

Lemon Curd Napoleon with Berries and Raspberry Coulis

Start-To-Finish: 2 hours
Hands-On Time: 40 minutes
Serves 6

Ingredients

- 1 box frozen puff pastry (2 sheets), thawed but well chilled
- 1/4 cup confectioner's sugar, plus more for garnish
- 10 oz. package frozen raspberries, thawed
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 2 tsp. lemon juice
- Two 10 oz. jars purchased lemon curd
- 4 pt. mixed berries of your choice, plus more for garnish
- 6 mint sprigs, for garnish



Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 400°F.
2. Sift sugar over a workspace. Lay the pastry over the sugar. Cut each sheet of the chilled pastry into nine squares (making 18 total) and sprinkle the top with the powdered sugar, making sure they have a good covering on both sides.
3. Transfer the pastry to two parchment-lined baking sheets. Spray cooling racks with non-stick spray and lay them upside down over the top of the pastries. The weight will keep the pastry from puffing up too much but still allow them to brown. If you don't have cooling racks, lay a sheet of parchment over the top of the pastries and place a cookie sheet on top to weigh them down. Refrigerate for 20 minutes to chill the dough and then bake the pastry in the preheated oven for about 10-12 minutes or until the pastry is golden and crispy. If you used cookie sheets, remove them and parchment a few minutes earlier and bake until golden.
4. Once out of the oven, pull the rack off immediately. Some might stick a little, but you only need 6 pretty tops to make this dessert. Cool completely. The pastry can be baked a day ahead and kept lightly covered at room temperature.
5. Whiz the raspberries, sugar and lemon juice in a food processor until smooth. Over a small bowl, push the raspberry sauce through a fine-mesh strainer with a rubber spatula to remove the seeds and transfer the sauce to a squeeze bottle with a small tip if you have one. Otherwise, just refrigerate the coulis in a covered bowl. The sauce can be made a day or two ahead and kept covered and chilled.
6. To assemble the napoleons, place one piece of pastry on a plate and top it with about 2 or 3 Tbsp. of the lemon curd. Add a layer of fresh berries and top them with another pastry layer, lemon curd and berries. Spread about 1 Tbsp. of curd on the bottom of one of the pastry squares and place it firmly on top, pressing down gently to compress the stack. At this point, you can keep the assembled napoleons in the fridge for up to 2 hours. To plate the dessert, squirt a splash of raspberry coulis on the center of the plate and place a Napoleon on top. Garnish the dessert plate with extra berries and mint and dust with confectioner's sugar. Serve immediately.