

Chocolate Yule Log

INGREDIENTS

Sponge

4 large eggs 100 g White Mill caster sugar 65 g White Mill plain flour, sifted

40 g cocoa powder, sifted 1 tsp baking powder Pinch of Stonemill Salt

Filling & Frosting

250 ml Farmdale thickened cream

2 tbsp White Mill icing sugar 1 tsp White Mill vanilla extract 200 g dark chocolate 200 g Pure Valley unsalted butter, softened 200 g icing sugar (extra) 2 tbsp cocoa powder

DIRECTIONS

- Preheat oven to 180°C (fan-forced). Grease and line a 30 × 40 cm Swiss roll tin with baking paper.
- 2. In a bowl, whisk eggs and caster sugar with an electric mixer for 5 minutes, until pale and thick.
- 3. Sift together flour, cocoa powder, baking powder, and salt. Gently fold into egg mixture until just combined.
- 4. Pour batter into prepared tin and spread evenly. Bake for 10–12 minutes until springy to touch.
- 5. While sponge is baking, place a clean tea towel on the bench and dust with icing sugar.
- 6. When sponge is cooked, invert immediately onto prepared towel. Peel away baking paper.
- 7. Roll sponge up tightly with the towel (starting from the short end) to form a log. Allow to cool completely before being rolled.

For filling: Whip cream, icing sugar, and vanilla to soft peaks. Gently unroll cooled sponge and spread cream filling evenly, leaving a 2 cm border. Roll sponge back up firmly into a log.

For frosting: Melt chocolate in a heatproof bowl over simmering water. Beat butter, extra icing sugar, and cocoa together until smooth. Stir in melted chocolate until fluffy.

- 8. Spread frosting all over the log. Use a fork to create bark-like texture.
- 9. Dust lightly with icing sugar to resemble snow. Garnish with holly sprigs, sugared cranberries, or pomegranate seeds for festive colour.



