

The Best Gluten-Free Boston Cream Cake for Special Occasions

Luxurious Chocolate-Caramel Boston Cream Dream Cake



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350°F

TIME
4 min

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INGREDIENTS

To achieve that gourmet flavor, I recommend using high-quality, organic ingredients whenever possible.

For the Filling: 2 cups rich vanilla bean custard (You can make a homemade pastry cream or use a high-end gourmet store-bought version):

For the Toppings: 1 cup velvety dark chocolate ganache (made with at least 60% cocoa) 1/2 cup salted caramel drizzle:

DIRECTIONS

1. This is key for texture. Gradually add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients, alternating with the full-fat coconut milk. Start and end with the dry ingredients. Mix until just combined-don't overwork the batter!
2. Divide the batter evenly between your two prepared cake pans and smooth the tops with a spatula. Bake for
3. 25-30 minutes
4. . You'll know they're done when a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.
5. Cooling : Period:
6. Let the cakes cool in the pans for 10 minutes. This allows the structure to set. Then, turn them out onto wire racks to cool completely.
7. Do not attempt to fill a warm cake
8. , or your custard will melt!
9. Once the cakes are stone cold, spread your rich vanilla bean custard over the bottom layer. Gently place the second layer on top.
10. The : Finishing Touches:
11. Pour your velvety dark chocolate ganache over the top. Let it naturally drip down the sides for that "rustic-glam" look. Finally, drizzle the salted caramel over the ganache in a zig-zag pattern.

SWAPS & NOTES

Butter Swap: If you want to keep this recipe dairy-free, you can substitute the cultured butter with a high-quality vegan

butter or chilled coconut oil.

The Custard: If you are short on time, a thick vanilla bean pudding can work, but for the "Dream Cake" experience, a true egg-yolk-based pastry cream is unbeatable.

Nut-Free Option: While this recipe relies on almond flour for its unique crumb, you could technically use a 1:1 gluten-free

all-purpose blend, though the flavor profile will shift.

Sugar: If you don't have coconut sugar, light brown sugar is the best substitute to maintain that hint of molasses flavor.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

Temperature Matters: Ensure your eggs and coconut milk are at room temperature before starting.

This helps the emulsion process and leads to a more even bake.

Don't Rush the Ganache: Let your ganache sit for a few minutes after making it so it thickens slightly.

If it's too hot, it will run right off the cake instead of creating those beautiful drips.

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