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'Chocolate Cake Divine'

12 ounces semisweet chocolate
1/2 cup butter
4 egg yolks
2/3 cup sugar
1 cup sifted cake flour
1 1/4 tsp baking powder
1/2 tsp baking soda
1/4 tsp salt
1/2 cup milk
1 tsp vanilla extract
2 egg whites

Melt chocolate and butter in a heavy medium saucepan over low heat. Remove from heat to cool. In mixing bowl, beat egg yolks until thick and gradually beat in 1/3 cup sugar. Continue beating until very thick. In a separate bowl, sift together flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Add dry ingredients to egg mixture alternately with milk; beat until smooth. Add chocolate mixture and vanilla. Beat egg whites



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until stiff; gradually beat remaining 1/3 cup sugar into egg whites. Fold egg white mixture into batter. Pour batter into two greased and floured 8-inch round layer cake pans. Bake chocolate cake at 375 degrees for about 25 minutes, or until cake springs back when touched.

'Chocolate Leaves' (garnish)

lemon, mint or rose leaves chocolate

Melt chocolate of choice in a double boiler. When chocolate is melted, paint it on leaves with a small pastry brush (or new paint brush). Place painted leaves on wax paper to cool or refrigerate. Once cooled, peel leaves and garnish cake with chocolate leaves.