

HMGI OF CHARLESTON'S WARM CREAM CHEESE PECAN BROWNIE

From Chef Andrea Upchurch

Ingredients:

- 1½ cups of all-purpose flour
- 1½ cups of cocoa powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 7 eggs
- 3½ cups granulated sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 3 sticks butter, melted
- ¼ cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup toasted pecans

Cream Cheese Filling:

- 3/4 cup powdered sugar, sifted.
- 4 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 8 ounces room temperature cream cheese
- 2 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- · Pinch of salt

(Sift the all-purpose flour and powdered sugar together. Beat the cream cheese with sugar mixture until well blended. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well and scraping the bowl throughout the process. Add in vanilla and salt, then set mixture aside.)

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees and grease a 9 x 13-baking pan.



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- 2. In a medium-sized bowl, sift the all-purpose flour, cocoa powder and salt together.
- 3. In a separate medium-sized bowl, beat the eggs (preferably with the whip attachment), gradually adding the sugar until the eggs are thick and fluffy.
- 4. To the egg mixture, slowly add the vanilla, butter and oil.
- 5. Slowly add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients until combined.
- 6. Stir in toasted pecans and evenly spread batter into the greased baking pan.
- 7. Pipe the cream cheese filling into thick lines on top of batter and using a skewer or knife. Pull through the cream cheese to make various decorative designs.
- 8. Bake the brownies for approximately 35 to 40 minutes.
- 9. Top with your choice of whipped cream, chocolate ice cream or fudge sauce. ■