



Brownies with Brown Butter Frosting

Yield: 16 brownies

Prep Time: 30 min

Cook Time: 45 min

These are a FUDGEY sort of brownie (the best kind)... not a cakey brownie to be found in this bunch.

BROWNIES:

2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup unsalted butter
2 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips

1 1/2 cups light brown sugar
2 large eggs
1/2 cup + 2 Tablespoons strong coffee, divided

FROSTING

1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter
2 Tablespoons coffee or Kahlua
1 Tablespoon whipping cream
2 1/4 cups powdered sugar (more or less), sift after measuring

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350° F. Line a 9x9-inch pan with foil and spray with nonstick cooking spray.
2. **Prepare brownies:** In a medium bowl, sift flour, baking powder and salt; set aside.
3. Set a heatproof bowl over a pan of simmering water (pan shouldn't be touching the water). Place butter and chocolate chips in bowl and stir until melted and smooth. Remove from heat and let cool a bit.
4. In a large bowl with an electric mixer, mix sugar, eggs and 1/2 cup coffee. Pour in buttery chocolate mixture and beat until mixed well. Mix in dry ingredients and beat just until combined.
5. Pour brownie batter into prepared pan. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes, or until top cracks slightly and toothpick inserted in center comes out mostly clean (it might be slightly gooey on the bottom of the toothpick—that's okay!) Very important to NOT OVERBAKE. Remove brownies from oven and immediately brush warm brownies with 2 Tablespoons of coffee. Let brownies cool completely. I like to refrigerate them after they have cooled down a bit.
6. **Prepare Frosting:** Place butter in saucepan and heat until lightly browned. Remove from heat and add coffee (or Kahlua) & whipping cream. Whisk in powdered sugar until you have the consistency that you desire (you should be looking for a thick, smooth icing that is still pourable). Pour on top of cooled brownies and spread to edges to cover completely. Refrigerate until set. Chilled brownies are easiest to cut... use a large, sharp knife, wipe clean after each cut, and you'll get nice, clean cuts. For serving, allow to come to room temperature.