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# Valentine's Day Heart Pavlovas

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# **Heart Pavlovas with Whipped Cream**

Yield: 5 heart-shaped pavlovas

#### **Ingredients:**

#### For the meringues:

2 large egg whites

- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> tsp. cornstarch
- 1 tsp. lemon juice
- Pinch of kosher salt

## For the whipped cream:

1 cup heavy cream

Confectioner's sugar, vanilla extract, and a pinch of salt, as desired

## **Optional garnishes:**

Unsweetened cocoa powder

Melted dark chocolate

Fresh raspberries or other berries

#### Procedure:

- 1. Preheat the oven to 250°F.
- 2. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
- 3. Whip egg whites in a stand mixer fitted with a whisk attachment until frothy. Slowly add sugar and continue to whip to medium peaks.
- 4. Add lemon juice, cornstarch, and salt; whip to stiff peaks.
- 5. Transfer meringue to a piping bag fitted with a star tip.
- 6. Pipe 4-inch heart shapes onto the prepared baking sheet, filling the centers. Pipe a second heart-shaped border over the top of each.
- 7. Bake for 1 hour or until firm.
- 8. Turn off oven and leave meringues inside for at least 30 minutes.
- 9. Transfer to a rack to cool completely.
- 10. Prepare whipped cream: Whip heavy cream and flavorings to taste until mixture reaches medium peaks.
- 11. Top meringues with whipped cream and garnish as desired.

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