

## *Dairy free chocolate cupcakes!*

Emily works in the events team for Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital and is always baking dairy free treats! This recipe is a regular feature in our office.

### *Ingredients:*

100g plain flour  
20g cocoa powder  
140g caster sugar  
1¼tsp baking powder  
Pinch of salt  
40g sunflower spread  
(dairy free)  
120ml almond milk  
1 egg  
¼tsp vanilla extract

### **For the filling:**

Icing sugar  
Sunflower spread  
Almond milk

*Serves*  
*12!*

### *Method:*

Put the flour, sugar, cocoa powder, caster sugar, baking powder and salt in a bowl. Add in the sunflower spread at room temperature and mix until combined (I use my fingers) until it looks like breadcrumbs.

In a separate jug mix the egg, vanilla extract and almond milk and pour half into the dry mix. Use a whisk on a low setting to mix until there are no lump, but don't over-mix. Then gradually add in the rest mixing slowly until just combined.

Bake on fan oven 170 degrees/gas mark 3 for around 15 minutes or until they just spring back up. Leave to cool.

Cut a circular hole out of the top of each cake, fill with the chocolate buttercream mix and replace the "lid" so they have a chocolate creamy filling.

Dust with icing sugar to cover the replaced top.

