



Chocolate-Candy Cane Pie

Prep: 25 minutes plus chilling

Bake: 15 minutes • Serves: 8

1 (8-ounce) frozen unbaked pastry shell

Chocolate Mousse

- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup dark chocolate chips
- 1 pinch kosher salt
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup plus $\frac{1}{3}$ cup heavy cream
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon peppermint extract
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ tablespoons granulated sugar
- 3 peppermint candies, finely crushed

Whipped Cream

- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup heavy cream
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ tablespoons sour cream
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 6 peppermint candies, finely crushed
- 1 (4.25-ounce) dark chocolate candy bar, shaved into curls with vegetable peeler
- 6 peppermint candies, coarsely crushed
- 8 mini candy canes for garnish (optional)

1. Bake pastry shell as label directs; cool.

2. Prepare Chocolate Mousse: Place chocolate chips and salt in medium bowl. In small saucepot, heat $\frac{1}{3}$ cup cream to a simmer over medium heat; pour over chocolate and let stand 1 minute. Whisk until smooth; stir in peppermint extract and cool.

3. In large bowl, beat remaining $\frac{3}{4}$ cup cream and sugar on low speed 1 minute. Increase speed to medium-high; beat 5 minutes longer or until stiff peaks form. With rubber spatula, gently fold cream mixture then candies into chocolate mixture; evenly spoon into pastry shell and refrigerate.

4. Prepare Whipped Cream: In medium bowl, beat cream, sugar, sour cream and vanilla extract on low speed 1 minute. Increase speed to medium-high; beat 5 minutes longer or until stiff peaks form. With rubber spatula, gently fold in candies; evenly spread over Chocolate Mousse layer. Loosely cover with plastic wrap; refrigerate 6 hours or overnight.

5. Sprinkle pie with chocolate shavings and candies just before serving; cut into 8 slices and garnish each slice with a candy cane, if desired.

Approximate nutritional values per serving:

661 Calories, 47g Fat (23g Saturated), 56mg Cholesterol, 141mg Sodium, 56g Carbohydrates, 0g Fiber, 6g Protein