

MOCHA MARBLED LOAF

Sponge Mix

250 g Unsalted Butter,
softened
250 g Caster Sugar
1 teasp Vanilla Extract
4 large Eggs, beaten
250 g Self-raising Flour

Chocolate mixture

30 g Cocoa Powder
2 tablesp Milk

Coffee mixture

1 tablesp Instant Coffee
dissolved in 1 tablesp boiling water
2 tablesp Dark Chocolate Chips

Topping

100 g White Chocolate
100 ml Whipping Cream
Cocoa powder for dusting

2lb loaf tin, greased and lined.

Preheat oven to 180deg C/350 deg F/Gas 4

Cream butter, add sugar and vanilla and beat well till soft and fluffy. Add eggs a little at time adding a little flour to stop curdling. Sift remaining flour and fold in.

Transfer half the mixture to a second bowl. Sift the cocoa powder into one portion, add the milk and fold in till completely mixed.

Add the cooled coffee liquid into the other portion and stir till well combined.

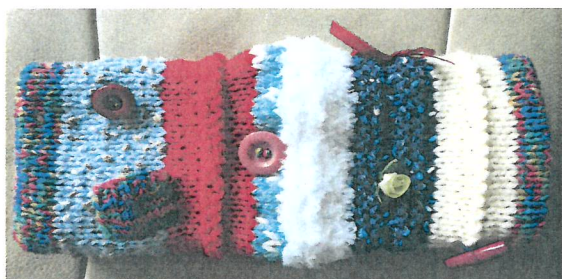
Spoon both mixtures alternately into tin and scatter the chocolate chips over the mixture between each layer. Gently bang tin on table to eliminate any airbubbles, and smooth the surface.

Marble the two mixtures by drawing a chopstick or round bladed knife through them swirling it.

Bake for 1 – 1 ¼ hours till the cake is well risen and cooked. Cool for 20 minutes before turning out on wire rack to cool completely.

Finely chop the chocolate into even size pieces and place in a bowl. Heat the cream until hot but not boiling, then pour in a slow steady stream onto chocolate. Leave to stand for 2 minutes then stir gently until smooth and glossy. Leave to thicken to spreading consistency. Stir gently and spread over loaf. Dust with cocoa powder.

Knit a Twiddlemuff—Pattern and Directions



Good for using up odd balls of DK wool. Different textures are also good. 6.5mm straight needles or 8mm circular.

Cuff: cast on 40 stitches using 2 strands of DK wool (or 1 strand chunky)

Work in stocking stitch for 11 inches (28cm).

Muff Body: continue in stocking stitch with any oddments of wool (various textures if possible) until work measures 23 inches (58.5cm). Cast off.

Finishing: sew the long edges together with purl side facing you. Turn the muff inside out. Push the cuff inside the muff body and sew together the two short ends.

Decoration: choose a good variety of decorations suited to either men or women. Try to include at least 6 decorations on the outside and four on the inside and make sure that everything is sewn on tight so they cannot be pulled off and that there are no loose threads.