



PREP: 30 min - cooling
COOK: 80 min
SERVES: 12

# Pavlova Cupcakes

The divine combination of meringue, fresh whipped cream and berries need not be limited to special occasions - these pavlova cupcakes are the perfect way to enjoy this classic flavour combo everyday!

# **Ingredients**

## Mini Pavlovas

1 tsp Queen Concentrated Vanilla Extract

3/4 cup (165g) sugar

1/3 cup (80ml) water

3 large egg whites at room temperature.

# **Vanilla Bean Cupcakes**

100g unsalted butter, softened

185g caster sugar

2 tsp Queen Organic Vanilla Essence

2 large eggs

# Method - Mini Pavlovas

# STEP 1

Bring sugar and water in a small saucepan over a high heat to the boil, stirring until sugar has dissolved. Reduce temperature to medium.

### STEP 2

Meanwhile, in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the whisk attachment, beat the egg whites until soft peaks form.

# STEP 3

Bring the sugar syrup to 121°C (hard ball stage), then remove from the heat. Increase mixer to high and carefully pour in the hot syrup in a smooth, steady stream. Add Vanilla Extract. Continue to beat meringue until bowl is no longer hot to the touch.

## STEP 4

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# **Ingredients**

1 1/3 cup (200g) self-raising flour, sifted

1/2 cup (125ml) milk

1 ¼ cup (150g) frozen raspberries

#### To finish

300ml thickened cream

1 tsp Queen Vanilla Bean Paste

1/3 cup passion fruit pulp (approx. 3 passion fruit)

1 cup (125g) fresh raspberries

# Method - Mini Pavlovas

Preheat oven to 100°C (fan forced). Line 2 baking trays with baking paper, securing with a small amount of meringue mixture under corners. Place mixture into a piping bag, then pipe 5-6cm meringues. Use a teaspoon to hollow out the middle. Bake for 1 hour. Allow to cool.

# Method - Vanilla Bean Cupcakes

#### STEP 1

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

#### STEP 2

In the bowl of a stand mixer or using a hand mixer, cream butter, sugar and Vanilla Essence until light and fluffy. Add eggs one at a time, mixing to incorporate.

## STEP 3

Add sifted flour and milk in two batches, mixing until just combined.

#### STEP 4

Add 5-6 frozen raspberries &  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup of batter to each cupcake case. Bake for 18-20 minutes or until cupcake bounces back when pressed lightly. Allow to cool in tin for 5 minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.

# Method - To finish

#### STEP 1

Whip cream to firm peaks. Dollop cream onto each cupcake, top with mini Pavlova followed by another small dollop of cream. Top with fresh raspberries & passionfruit.

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