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This is a very simple loaf cake, it's delicious and quick and easy to make. A cherry and white chocolate chip loaf with white chocolate buttercream and mascarpone icing, topped with toasted almonds.

### **INGREDIENTS**

#### Loaf cake

200g unsalted butter
200g caster sugar
4 large eggs
200g self raising flour
200g glace cherries
150g white chocolate chips

#### Icing

125g unsalted Butter
250g icing Sugar
125g mascarpone
125g white Chocolate (melted)

#### **Decoration**

50g flaked almonds

#### **METHOD**

- 1. Preheat the over to 200 degrees and scatter the flaked almonds on a lined baking tray, bake for 4-5 minutes until lightly golden. Remove from the oven and pop into a bowl and leave to one side
- 2. Reduce the oven temperature to 160 degrees fan and line a loaf tin
- 3. Using a hand or stand mixer beat the sugar and butter until light and creamy
- 4. Add eggs and beat again, then add flour and beat until combined
- 5. Add glace cherries and white chocolate chips and fold through the mixture with a spoon
- 6. Pour the loaf batter into the lined tin and bake for about 55-60 mins or until a skewer comes out clean
- 7. Remove from the oven and allow to cool on a wire rack
- 8. Whilst the cake cools, make the icing. Beat the butter in a stand mixer or electric hand mixer until pale and fluffy, add the icing sugar, mascarpone and melted white chocolate and beat again until smooth.
- 9. Pipe or spread with a palette knife the icing over the top of the fully cooled cake.
- 10. Scatter the toasted almonds over the top of the icing and serve.





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A lower calorie delicious alternative to shop bought almond milk, surprisingly very easy to make and lasts 4-5 days in the fridge. The only piece of equipment I would strongly suggest buying is a nut straining bag, Amazon do a great one that comes with a litre glass bottle to hold the finished milk in too for  $\pm 9.99 - \pm 0.00$ 

Makes 1 litre

#### **INGREDIENTS**

115g raw almonds
1 litre of filtered water
2 dates pitted
1 tsp vanilla extract

### **METHOD**

- 1. Soak the almonds in a bowl of cold water overnight
- 2. Strain the almonds and then add to a food processor along with the dates and 250ml of water, blitz for a few minutes until a smooth consistency is formed.
- 3. Add in the rest of the water (depending on how thick or runny you would like it, vary the amount of water you add to a consistency that works for you) and pulse again
- 4. Pass the liquid through a nut straining bag over a bowl, squeeze out as much juice as you can. You can either discard the pulp that remains or use in other baking
- 5. Pour into your litre bottle and its ready to use, how easy is that!

Variations — you could add a little cocoa powder to make

chocolate almond milk, or berries to make a fruity version (I like a cup of mine chilled and blended with blueberries and raspberries for a wonderful summer vegan milkshake). If you like it a little sweeter then just add another date.

TOTAL CALORIES PER 50ml — 31 cals. Macro split Fat 2.1g Carbs 2.7g Protein 0.9g



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