



## **Chocolate Peppermint Cupcakes**



1/12th of recipe (1 cupcake): 169 calories, 3g total fat (1g sat. fat), 339mg sodium, 34g carbs, 1g fiber, 19.5g sugars, 2g protein

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Prep: 15 minutes Cook: 20 minutes

Cool: 10 minutes

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## Ingredients

1 box moist-style devil's food cake mix (15.25 - 18.25 oz.) One 12-oz. can (1 1/2 cups) no-calorie cola 1/4 tsp. peppermint extract 2 standard-sized candy canes *or* 8 mini candy canes 1 tsp. powdered sugar

1 tbsp. mini semi-sweet chocolate chips

## Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line a 12-cup muffin pan with foil baking cups, or spray it with nonstick spray.

In a large bowl, combine cake mix, soda, and peppermint extract. Mix until completely smooth and uniform.

Finely crush candy canes. Stir *half* into the batter. Evenly distribute batter into cups of the muffin pan. (Cups will be full to the brim!)

Bake until a toothpick inserted into a muffin comes out mostly clean, 20 - 22 minutes.

Let cool slightly, about 10 minutes.

Sprinkle cupcakes with powdered sugar and remaining crushed candy canes. Top with chocolate chips!

## MAKES 12 SERVINGS

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