Boston Cream Donuts



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Makes 8 to 10

Prep Time: 30 minutes Cook Time: 10 minutes

Ingredients

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- _2 1/2 cups of All Purpose Flour, plus a bit more if the dough is sticky 1 (7gr) Envelope of Yeast 3 Tbsp of Granulated Sugar 3/4 cups of Whole Milk, warmed to about 115 degrees __2 Tbsp of Unsalted Butter, melted __2 Tbsp of Shortening, melted _1 Egg __1/2 tsp of Salt For the Custard:
- 1 cup of Whole Milk
- 2 1/2 Tbsp of All Purpose Flour
- _2 Tbsp of Granulated Sugar
- _1 Egg Yolk
- _1 tsp of Vanilla Paste
- Small Pinch of Salt
- For the Topping:
- 4 ounces of Semisweet Chocolate Chips
- 1/3 cup of Heavy Cream
- __1/4 tsp of Salt

- 1) In a small bowl, add the warm milk and sprinkle over 1 tsp of sugar and the yeast. Allow the yeast to proof for about 5 minutes or until it starts to foam.
- 2) In the bowl of a standing mixer, add the sugar, eggs, salt, melted butter and shortening, mix either by hand or with a dough hook. Add the yeast mixture and incorporate it in.
- 3) Add the flour, mix on low until the flour is incorporated, increase the speed to medium and mix the dough for about 4 to 5 minutes or until the dough is nice and smooth.
- 4) Place the dough into a greased bowl, cover with plastic wrap and place it somewhere warm to double in size (this can take about 2 to 3 hours). Meanwhile, make the custard.
- 5) Add all your custard ingredients in a large saucepan and with the heat turned off, whisk them all together to combine.
- 6) Place your custard over medium heat and cook it, stirring the whole time until the custard thickens. Strain it through a fine sieve into a bowl, cover the custard with plastic wrap (make sure the plastic wrap is touching the custard) and pop it in the fridge completely.
- 7) Once the dough has risen, proceed with the donuts.
- 8) Dump the dough onto a floured surface, punch it down, roll it out to a 1/2 inch thickness.
- 9) Line a couple of baking sheets with parchment paper and sprinkle some flour on each one.
- 10) Using a 3.5 biscuit cutter, cut out your donuts, place them on your baking sheets, placing them a couple inches apart, cover them with a lint free towel and let them rise in a warm place for about half an hour or until doubled again.
- 11) Add enough oil to a dutch oven so it comes half way up the sides of the pot, allow it to come up to 350 degrees.
- 12) Once the donuts have risen, gently lower them into the hot oil and fry them for about 3 minutes on each side or until puffed and golden brown. Take them out of the hot oil and place them on a paper towel lined baking sheet to drain the excess oil.
- 13) While the donuts cool a bit, make the ganache.
- 14) Heat the cream in a small pan over medium heat until just below boiling point.
- 15) Pour the heated cream over the chocolate chips and let sit for 1 minute, whisk it all together until the chocolate is fully melted.
- 16) To assemble, using a piping bag fitted with a plain round tip (about 1/4 inch round tip) squeeze about 1 Tbsp (or more) of the custard into each donut. Simply choose one side and stick the piping tip about halfway in and squeeze out the cream.
- 17) Swirl the top of the donut in the ganache and allow them to sit and rest for about 10 minutes before serving.