



Festive Recipe

Fig and Hazelnut Panforte

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This is not only delicious to eat, but the perfect treat to share. It's something that you can make a couple of months ahead of time and will keep well in the refrigerator.

Ingredients

Makes 4.6kg, 110 x 40gm portions

1kg raw almonds

450gms hazelnuts

1kg diced dried fig

zest of 3 oranges

35gm powdered ginger

30gm powdered cinnamon

40gms black pepper

2 whole nutmeg (grated)

330gms gluten free plain flour

130gms cocoa

600gms sugar

735gms honey







Method

350gm dark chocolate melted over a double boiler

Dry roast nuts in oven set at 150C for 35 minutes (approximately)

Once roasted, skin the hazelnuts by placing into a clean kitchen towel, bringing the ends together and rubbing the hazelnuts over your hand to loosen and removing the roasted skin

Cook honey and sugar till you reach 115° on a candy or digital thermometer

Mix all remaining ingredients into the hot honey syrup, being sure that all ingredients are well combined

Lay mixture into a large, lined baking tray, roughly 29 x 35 x 5cm. You could also split between 2 smaller trays

Bake in oven at 155° for 30 – 35 minutes

Remove and dust heavily with icing sugar, allow to cool for a good 6 hours before inverting onto a chopping board, dusting with more icing sugar and portioning.

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