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# LEMON BLUEBERRY LAVENDER CUPCAKE WITH LEMON MASCARPONE BUTTERCREAM

YIELD 6 SERVINGS

## LAVENDAR EXTRACT (YIELD 1 PINT)

## INGREDIENTS:

- 1/2 cup dried lavender buds
- 1 pint vodka

## DIRECTIONS:

- In a pint jar, place the dried lavender buds. Pour enough vodka to cover the buds.
- 2.Put the lid on the jar and shake. Open the jar & make sure vodka is still covering the buds. If not, add a little more vodka to the jar & close.
- Place the jar out of direct sunlight. Shake the jar often over the next month.
- 4. After one month, strain the extract through an unbleached coffee filter or cheesecloth. Strain the extract into a clean jar with a tight lid, & store it out of direct sunlight.

## BLUEBERRY JAM

INGREDIENTS:

- 6 ounces blueberries
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar

## DIRECTIONS:

- In a small pot, stir all ingredients together for the jam over medium high heat.
- 2.Bring to a boil & gently mash. Turn the heat down to low and simmer, covered, for 10 mins, stirring occasionally.
- 3. Pour into a container & let cool completely. Chill until ready to use.

## LEMON MASCARPONE BUTTERCREAM

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 1/2 cups unsalted butter
- 8 ounces mascarpone
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 cups powdered sugar
- 2 tablespoons heavy cream

DIRECTIONS:

- In a standing mixer or with a handheld mixer, whisk butter & mascarpone until light and creamy.
- Sift in the powdered sugar. Add lavender extract, vanilla paste, and heavy cream.
- 3. Whisk until completely smooth.

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## LEMON BLUEBERRY LAVENDAR CUPCAKE

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 3 3/4 cups all purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 3 large eggs, room temperature
- 2 egg whites, room temperature
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 1 1/2 cups blueberries
- 1 tablespoon lemon zest
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon lavender extract
- 1 1/2 cups unsalted butter, room temperature
- 1 1/2 cups buttermilk
- 1/3 cup lemon juice

#### DIRECTIONS:

1.Preheat oven to 350°F. Add cupcake liners to pans.

- 2. In a medium bowl, sift together flour, baking soda, baking powder, & salt together. Whisk until completely mixed.
- 3. In a standing mixer or with a hand held mixer and a large bowl, cream butter, sugar, & lemon zest until light & fluffy, about 5 mins.
- 4. Whisk in eggs, egg whites, vanilla extract, & lavender extract on a high speed until combined, about 2 mins, scraping down sides as needed.
- 5.On a low speed, whisk the flour mixture to the egg mixture until just combined.
- 6.Still on a low speed, pour in the buttermilk & lemon juice, mixing until just combined
- 7.Gently fold in blueberries until just combined.
- 8.Pour batter evenly into muffin pans. Bake for 25-30 mins, until a toothpick comes out clean when inserted into the center of each cupcake. Set on a wire rack to cool at least one hour or frosting will melt. CUPCAKE ASSEMBLY:
- 1. Top each cupcake with 1 tbsp of the blueberry jam.
- 2. Apply 3-4 tbsp frosting to the top of each of the cupcakes & garnish with dried lavender.

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# LEMON BLUEBERRY LEMONADE

## YIELD 16 SERVINGS

## LEMON BLUEBERRY LEMONADE

## INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cups water
- 1 package (16 ounces) blueberries
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 tablespoon dried lavender flowers
- 1 cup lemon juice
- 1 1/4 quarts cold water

#### DIRECTIONS:

- 1. In a 1-gallon pitcher, add 4 cups of ice & set aside.
- 2. In a medium saucepan, bring 2 cups of water to a boil. Add the blueberries, sugar & lavender to the pan. Boil for about 5 mins, until the blueberries have broken down & all of the sugar has dissolved.
- 3.Strain the blueberry mixture over the pitcher of ice; discard the remaining blueberry mixture. Add the lemon juice. Fill to the top with cold water. Mix well.