Sauerkraut Chocolate Cake

From Taste of Home

TOTAL TIME: Prep: 20 min. Bake: 35 min. + cooling

YIELD: 16 servings.

Ingredients:

½ cup butter, softened

1 ½ cups sugar

3 large eggs, room temperature

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

2 cups all purpose flour

½ cup baking cocoa

1 teaspoon baking powder

1 teaspoon baking soda

½ teaspoon salt

1 cup water

3/4 cup sauerkraut, drained, squeezed dry and chopped

SILK CHOCOLATE FROSTING:

- 1-1/3 cups butter, softened
- 4 ounces unsweetened chocolate, melted
- 1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 4 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1/4 cup whole milk

Directions

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°. In a bowl, cream the butter and sugar. Add 1 egg at a time, beating well after each. Add vanilla. Combine flour, cocoa, baking powder, baking soda and salt; add to the creamed mixture alternately with water. Stir in sauerkraut. Pour into 2 greased and floured 8-in. round baking pans.
- 2. Bake for 35-40 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool in pans for 10 minutes before removing to wire racks to cool completely.
- 3. For frosting, beat butter, chocolate and vanilla in a bowl; add sugar and beat well. Add milk; beat until smooth and fluffy. Spread between layers and over top and sides of cake.



