - Whipped Cream

#### **STEP 1**

Whip cream, icing sugar and Vanilla Bean Paste to firm peaks. Spoon into piping bag fitted with a star tip and pipe onto cupcakes. Top with fresh strawberries a meringue kiss and a sprinkle of crushed up meringue.

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