

Fourth of July Celebration Brownie Dessert

Supplies

Curling ribbon, ¼" wide (If serving the dessert in semi-darkness, lighter color ribbon will show up best.)

Drinking straws, about ¼" diameter (any color that contrasts to the ribbon)

Felt pen

Scissors

Liquid glue that dries clear

Toothpicks

Brownie mix and required extra ingredients

For brownie mix in 18-22 oz. box:

Replace 4 tablespoons of the water with orange juice

Add 1/2 teaspoon each of cinnamon, nutmeg, and cloves

For brownie mix in 12-14 oz. box:

Replace 3 tablespoons of the water with orange juice

Add 3/8 teaspoon each of cinnamon, nutmeg, and cloves

1 pint whipping cream, 2 tablespoons sugar, 2 teaspoons vanilla

Fresh raspberries and blueberries

Instructions

TO PREPARE "FIRECRACKERS":

1. Cut a piece of drinking straw about 4" long for each brownie you plan to serve.
2. Cut 4 pieces of ribbon 2 ½ " long for each piece of drinking straw.
3. Use a felt pen to lightly draw a horizontal line across each piece of ribbon, ½" from one end.
4. Make 2 vertical snips into the other end of each piece of ribbon.
5. Pull the snipped ends into 3 thin strips, down to the felt pen line.
6. Stuff the uncut ends of 4 pieces of ribbon into one end of each piece of drinking straw.
7. Put some liquid glue on a thick piece of paper. Dip a toothpick in it and delicately stuff some glue among the strings of ribbon and between the strings of ribbon and the straw. (You could lay the finished ones on the edge of a table with the ribbon hanging over the edge while they dry thoroughly, preferably overnight.)

TO PREPARE FOOD:

1. Make brownie mix with special ingredients shown above.
2. Whip cream with 2 tablespoons sugar and 2 teaspoons vanilla, then chill.
3. Wash berries and allow them to dry.

AT SERVING TIME:

1. Cut brownies and put on serving plates.
2. Top each brownie with whipped cream and scatter some raspberries and blueberries on top of the whipped cream. Stick one of the "firecrackers" you made onto each one.

REMEMBER TO BE SAFE WITH FIREWORKS. FOLLOW THE LAWS OF YOUR STATE AND ANY CAUTIONS IN THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE LEGAL FIREWORKS YOU USE.

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