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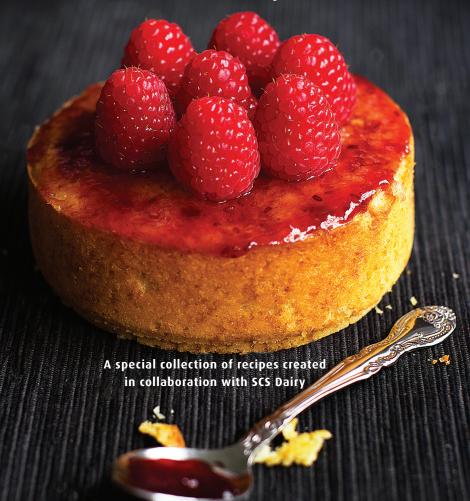


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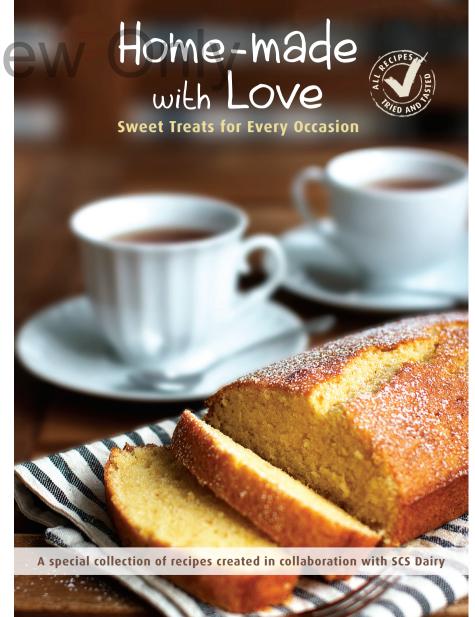
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Traditional Open Pineapple Tarts

Pineapple Jam

3 pineapples, peeled and cut into wedges 300 a castor sugar

Tart Pastry

400 g plain flour 40 g icing sugar 1 tsp salt 250 g chilled unsalted butter, cut into cubes 1 egg 1 egg yolk

A video demonstration of this recipe is available on www.scsdairy.com

- 1. Prepare pineapple jam. Using a hand grater, grate pineapple and discard core.
- 2. Cook pineapple in a heavy bottom pan over medium heat, stirring until pulp thickens.
- 3. Reduce heat, add castor sugar and stir until pineapple paste is thick. Set aside to cool before portioning into 12 g balls.
- 4. Prepare tart pastry. In a bowl, sift flour and icing sugar together. Add salt and mix lightly.
- 5. Rub butter into flour using fingertips until mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Add egg and egg yolk and continue to mix.
- 6. Cover dough with a damp cloth and set aside to rest for about 10 minutes. Line baking trays and set aside.
- 7. On a floured surface, roll dough into a 0.5-cm thick sheet using a rolling pin. Cut out tart bases with a 3.8 cm pineapple tart mould. Top each tart base with a ball of pineapple jam.
- 8. Preheat oven to 170°C. Place tarts on baking trays and bake for 15 minutes until tarts are golden brown.
- 9. Leave tarts to cool on a wire rack before serving or storing in an airtight container.



Matcha Surprise Makes about 50 tarts

300 g plain flour 40 g icing sugar 10 g matcha powder 20 g custard powder A pinch of salt 250 g chilled unsalted butter, cut into cubes 2 egg yolks 1 tsp condensed milk 500 g pineapple jam (page 8)

Egg Wash

2 egg yolks

1 Tbsp water

1 Tbsp condensed milk'

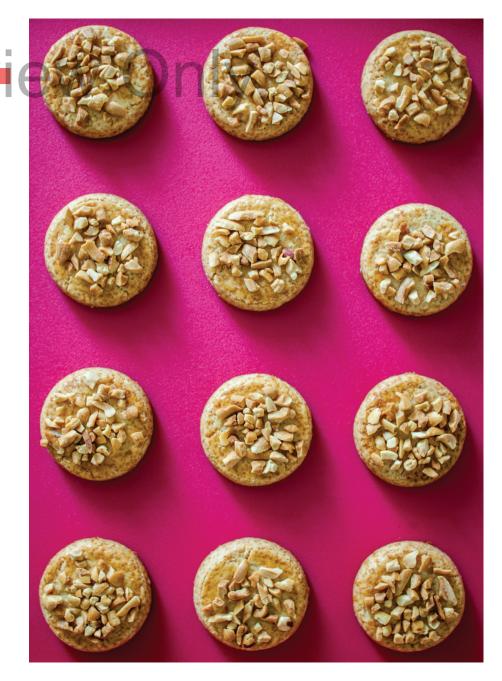
- 1. Sift flour, icing sugar, matcha powder and custard powder into a mixing bowl and add salt.
- 2. Rub butter into flour mixture using fingertips until mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs.
- 3. Add egg yolks and condensed milk, and mix well into a dough.
- 4. Cover dough with a damp cloth and set aside.
- 5. Line baking trays. Set aside.
- 6. Portion pineapple jam into 10 a balls.
- Portion dough into 12 g balls. Flatten a ball of dough slightly and top with a ball of pineapple jam. Bring edges of dough up to enclose pineapple jam. Roll to form a smooth ball.
- 8. Place slightly apart on prepared baking trays. Preheat oven to 175°C.
- 9. Prepare egg wash. Beat egg yolks with water and condensed milk.
- 10. Brush tarts with egg wash and bake for 15-18 minutes or until tarts are aolden brown.
- 11. Leave tarts to cool on a wire rack before serving or storing in an airtight container.



Peanut Butter Cookies Makes about 46 cook

125 a salted butter, at room temperature 80 g demerara sugar 1 egg 1/2 tsp vanilla extract 150 a crunchy peanut butter 200 g plain flour 1 tsp baking soda 80 g roasted peanuts, chopped, for topping

- 1. Preheat oven to 175°C. Line baking trays. Set aside.
- 2. Using an electric mixer, cream butter and demerara sugar on medium speed until light and fluffy.
- 3. Add egg and vanilla extract and mix until combined. Scrape down sides of bowl to make sure everything is well combined.
- 4. Add peanut butter and mix until creamy.
- 5. In a separate bowl, sift flour and baking soda together. Fold flour mixture into batter and mix well into a dough.
- 6. Take a teaspoonful of dough and roll into a ball. Repeat with remaining dough.
- 7. Flatten dough slightly and place 5 cm apart on prepared baking trays. Press chopped peanuts into each cookie.
- 8. Bake for 12 minutes until cookies are golden brown.
- 9. Leave cookies to cool on a wire rack before serving or storing in an airtight container.



Lime and Coconut Cupcakes

Cupcakes

175 g salted butter, at room temperature

175 g castor sugar1 big lime, grated for zest + more for topping

1 tsp lime juice

4 tsp coconut cream

175 g self-raising flour, sifted

Toasted desiccated coconut, for topping

- 1. Preheat oven to 175°C. Line a 12-hole muffin pan. Set aside.
- Using an electric mixer, cream butter and castor sugar together until light and fluffy.
- 3. Fold in lime zest, lime juice, coconut cream and flour.
- 4. Spoon batter evenly into muffin pan. Level surface with a teaspoon.
- 5. Bake for 18 minutes until cupcakes are golden brown or a skewer inserted into the centre of cakes comes out clean.
- Allow cupcakes to cool on a wire rack before decorating with toasted desiccated coconut and remaining lime zest.

