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### Mocha Cake With Berries

Prep Time: 25 mins Cook Time: 30 mins Total Time: 55 mins

### Ingredients

- cooking spray
- ✤ 3/4 cup(s) sugar
- 1/2 cup(s) water
- 1 tablespoon espresso, instant, or 2 tablespoons instant coffee powder
- 3 ounce(s) chocolate, bitter or semisweet, chopped
- 2 egg yolk(s)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup(s) cocoa powder, unsweetened
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- 1/3 cup(s) flour, all-purpose
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 5 egg white(s)
- 4 ounce(s) frozen light whipped dessert topping, thawed
- 1 1/2 cup(s) raspberries

#### **Preparation**

- Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly coat a 9-inch springform pan with nonstick cooking spray; set aside. In a medium saucepan, stir together sugar, the water, and espresso powder. Cook and stir over medium-low heat until the sugar dissolves and mixture almost boils. Stir in the chocolate until melted. Remove from heat. Place egg yolks in a small bowl. Gradually stir the chocolate mixture into egg yolks; stir in vanilla (mixture may appear slightly grainy). Set aside.
- 2. In a medium bowl, stir together the 1/2 cup cocoa powder, the flour, and baking powder. Stir in chocolate-egg yolk mixture until smooth. In a large bowl, beat egg whites with an electric mixer on medium speed until stiff peaks form (tips stand straight). Stir a small amount of the beaten egg whites into the chocolate mixture to lighten. Fold chocolate mixture into remaining egg whites. Spread in the prepared pan.
- 3. Bake about 30 minutes or until the top springs back when lightly touched. Cool in pan on a wire rack for 10 minutes. Loosen and remove side of pan. Cool completely. (Cake may fall slightly but evenly during cooling.)
- 4. To serve, cut cake into wedges. If desired, sprinkle dessert plates with additional cocoa powder. Transfer wedges of cake to dessert plates. Top with whipped topping and berries.

