

Chocolate and Rum Meringue Cake

Ice-cream cake:

300ml thickened cream
1 tbsp icing sugar
1 tsp vanilla extract
50g dark chocolate chopped
100g store bought mini meringues, crushed into small pieces
1 tbsp rum

Chocolate ganache:

150ml thickened cream 150g dark chocolate broken into pieces 2 tbsp rum

Punnet of fresh raspberries for decoration

- 1. Line a loaf tin with plastic wrap, leaving enough overhang on all sides to cover the cake
- 2. To make Chantilly cream, combine cream and sugar into a mixing bowl and beat with an electric hand beater until *just* firm.
- 3. Fold in chocolate shards, crushed meringue and rum
- 4. Empty mixture into prepared loaf tin, cover with overhang and place in the freezer
- 5. Meanwhile, make ganache. In a small saucepan, bring cream to the boil, then remove pan from the heat and place chocolate pieces in the cream, making sure each piece is covered with cream
- 6. Let stand for 2 mins, ensuring the chocolate has melted. Then, using a metal spoon, stir in the middle of the pan, brining the 2 ingredients together to form a thick and glossy ganache. Finally, stir in the rum.
- 7. Pour ganache into a jug, ready to pour over the ice-cream loaf. (Keep at room temperature for the right pouring consistency)
- 8. When you are ready to serve, turn out ice-cream cake onto a plate, pour over ganache and top with raspberries. Left-overs can be frozen again.