Chocolate Covered Coconut Macaroons

This is somewhere between a cake, a biscuit and a "Mounds" Bar ("Bounty" in the UK). An old-fashioned English-style macaroon – not the multi-colored French ground-almond confections that have been all the rage lately. If you like coconut and want a treat, these morsels taste so luxurious and satisfying. They're quite a chew too so you really get your money's worth. Sweetened with erithrytol and stevia, they wont give you a sugar-crash later on. Ideal if you're following a low-carb diet – or for anyone wanting something sweet and healthier than a shop-bought chocolate bar.

Nutrition Per Piece (makes 12)

Calories: 170 Fat: 17g Protein: 2g Carb: 1g

Fibre: 2.25g Net Carb: -1.2g



Macaroons:

2 egg whites at room temperature
100g (4 oz) <u>desiccated unsweetened coconut</u>
1 tablespoon of <u>erythritol granulated sweetener</u>
1/2 teaspoon <u>stevia liquid</u>
1 teaspoon <u>Vanilla extract</u>
1/4 teaspoon almond essence



Chocolate Topping:

90g (3oz) raw organic cocoa butter 60g (2oz) raw virgin Coconut Oil 30g (1oz) raw cocoa powder 1 teaspoon liquid stevia liquid 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Method:

- 1. Heat oven to 170C (350F gas mark 4 medium)
- 2. Whisk the egg whites until stiff and glossy with peaks.
- 3. Add the granulated sweetener, the stevia liquid, the vanilla and almond essences.
- 4. Whisk in.
- 5. Fold in the desiccated coconut.
- 6. Put paper cases in a 12 hole muffin tin and spoon the mixture evenly between the cases (roughly 1 dessertspoon per case).
- 7. Put in the center of the oven for approximately 15 minutes until the tops are golden brown and the macaroons are firm.
- 8. Allow to cool.
- 9. For the chocolate topping: put the cocoa butter and coconut oil in a jug/glass bowl and melt them gently. Either over a saucepan of boiling water or in the microwave (I give mine a blast for 1 minute and then stir, then another minute etc. until dissolved.)
- 10. Add the cocoa powder and blend thoroughly to remove any lumps.
- 11. Add the stevia liquid and the vanilla essence. Mix thoroughly.
- 12. Spoon one tablespoon of chocolate over each macaroon. (If there's any left over top up any that look 'low-tide').
- 13. Put in the fridge for 30 minutes until the chocolate is set.
- 14. Store in an airtight container in the fridge (N.B. The coconut oil in the chocolate has a very low melting point around 20 degrees C so they do need to be kept in a cool place). ENJOY!

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P.S. Click the ingredients in the list above to find them online.