

# German Chocolate Ice Cream

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**prep time:** 30-35 minutes

**chill time:** 1 hour

**churn time:** about 30 minutes

**freeze time:** 4-8 hours

**total time:** 10 hours

**servings:** about 12 (½ cup servings)



## Ingredients

### for the chocolate ice cream

- 3 large egg yolks, room temperature
- ⅔ cup (133g) granulated sugar
- 1 cup (240g) whole milk
- ¼ cup (30g) [unsweetened cocoa powder](#)
- 1 tablespoon (13g) [pure vanilla extract](#)
- pinch sea salt
- ⅔ cup (4 ounces or 113g) [chocolate chips](#) or chopped baking chocolate
- 2 cups (480g) heavy whipping cream, cold
- [ice cream maker](#), prepped per directions (optional—see no-churn option at the bottom)\*

### for the german chocolate cake filling

- ¾ cup (150g) brown sugar
- ¼ cup (50g) granulated sugar
- ½ cup (113g) salted butter\*\*
- ¾ cup (189g) evaporated milk
- 3 egg yolks
- 1 tablespoon (13g) pure vanilla extract
- 1 ½ cups (150g) [flaked coconut](#) (can sub shredded)
- 1 cup (125g) chopped pecans

## Instructions

### make the ice cream

1. Follow your ice cream maker's directions to prepare it for use, which could include placing the bowl in the freezer for up to 24 hours\*\*.
2. Whisk the egg yolks and sugar in a medium mixing bowl. Whisk until pale frothy, 2-3 minutes. At first it may seem thick and clumpy, but keep going until the sugar melts and it becomes pale and frothy. Set aside.
3. Combine the whole milk, cocoa powder, vanilla, and pinch sea salt in a medium saucepan over medium heat, stirring frequently, until it begins to steam and small bubbles begin to form along the edge of the pan.
4. Temper the milk into the eggs by very, very slowly streaming the milk into the eggs while whisking the eggs very quickly. Be sure to whisk constantly and quickly as you do this to avoid scrambling the eggs.
5. Once all of the milk has been added to the eggs, scrape the mixture back into the saucepan and cook, stirring constantly with a rubber spatula (be sure to get to the edges and corners), until the mixture has thickened enough to coat the back of a spoon. It should feel thicker as you stir, as well.
6. Add the chocolate chips or chopped baking chocolate and stir until the chocolate is mostly melted. Remove the pan from the burner and continue stirring until the chocolate is fully melted.
7. Pour into a medium bowl (the bowl the eggs were in works just fine). Cover well and refrigerate until cool, about 1 hour.

### make the German chocolate filling

8. While you wait for the custard to cool, make the German chocolate cake filling. If desired, you can toast the coconut and pecans. Place in a single layer on a [rimmed baking sheet](#) and bake at 350F/175C for 5-10 minutes, stirring halfway. If omitting the pecans, increase coconut to 2 cups.

9. Combine the brown sugar, sugar, butter, evaporated milk, and egg yolks in a [medium to large saucepan](#). Cook over medium heat until boiling, stirring constantly. Let boil 5-10 minutes, until the sauce thickens and can coat the back of a spoon.
10. Once thickened, remove from heat and stir in vanilla. Once fully combined, stir in coconut and pecans. Set aside to cool (or place in a sealed container and refrigerate if not using right away—let come to room temperature while you churn the ice cream).

### **churn the ice cream and assemble**

11. Once the custard is cooled, combine with the heavy cream and mix well. Follow your manufacturer's directions to churn the ice cream. Don't overmix.
12. Once the ice cream is finished, layer  $\frac{1}{3}$  of it into a [9x5 loaf pan](#) or an [ice cream container](#). Drop dollops or swirls of the German chocolate cake filling over the cream. (Use about  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the filling in each layer—depending on how much your ice cream expanded during churning, you may not need all of the filling.) Repeat, layering ice cream and filling two more times, ending with the filling on top. You can sprinkle some extra coconut and pecans on top, if desired.
13. Freeze for at least 4 hours, ideally overnight. You may need to let it sit on the counter for 5 minutes before scooping.

Enjoy!

*Store leftovers in an airtight container. Ice cream should last at least 1-2 months, but this can vary depending on your freezer and how well-sealed it is.*

*\*If you do not have an ice cream maker, you can make this a no-churn ice cream. Follow the directions up to step 7. While the chocolate custard cools, make the German chocolate cake filling. When the chocolate custard is cooled, place the heavy whipping cream in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the whisk attachment (or use a large mixing bowl and a handheld mixer). Beat on medium until frothy then increase speed to high until stiff peaks **just** begin to form (the mixture will turn matte in appearance—watch carefully and stop your mixer when this just begins to happen). Fold  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the whipped cream into the chocolate custard until*

fully combined, then continue with the next  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the whipped cream, followed by the final  $\frac{1}{3}$  until all whipped cream is mixed in. Assemble ingredients as directed in step 12 and freeze at least 8 hours.

*\*\*Use European butter, if possible. It has less water and will make a better filling. If you only have unsalted butter, add a couple pinches of salt.*