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## Tres Leches Cake with Whipped Cream Topping

in Diana's Recipe Book



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**Servings:** 9-12

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Tres Leches Cake is served at holiday celebrations such as Cinco de Mayo in Mexico and has become a favorite with most of the Latin community in the United States. The very popular Tres Leches cake is made for festive occasions in Latin America and North America, and also served at many hispanic restaurants. Tres Leches means "three milks" in spanish, which are the indispensable ingredients in this very rich and decadent cake. Once you take your first bite of Tres Leches, you'll understand why people love it so much.....Diana

## Ingredients:



### For The Cake:

6 eggs, whites and yolks separated  
1 1/2 cups granulated sugar  
2 cups all-purpose flour  
1/8 tsp. salt  
2 tsp. baking powder  
1/4 cup ice water  
1 tsp. vanilla extract

### For The Soaking Syrup:

1 can (14 oz.) sweetened condensed milk  
1 can (12 oz.) evaporated milk  
1 cup whole milk  
1 cup heavy whipping cream  
1/4 cup rum, brandy or frangelico (optional)

### For The Whipped Cream Topping:

2 cups heavy whipping cream  
1 cup granulated sugar  
1 tsp. lemon extract or 2 tsp. lemon juice (optional)  
1 tsp. vanilla extract

### Garnish: (optional)

1 can cling peaches, halves  
1 cup chopped pecans

## Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (180 C). Lightly grease and flour a 9 x 13-inch baking dish and set aside.

In a bowl of an electric mixer, beat the egg whites on low speed until soft peaks form. Gradually add the sugar and beat until stiff peaks form. Add in the egg yolks one at a time, beating well after each addition. Mix the flour, baking powder and salt together and add to egg mixture. Mix in the 1/4 cup of ice water and vanilla extract.

Pour batter into prepared baking dish, and bake in preheated oven at 350°F (180°C) for 25-30 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in center of cake comes out clean. Remove cake from oven and place on wire cooling rack. Let cool in baking dish for 10 minutes. (DO NOT turn cake out of baking dish) While cake is cooling, make the Soaking Syrup.

### To Make The Soaking Syrup:

In a large bowl, mix together the sweetened condensed milk, evaporated milk, the whole milk and the heavy whipping cream. Mix well. Stir in rum, brandy or frangelico, if using (the liquor or liqueur is an optional ingredient).

While cake is in baking dish, with a toothpick or skewer poke holes over top of cake and pour the Soaking Syrup over the top of cake until completely absorbed. (DO NOT remove cake from baking dish).

Once cake has cooled completely, refrigerate (in baking dish) for at least 3 hours before frosting with whipped cream topping. Spread whipped cream topping evenly over Tres Leches Cake and garnish top of cake with peach halves and chopped pecans or garnish of your choice.

Serve cake chilled. Refrigerate any leftover cake.

Makes 9-12 servings.

### Whipped Cream Topping

#### TIP:

Before making the Whipped Cream Topping, chill your beaters and bowl in freezer for 10-15 minutes. (Make sure your heavy whipping cream is well chilled also).

Pour heavy whipping cream into a large mixing bowl, beat until soft peaks form; add the sugar, vanilla and lemon extracts (lemon extract or lemon juice is optional) and beat until stiff peaks form. (Important Note: Do not overbeat the heavy whipping cream or your whipped cream will turn into butter).

Makes approximately 4 cups whipped cream topping.

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## Reviews

**Reviewer:** Sanaz



**Reviewer:** courtney



**Review:**

that was very good.

**Reviewer:** Mari



**Review:**

Very delicious. I will definently make this again.

**Reviewer:** paul thompson



**Review:**

Absolutely delicious! I had this cake when I was in Venezuela and so I made it myself at home from this recipe one of the nicest desserts ever.

**Reviewer:** estela



**Review:**

worth every calorie!!! also, would suggest topping w/coconut flakes or drizzling chocolate syrup!!!

**Reviewer:** sara



**Review:**

I absolutely love this cake. I had it when I went to mexico...yummfffff!!! I use this recipe whenever guests come over!!!!

**Reviewer:** lois



**Rating:**

**Review:**

i've never tasted it, but would someone mind making it for me? sounds delicious from what i heard..

**Reviewer:** Jennifer



**Rating:**

**Review:**

Wonderful cake! This is my new favorite dessert to make. Very easy to make, and dinner guests have loved it too.

I've also started using the soaking syrup for breakfast rolls, too! A can of refrigerator biscuits in a pan covered in soaking syrup is better than cinnamon rolls! I am going to try it on baked french toast next.

I'd say this cake would be very easy to make with other different variations in addition to these that others have suggested: grated coconut, chocolate syrup, or strawberry filling... The possibilities are endless!

How about these variations: \* Chocolate chips added to cake batter and chocolate curls (or chips) on the whipped topping instead of pecans with drizzled chocolate

\* Peanut butter chips instead of chocolate with drizzled caramel and peanuts instead of pecans

\* Orange marmalade between two layers (or on bottom before adding cake batter) and orange slices for garnish (maybe add a TBSP or two of orange juice concentrate to the soaking syrup)

\* Blueberry pie filling and fresh blueberries and/or fresh strawberries for garnish

\* Cherry pie filling and substitute almond extract for vanilla and slivered almonds for the pecans

\* Crushed pineapple between two cake layers (or even place pineapple rings on the bottom of the pan before the batter goes in like a pineapple upside down cake) with pineapple rings and maraschino cherries for garnish

On and on... I think I might try the pineapple variation first!

**Reviewer:** Dawn Heidtman



**Rating:**

**Review:**

I made this for the first time for a whole lot of Mexican friends that just arrived from mexico, and for a school that teaches english. All want me to make them one for their different parties.

**Reviewer:** Jan Keller



**Rating:**

**Review:**

This cake is yummy! I fixed this for Easter Sunday and everyone liked it. Instead of the peaches and pecans, I went with fresh strawberries, blackberries and kiwi. I also had freshly toasted coconut available. I love this garnished with the toasted coconut.

**Reviewer:** Dawn



**Rating:**

**Review:**

This cake is delicious. I made 2 thin layers and put strawberry pie filling between them then I soaked the cake and frosted it.

**Reviewer:** Arlene



**Rating:**

**Review:**

This is one of the most delicious desserts i've ever tasted.

**Reviewer:** Leah



**Rating:**

**Review:**

Amazing recipe and from now on i make my tres leche cake and not buy it

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