

Beverage 5

Tom & Jerry



Glass: Irish Coffee Mug or Regular Mug

For those of you whom are Gen X or Baby Boomers, you probably remember this hot beverage from your childhood. It's sweet and frothy and just as delicious without the alcohol. Of late it's been a little tough to find the batter in the stores, so we're adding this little trip down memory lane with a recipe for Tom & Jerry Batter.

Total prep time on the batter is less than 20 minutes and it keeps for a full week in the fridge. This recipe makes about 10 servings. Adjust it as needed if you're offering it at a party.

Tom & Jerry batter can be combined with hot water for a non-alcoholic drink the kids will love. Add a shot of rum, Grand Marnier, whisky or brandy to create an adult hot drink.

INGREDIENTS:

6 eggs.

2 1/4 cups Baker's Sugar.

1 teaspoon vanilla extract.

1 cup powdered milk.

1/8 teaspoon salt.

Rum, Grand Marnier, Whisky or Brandy.

Nutmeg.

Cinnamon.

DIRECTIONS: Make sure your eggs are room temperature. Separate the yolks from the whites into two mixing bowls, yolks in a small bowl and whites in a large.

Beat egg yolks with a whisk until thick. Set aside.

In a large bowl beat egg whites with an electric mixer until it forms stiff peaks like a meringue. Fold 1/2 cup bakers sugar slowly into the egg whites.

Fold the beaten egg yolks into the egg whites.

Add remaining 1 3/4 cups of Baker's sugar, salt, and vanilla extract.

Fold in the powdered milk, sprinkling in a portion at a time.

Place in a covered bowl.

Chill for 4 hours.

You're finished preparing the batter.

When you're ready to prepare the drinks, stir the batter first. It tends to separate when chilled.

Scoop 2-3 heaping tablespoons of the batter into each mug. Add boiling water to an inch and a half below the rim if adding alcohol. Add a shot of liquor. Stir until blended and frothy. Sprinkle with nutmeg and cinnamon to taste.

Where to buy Tom & Jerry Mix:

Connolly's Bakery, which made Tom & Jerry mix until the 1980s when the owner passed away and the bakery was closed, sold the recipe to Upper Lakes Foods (<http://www.ulfoods.com>): Item # 748400 ULF TOM & JERRY'S MIX 2812.

Outside of the Midwest, it's difficult to find.