

# Dairy Free Chocolate Cake

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Servings: 16 slices

#### Ingredients

### **Dry Ingredients**

- 11/2 cups flour (use gluten free if needed)
- 11/2 cups cake flour (use gluten free if needed)
- 11/2 cups unsweetened cocoa powder
- 11/4 cups vegan sugar
- 1 tbsp baking soda
- 11/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt

# Wet Ingredients

- 1 tbsp white vinegar
- 2 3/4 cups unsweetened almond milk, divided
- 1 cup applesauce
- 11/4 cup maple syrup
- 1 tbsp apple cider vinegar



- 1 tbsp vanilla extract
- 3/4 cup coconut oil (+ more for greasing pans)

## **Optional Ingredients**

- dairy free chocolate frosting recipe
- chocolate syrup
- chocolate shavings

#### Instructions

- 1. Grease three 9 inch pans with coconut oil very generously on bottom and sides of pan. Set aside.
- 2. Add all 7 dry ingredients into a sifter and sift into a medium sized bowl. Set aside.
- 3. Inside a one cup measuring cup, add the 1 tbsp white vinegar. Fill the remaining measuring cup with almond milk until you get to the top of the measuring cup. Let sit for 10 minutes (this makes almond buttermilk).
- 4. In a large bowl, add the applesauce, maple syrup, apple cider vinegar, vanilla, and curdled almond milk after it has set for 10 minutes. Beat on low speed just until combined.
- 5. In a small saucepan, add the remaining 1 3/4 cup almond milk and coconut oil to a small saucepan. Bring to a boil.

- 6. While waiting for the almond milk mixture to boil, in 4 parts, mix in the dry ingredients to wet ingredients on low speed. Just until blended. DO NOT OVER MIX.
- 7. Once boiling, remove almond mix mixture from heat and pour into chocolate cake bowl. Using a spatula, fold in just until combined, scraping down any mixture if needed.
- 8. Let bowl sit for 5 minutes.
- 9. While waiting, preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
- 10. Evenly spread among the pans.
- 11. Bake in oven 28-32 minutes or until toothpick inserted comes out clean.
- 12. Remove from oven and place on a cooling rack. Once cool to touch, carefully remove and place on wax paper.
- 13. Let cool completely. Do not rush this part.
- 14. Frost the cake one layer at a time.
- 15. Add any optional toppings some ideas would be chocolate shavings, fresh berries, coconut flakes, or chopped nuts like walnuts or peanuts.













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