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Jolly Holiday Macarons

with Pastry Chef Katie Rosenhouse

French Macarons

Yield: 18-20 sandwich cookies

Ingredients:

4 oz. (1 ¼ cups) finely ground, blanched almond flour

7 oz. (1 3/4 cups) confectioners' sugar

3 large egg whites, at room temperature

3 ½ oz. (½ cup) granulated sugar

For the royal icing:

1 large egg white

¼ tsp. cream of tartar

1 ½ cups confectioners' sugar

Food coloring and decorations, as desired

For the buttercream:

½ cup unsalted butter, at room temperature

2 cups confectioners' sugar

1 tsp. heavy cream or whole milk

Vanilla extract, gingerbread spice, orange zest, or other flavorings

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Procedure:

- 1. For the macarons: Preheat oven to 325°F.
- 2. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper; set aside.
- 3. In a medium bowl, sift to combine almond flour and confectioners' sugar; set aside.
- 4. In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with a whisk attachment, whip egg whites until frothy.
- 5. On medium speed, slowly add sugar, continuing to whip the egg whites until all sugar has been added.
- 6. Add food coloring as desired.
- 7. Whip meringue to medium peaks.
- 8. Using a rubber spatula, fold half of the almond flour mixture into the whipped egg whites.
- 9. Fold in remaining almond flour mixture, continuing to fold until the batter reaches a lava-like consistency.
- 10. Transfer to a piping bag fitted with a medium round tip and pipe rounds onto prepared baking sheets, spacing 1-inch apart.
- 11. Bake one baking sheet at a time for 8-10 minutes (depending on size) until the cookies have settled and remove cleanly from the baking sheet using a small offset spatula.
- 12. Set aside to cool before filling.
- 13. For the royal icing: Whip egg white and cream of tartar until frothy; slowly beat in confectioners' sugar until smooth.
- 14. For the buttercream: Beat butter and confectioners' sugar to combine; add cream or milk slowly and beat until fluffy and thick.