

Chile Chocolate Mug Cake

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Serves 1 | Active Time: 7 minutes | Total Time:

Chef's Notes

For delicious chocolate cake with no spicy heat, omit the cayenne.

Microwave: If you are using a smaller (600 watt) microwave, increase your cooking time to about 2 minutes, 30 seconds for each cake.

White Whole Wheat Flour: White whole-wheat flour is a type of flour made from winter wheat or hard white spring wheat. It has a milder taste and a paler color than regular whole-wheat flour. You can easily swap in regular whole-wheat flour if you'd like.

Cane Sugar: Cane sugar is an example of a dry sweetener, a general term for non-liquid sweeteners. If you don't have cane sugar, you can use sucanat, date sugar, or maple sugar.

Cayenne Pepper: Warning: Spicy! Consider omitting the cayenne pepper if you are serving to children.

Unflavored Plant Milk: Plant milk is the term we use to describe the plant-based milk of your choice. Rice, oat, hemp, almond, and soy milk are all varieties of plant milk. Look for unsweetened, unflavored plant milks.

Step 1: Prepare Cakes

- 1/3 cup cocoa powder
- 1/3 cup white whole-wheat flour
- 3 tablespoons cane sugar
- 3/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 2 dashes sea salt
- 1/3 teaspoon cayenne pepper (optional)
- 1/2 cup unflavored plant milk
- 3 tablespoons unsweetened applesauce
- 1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract
- 2 1/4 cups fresh strawberries sliced

If you are using the oven, preheat the oven to 350°F.

In a bowl, combine cocoa powder, white whole-wheat flour, cane sugar, baking powder, salt, and cayenne (if using). Add plant milk, applesauce, and vanilla. Stir to combine.

If you are using the oven:

Transfer mixture to ramekins, then bake until a toothpick inserted near the cake's center comes out with a few moist crumbs, about 15 minutes.

If you are using the microwave:

Transfer mixture to heat proof mugs. Cook each mug in the microwave on high (100% power) until a toothpick inserted near the cake's center comes out with a few moist crumbs, about 90 seconds (see tip).

Serve warm with strawberries.

Cover and store any leftover cake at room temperature for up to 1 day.