White Cupcakes

Ingredients

- 2 1/4 cups cake flour
- 1 cup + 2 tablespoons whole milk, at room temperature
- 6 large egg whites (3/4 cup), at room temperature
- 2 tsp almond extract
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1½ cups + 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 4 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp table salt
- 12 Tbsp unsalted butter, softened but still cool

Directions

- 1. Set oven rack in middle position. Heat oven to 350 degrees.
- 2. Pour milk, egg whites, and extracts into 2-cup glass measure, and mix with fork until blended.
- 3. Mix cake flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt in bowl of electric mixer at slow speed. Add butter; continue beating at slow speed until mixture resembles moist crumbs, with no powdery streaks remaining.
- 4. Add all but ½ cup of milk mixture to crumbs and beat at medium speed (or high speed if using handheld mixer) for ½ minutes. Add remaining ½ cup of milk mixture and beat 30 seconds more. Stop mixer and scrape sides of bowl. Return mixer to medium (or high) speed and beat 20 seconds longer.
- 5. Divide batter evenly into prepared pans. Bake until thin skewer or toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, 15-17 minutes.
- 6. Cool completely prior to frosting.

Yield: 24 cupcakes (recipe can be halved to yield 12 cupcakes)

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