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# **Dark Chocolate Peppermint Patties**

We're not exaggerating when we say these peppermint patties knock York's out of the water. These are perfect to make with kids because they're easy and —let's face it—messy. They make a sweet after-dinner treat, mid-day pick-me-up, or even cookie swap contribution. If you're not crazy about peppermints, try leftover candy canes, crushed, nuts, sea salt, or sprinkles as toppings. Active: 30 mins Total: 1 hr 30 mins Yield: Makes about 4 dozen cookies



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# Ingredients

1 (14-oz.) can sweetened condensed milk

5 cups (about 20 oz.) unsifted powdered sugar, plus more for dusting

2 teaspoons peppermint extract

3 (4-oz.) 70% bittersweet chocolate baking bars, roughly chopped

2 teaspoons coconut oil

Hard peppermint candies, crushed

# Directions

#### Step 1

Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper. Stir together condensed milk, powdered sugar, and peppermint extract in a large bowl using a wooden spoon until combined. (Mixture will be very thick.)

# Step 2

Transfer peppermint mixture to a work surface heavily dusted with powdered sugar. Knead until a smooth ball forms, kneading in more powdered sugar as needed to form a very firm dough. Roll out dough to 1/3-inch thickness. Cut out rounds using a 1 1/2-inch round cookie cutter, and arrange on prepared baking sheets spaced 1 inch apart. Reroll scraps once. (You will have about 48 rounds total.) Chill 30 minutes.

# Step 3

Microwave chopped chocolate and coconut oil in a microwavable bowl on HIGH until fully melted and smooth, about 2 minutes, stopping to stir every 30 seconds.

# Step 4

Remove peppermint rounds from refrigerator. Using a fork, dip each round in melted chocolate mixture, coating both sides completely and letting excess drip back into bowl. Return dipped patty to parchment-lined baking sheet; decorate with crushed peppermints. Repeat process using remaining rounds.

# Step 5

Chill dipped patties until set, about 30 minutes. Store in an airtight container in refrigerator up to 5 days.

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