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Apricot and Almond Cake

Ingredients

225g caster sugar 4 large eggs 240ml sunflower oil I tsp almond essence 240g self raising flour I tsp baking powder 50g ground almonds 6 ripe apricots 2 tbsp flaked almonds

Method

- Pre-heat oven to 180°C (160°C fan).
- Grease and line a 20cm (8") deep round tin with baking parchment.
- Place the sugar, eggs, oil and almond essence in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the whisk attachment.
- Whisk until the mixture is light in colour and slightly thickened.
- Prepare the apricots by cutting in half and removing the stones. Cut four of them into small cubes (approx ½cm) and the rest into slices.
- Add the flour, baking powder and ground almonds and whisk until all the flour is combined.
- Fold in the cubes of apricots.
- Pour the cake mixture into the prepared tin and sprinkle on the slices of apricot followed by the flaked almonds.
- Bake in the oven for 60-65 minutes or until cake tester comes out clean.
- Leave to cool completely before removing it from the tin and slice to serve.