



## "Perfectly Chocolate" Hot Cocoa Recipe

### Ingredients

- Miniature marshmallows or sweetened whipped cream (optional)
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup HERSHEY'S Cocoa
- Dash salt
- 3/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 4 cups (1 qt.) milk
- 1/3 cup hot water



### Directions

1. Stir together sugar, cocoa and salt in medium saucepan; stir in water. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture comes to a boil. Boil and stir 2 minutes. Add milk; stirring constantly, heat to serving temperature. Do Not Boil.
2. Remove from heat; add vanilla. Beat with rotary beater or whisk until foamy. Serve topped with marshmallows or whipped cream, if desired. Five 8-oz. servings.

VARIATIONS: Add one of the following with the vanilla extract:

SPICED COCOA: 1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon and 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg. Serve with cinnamon stick

MINT COCOA: 1/2 teaspoon mint extract OR 3 tablespoons crushed hard peppermint candy OR 2 to 3 tablespoons white creme de menthe. Serve with peppermint candy stick, if desired.

CITRUS COCOA: 1/2 teaspoon orange extract OR 2 to 3 tablespoons orange liqueur.

SWISS MOCHA: 2 to 2-1/2 teaspoons powdered instant coffee.

COCOA AU LAIT: Omit marshmallows or whipped cream. Spoon 2 tablespoons softened vanilla ice cream on top of each cup of cocoa at serving time.

CANADIAN COCOA: 1/2 tsp. maple extract.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

What will the color mood be in 2017? As always, companies try to make their predictions by naming a "Color of the Year." Sherwin Williams selected

**Poised Taupe**, Benjamin Moore selected **Shadow**, and Pantone's pick is a yellow-green color called **Greenery**.

Not surprisingly, National Nonwovens is already ahead of the trend with all three colors, especially with all of our yellow-green felt colors.

We have WCF001 **Pea Soup** and **Spring Tickle**, TOY002 **Pistachio Ice Cream**, **Mint Leaf**, and **Leaping Lizards**, and BAM001 **Grass Skirt** to name a few.

**Cynthia Treen** of **threadfollower** uses green WoolFelt in many of her projects including her newest, **Nessie Lagoon** (shown below). Cynthia used her free bolt from National Nonwovens' **Customer Loyalty Program** to create Nessie, which she will be selling soon as a kit. Go to her website at [www.threadfollower.com](http://www.threadfollower.com) for information



on how to order Nessie Lagoon and to discover more about her hand-stitching kits and patterns.

## Gossip Tidbits

**Michelle May** of **The Raspberry Rabbits** is starting the year with the first of six



"Folk Art Fusion" blocks, **Bumblebee Cottage** (shown above). It's from her **Briarside Lane Adventure**, a celebration of friendship between Michelle and **Jules Woolford** from the UK. This charming adventure will depict scenes from the Cotswolds of England, where Jules grew up. Jules is creating wonderful, watercolor illustrations and Michelle will turn them into WoolFelt and embroidery quilt blocks.



Also shown here is Michelle's **Beekeeper Pincushion** from a popular class she teaches. More Information at [www.theraspberryrabbits.com](http://www.theraspberryrabbits.com).

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