The Blackboard

BROWNIES

Preparation time: 20 minutes Cooking time: 25–30 minutes Use: 28 x 18cm (11 x 7in) baking tin Makes: 15

200g (7oz) unsalted butter

100g (31/2 oz) dark chocolate, minimum 60% cocoa solids, broken into pieces

350g (12oz) dark soft brown sugar

4 large eggs

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

200g (8oz) self-raising flour

pinch of salt

280g (10¹/₄ oz) box of 'Celebrations' or other chocolates of your choice (see hint below)

Preheat the oven to 180°C/350°F/gas mark 4.

Brush the tin with melted butter, then line it with greaseproof paper.

Melt the butter and the chocolate in a heatproof bowl suspended over a saucepan of barely simmering water. Remove from the heat and add the sugar.

Beat the eggs and the vanilla essence and add to the chocolate mixture. Sift the flour and stir into the mixture with the salt.

Unwrap the chocolates. Pour half the mixture into the tin and then carefully place the chocolates so that there will be at least one in each portion once cut. Pour in the remaining mixture, ensuring that the chocolates are covered.

Bake for about 25–30 minutes until the top is crispy and the inside soft.

Leave to cool in the tin before cutting.







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