



## Mini Chocolate Cherry Cheesecakes

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 20-25 minutes

Servings: 18 cupcakes (so 6 servings of 3 each :) )

## Ingredients:

- 1 ½ cups of fresh sweet cherries
- Cheesecake Layer
- 1 250 gram package of Cream cheese, softened
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- ¼ tsp salt
- Cake Layer
- 1 ½ cups flour
- 1 cup sugar
- ¼ cup cocoa
- 1 tsp Baking soda

- 1 cup water
- ½ cup oil
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 tbsp vinegar

## Instructions:

- 1. Preheat oven and add 18 cupcake liners to muffin tins.
- 2. Pit cherries and slice in half.
- 3. Beat cream cheese with sugar, salt and eggs until smooth. Set aside
- 4. Add dry ingredients to a large mixing bowl: flour, sugar, cocoa, and baking soda. Stir well.
- 5. Add wet ingredients to a separate bowl: water, oil, vanilla and vinegar.
- 6. Combine wet and dry and mix well.
- 7. Divide chocolate batter equally between liners
- 8. Add a dollop of cheesecake mixture (about 1 heaping tsp in each) to each cupcake.
- 9. Top with 3 slices of cherry each and press in gently.
- 10. Bake at 350 for 20-25 minutes
- 11. Leave to cool in pans for 10 minutes, remove and leave on racks