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Monthly Recipe: Idiotproof One-Bowl Chocolate Cake

Recipe pulled from Clueless in the Kitchen, commented on by Kali Weinzettl



<https://www.thekitchn.com/chocolate-cake-recipe-23625361>

This cake is super easy to make and tastes amazing! You can use any icing for this cake (or no icing if you'd prefer) and it will make every chocolate cake lover happy. As long as you like chocolate, you will love this cake.

It doesn't take too long to make, but you need to have a decent amount of time available in the day so that you can make the cake and icing, and then ice the cake. One thing that makes it taste even better is to put jam or some other flavourful filling in the middle of the two cakes, and you will get extra flavour with each bite.

Recipe

1 $\frac{3}{4}$ cups (425 mL) flour
2 cups (500 mL) sugar
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup (175 mL) unsweetened cocoa powder
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp (7 mL) Baking powder
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp (7 mL) baking soda

2 eggs
1 cup (250 mL) milk
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup (125 mL) vegetable oil
2 tsp (10 mL) vanilla
1 cup (250 mL) boiled water

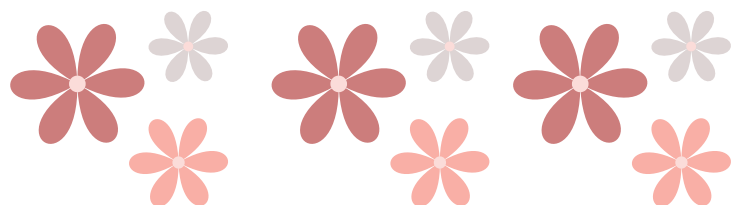
Preheat the oven to 350°F (180°C). Prepare two 8 or 9-inch (20 or 22 cm) round cake pans by lining them with waxed paper. In a large bowl, combine the flour, sugar, cocoa, baking powder, and baking soda.

Add the eggs, milk, oil, and vanilla, and beat with an electric mixer for about 2 minutes.

You can, if you have to, do this by hand with a whisk. Pour in the boiling water, and mix just until combined.

Pour the batter evenly into the prepared pans, and bake at 350°F (180°C) for 30 to 35 minutes, until a toothpick stuck into the middle of each cake comes out clean.

Run a knife around the edge of each cake to loosen it from the pan, turn the pan over onto a metal rack (or a plate, if you don't have a rack) and the cake should just drop out. Peel off the waxed paper, and let the cake cool completely before icing.



Cafe Review: Crust Bakery

By Shekayah Silvey



https://www.tripadvisor.ca/Restaurant_Review-g154945-d7702919-Reviews-Crust_Bakery-Victoria_Victoria_Capital_Regional_District_Vancouver_Island_British.html

Locations: 730 Fort St, Victoria, 3535 Uptown Blvd, Victoria

Price range (per person)

5\$-20\$

Review

I have gone to Crust Bakery many times and have always loved it! They have a wide range of beautiful savory and sweet treats. Crust Bakery is the perfect place to stop by on a walk to pick up a delicious confection. There is some room to eat inside, but there are also seats outside just up the street.

My mom and I have a tradition on some weekends to go to Crust and get 1-2 treats and then go across the street to Russel Books and get a book or two to read! The pastries range from blueberry danishes and berry tarts to savory garlic focaccias! Each time the staff have greeted us cheerfully! Out of 5 stars, this is a 4.5!

K2-18b - Potential New Life?

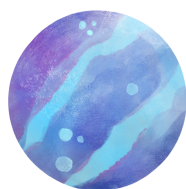
By Wren Mister-Mercer

On April 16th, 2025 Astronomers discovered a new planet with potential signs of life. This planet, more commonly known as K2-18b is an exoplanet (a planet that orbits a star located outside of our solar system.) It is located about 120 light-years away from Earth in the Leo constellation, and it's quickly becoming one of the biggest discoveries in undiscovered extraterrestrial life.

K2-18b orbits a red dwarf star within the habitable zone—an area where temperatures might allow water in a liquid form to exist. What makes this planet especially intriguing is that the James Webb Space Telescope recently detected water vapor, methane, and CO₂ (carbon dioxide) in its atmosphere.

These gases could suggest chemical processes that have the potential to support life. Scientists believe it to be a “hycean” planet—meaning it has a hydrogen-rich atmosphere (something that we need) and possibly a deep ocean covering at least some of its surface.

While there's no direct evidence of life, the environment appears promising and definitely worth further investigation. Researchers at John Hopkins and the University of Cambridge are continuing to study the planet's atmosphere to learn more, and K2-18b is now considered one of the most promising places to look for signs of life beyond Earth.





<https://www.express.co.uk/news/science/1179269/NASA-news-alien-planet-K2-18b-exoplanet-water-alien-life-Goldilocks-Zone>

“Chicken Jockey!” and *A Minecraft Movie*

By Rocio De La Rosa

A Minecraft Movie hit theatres on April 4th, 2025 to an uproar of mixed reviews from critics who either praised the film for its acting performances or dismissed it on the grounds of its unrealistic portrayal of the original game. Nevertheless, theatres around the world have been packed with kids ranging between elementary age to high school seniors and ongoing TikTok trends have the theatres packed full, weeks after release. *A Minecraft Movie* has grossed over \$762 Million CAD globally since its release.

Since the movie’s release, theatres across North America have reported an increase in what is essentially movie theatre chaos. Fueled by social media, it has grown increasingly common to see videos of popcorn in the air, toilet paper being thrown, groups in costume, shouting, singing, cheering, bags of flour exploding in the middle of aisles and the alike. Police have been called to multiple locations since the movie’s release

and some theatres have even banned unaccompanied minors from viewing the film. One teen on TikTok brought a live chicken to a showing. In short, viewers are having the time of their lives causing chaos while watching *A Minecraft Movie*. The most common response to this ongoing trend is to wonder how the employees of these theatres are handling it. In addition to the low wages movie theatre employees are paid, the aftermath of *the Minecraft Movie* is not something anyone wants to clean up or supervise.

Not to mention the mess created is done on purpose with disregard to the staff whose job it is to clean the theatres up after showings. Damage to the movie screen is a regular occurrence, which theatres across North America have spoken out against because of the money and time they cost to repair.

However, if within reason, the chaotic air of the minecraft movie trend is drawing young people out to movie theatres again. Much like Taylor Swift’s *The Eras Tour Film* in 2024, the *Minecraft movie* is a naturally occurring phenomenon drawing youths together for the communal sense of watching and celebrating a movie together.

In our digital age, this sense of connectedness is more vital than ever. Despite the fact that older generations may not understand how important trends like *the Eras Tour Film* and *A Minecraft Movie* are for younger generations, this film has proven itself a place to make lasting memories anyway.

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