WARM DATE AND MASCARPONE TART

Preparation Time: 25 minutes Total Cooking Time: 25 minutes Serves: 6 -8

Ingredients

4 sheets filo pastry 40 g (1 ¼ oz) unsalted (sweet) butter, melted ¼ cup ground almonds 225 g (7 ¼ oz) fresh date, pitted and sliced 2 eggs 2 teaspoons custard powder 125 g (4 oz) mascarpone cheese ¼ cup castor (superfine) sugar ½ cup (4 fl oz) cream 2 tablespoons flaked almonds



- Preheat oven to moderate 180°C (350°F/Gas 4). Brush a shallow 10 x 35 cm (4 x 14 inch) fluted rectangular flan tin with oil or melted butter.
- Brush a sheet of filo pastry sparingly with melted butter, sprinkle with ground almonds.
- Fold pastry sheet in half lengthways.
- Carefully line flan tin lengthways with pastry repeat process with remaining pastry, butter and nuts.

• Spread dates evenly over the pastry base

- Combine eggs, custard powder, cheese, sugar and cream in a medium bowl; whisk until smooth.
- Pour mixture over dates
- Sprinkle with flaked almonds
- Bake for 25 minutes or until custard is set and golden.
- Leave for 10 minutes before slicing
- Serve warm with whipped cream