

Divine Divinity Fudge

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Ingredients

- 2 large egg whites
- 2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup light corn syrup
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup pecans

Instructions

Beat the egg whites with an electric mixer until stiff. Line a baking sheet with parchment or waxed paper. Put the sugar, corn syrup, and water in a medium-size heavy saucepan over medium-high heat. Stir to dissolve the sugar, bring to a boil and cook until the temperature reaches 260 degrees F on a candy thermometer, or the hard-ball stage, when a bit of the mixture dropped into cold water holds its shape, 10 to 15 minutes. Remove from the heat. Pour in a thin steady stream into the beaten egg whites and beat with an electric mixer on high for about 3 minutes, scraping down the sides of the bowl. Add the vanilla, and continue beating on high just until the candy starts to lose its gloss, 5 to 6 minutes. When the beaters are lifted, the mixture should fall in a ribbon that mounds on itself.

**TIP: If the mixture flattens out, beat again for 1 minute more. If the mixture is too thick to drop, beat in a few drops of hot water until the candy is a softer consistency. Add the pecans, stir to mix, and quickly drop the mixture by tablespoons onto the prepared sheet. Place the candies on a serving candy dish and pass. **(If the candy is poured into a pan and cut into squares, you should have about 48 pieces.)