

Peppermint Meringue Kisses



INGREDIENTS

- 2 egg whites (room temperature)
- ½ cup sugar (8 tablespoons)
- ¼ teaspoon cream of tartar
- ¼ teaspoon peppermint extract
- 6 mini candy canes, crushed

Nutrition Information (per serving):

Calories: 15, Total Fat: 0g, Saturated Fat: 0g,

Cholesterol: 0mg, Sodium: 5g,

Carbohydrate: 4g, Sugar: 4g Fiber: 0g,

DIRECTIONS (Yields 20 cookies)

- 1. Preheat oven to 250 degrees Fahrenheit and line baking sheet with parchment paper.
- 2. In a copper, metal or glass bowl (not plastic), beat egg whites with electric mixer until light and foamy.
- 3. Beat in cream of tartar and continue to beat until mixture holds soft peaks.
- 4. While beating, add sugar, a tablespoon at a time. After half of the sugar (4 tbsps.) is added, add the peppermint extract.
- 5. Continue beating and adding sugar one tablespoon at a time until mixture is glossy and stiff peaks form.
- 6. Use a 1-ounce scoop to scoop mixture; level with a knife to remove excess meringue and place on prepared baking sheet.
- 7. Sprinkle the top of each cookie with crushed candy cane.
- 8. Bake in the preheated oven until cookies are firm and dry, about 2 hours.
- 9. Turn oven off, leaving cookies in the over to gradually come to room temperature.
- 10. Allow the cookies to cook completely before removing them from the tray. Store in an airtight container at room temperature.

