

Boozy Chocolate Poke Cake

Infuse this Guinness cake with Baileys Original Irish Cream for a St. Paddy's Day treat your guests will crave! Serves 15

INGREDIENTS

- 2 c all-purpose flour, 3/4 c dark cocoa powder
- 1 tsp baking powder, 1 tsp kosher salt
- 3/4 c unsalted butter, room temp, 1.5 c sugar
- 1/2 c packed brown sugar, 1 c sour cream, divided
- 2 tsp vanilla extract, 3 large eggs
- 1 c Guinness Draught Stout, 1/4 c Baileys Irish Cream
- 1 & 1/4 c melted vanilla ice cream, 2 c heavy whipping cream
- 1 c semi-sweet chocolate chips, 1 tablespoon coconut oil

PREPARATION

1. Preheat oven to 350°F (325°F for convection ovens). Coat a 9x13-inch baking dish with nonstick spray.
2. Whisk together flour, dark cocoa powder, baking powder, and kosher salt in a medium bowl. Set aside.
3. Combine butter and both sugars in a large bowl. Using a hand mixer, beat on high for 2–3 minutes. Beat in 3/4 cup sour cream and vanilla extract. Beat in eggs.
4. Mix in half of flour mixture. Mix in Guinness Draught Stout. Mix in remaining flour.
5. Pour cake batter into prepared baking dish. Bake for 30–35 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the middle comes out clean or with only a few crumbs attached.
6. Remove from oven and let cake cool. Using the handle of a wooden spoon, poke holes all over the cake.
7. Whisk together Baileys Irish Cream and melted vanilla ice cream. Pour mixture over cake, being sure to fill the holes. Use a silicone spatula to spread liquid evenly.
8. Combine heavy whipping cream and 1/4 cup sour cream in a bowl. Using a hand mixer, beat on high until soft peaks form. Spread whipped cream evenly over cake.
9. Refrigerate for 3 hours, then Combine chocolate chips and coconut oil in a small bowl. Microwave in 30-second increments, stirring in between, until smooth.
10. Drizzle cake with melted chocolate, Slice and Serve!

[Boozy Chocolate Poke Cake \(buzzfeed.com\)](https://www.buzzfeed.com/recipes/boozy-chocolate-poke-cake)

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Hello & Welcome to
Our Newest Customers!

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Customers

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest customers & welcome back to anyone we haven't seen in a while Tom & Pat Augustefer, Chris Bradwell & Lynne Powell, Robi & Hillary Haris, Jim & Sarha Harrity, Tom & Sandra Kanaskie, and Gwyneth & Travis Thymes.

Thank you for putting your trust in our company and giving us the opportunity to prove our worth to you as we help you make improvements to your homes & businesses. Our goal is to make you “repeat for life” customers, so please let us know how we're doing!!

THANK YOU FOR THE REFERRALS!

Much of the work at TP&C comes from satisfied customers telling friends and family about us. Our recently reinstated customer referral program works like this: When you refer someone to us and it turns into a job, at the end of that job we will thank you with a \$100 gift card for your favorite restaurant/retail establishment, donation to your favorite charity, or discount on future work! Your choice! ~

This month we would like to extend our thanks to Dave & Robin Kanaskie for referring us to Dave's parents, Tom & Sandra Kanaskie. This was a nice project for us, and as always, we appreciate the work. We do our best to provide our clients with an excellent service experience & top-notch craftsmanship. We hope your parents found this to be true & appreciate the faith you put in our crew!

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So.... what's everyone been up to? Having as much fun as us, I imagine. Nothing like a few back-to-back snowstorms to lift the spirits and brighten the mood, right? Obviously, I'm kidding - very, very much. Hey, can we compare notes? Just wondering how everyone else has fared with “Murphy's Law” type events during all this winter delight? Because let me just tell you...

We very gratefully landed a nice project from long-time customers who moved out to State College several years ago. Due to unforeseen circumstances, our scheduled project got moved up unexpectedly and we ended up going out there a few weeks early, with only 2 days to plan. We thought we had everything set and headed out feeling prepared and ready to work.

Two days later my wife calls to tell me about the big snowstorm heading our way. No, none of us had checked the weather before we left, so we were completely blind-sided. Now, I don't normally get excited by these “weather events”. You never have to worry about arm-wrestling me in the grocery store over the last gallon of milk or loaf of bread. I tend to not believe it's going to happen until it's coming down full-on. But my wife was pretty stressed because she was home alone with our dog Jaida, who has arthritis. And most of you know by now that Richelle has Fibromyalgia and chronic neck and back pain. She isn't supposed to be shoveling snow, much less in those quantities. Also, we tend to lose power pretty easily where we live, so she was concerned that she wouldn't be able to move the heavy generator to an area with enough ventilation to be safely used. She also wasn't sure where the gas was for it. And honestly, I couldn't remember if we even *had* gas.

We were trying to work out a plan to keep Richelle and Jaida safe and comfortable during the storm, but unfortunately, we were working in the mountain area and had very bad cell service. Our conversations were constantly fading in and out or getting dropped completely. Talk about frustrating. We talked about her trying to take the dog to a hotel if we lost power, but Jaida is a rescue and afraid of many things, including riding in the car. The chances of Richelle lifting 70 lbs. of uncooperative canine into a vehicle without getting hurt were not great.

In the meantime, we were trying to successfully do this project for our long-time customers. Richelle was stocking up on necessities, then as the flakes finally started falling, reports she went out every few hours to “push” the snow out of the way (rather than shovel/lift it) to keep a path clear for the dog and around the vehicle and steps. Apparently, it was coming down 1-2” per hour so there was always 3-4” of fresh snow each time she went out. Long story short, she also dropped her phone in the snow when it fell out of her pocket and went 24 hours without service while it dried out, got the Tahoe stuck at the top of the long driveway because they had the entrance plowed in so deep (and she's too short to fully see over the hood, especially coming up the drive at an angle!), ahem, anyway, spent 3 days calling and emailing plowing companies til she finally found someone to help her out of the drive and then plow the driveway for us (never mind they were off-center and took up a good 2-3' of lawn on the way down) – but I digress, they were really nice folks who helped her, so I have to let it go!

She then spent a couple of hours the night of day 2 or 3 (lost track of where we are now) spreading salt down the driveway with a push broom because it was turning into a 300' long ice slide! The final straw for her was that she set the utility knife she used to open salt bags down on a table, took off her boots and socks, proceeded to bump into said table, and the knife fell off and slashed the back of her ankle, barely missing her Achilles tendon! But by this time, she was in so much pain head to toe and just flat out exhausted that she skipped Urgent Care (later regretted due to length of healing time, i.e., still healing) and just cleaned it and put butterfly bandages on it. And how do I know this series of unfortunate events well enough to recite it? Because she has told the story to me and everyone else over and over in the weeks since. Hey, I give her props, she did better than I could have hoped for her under those circumstances, I even told her she was like a pioneer woman or something! But she didn't really take it as a compliment for some reason...

On *our* end, well, we suffered many of the same kind of “if it *can* go wrong, it *will* go wrong” scenarios either on the job or related to the job (getting materials, etc.). But everything got done on schedule, we felt good about the work we did, and the clients seemed very happy with the results. Of course, we have had – what, 3-4 snow “incidents” already since then? But we bought new generators (and gas) and are upping our “storm preparedness” game. So, we are slowly returning to normal. I don't know about you guys, but I am seriously ready for spring. As in Now, please. Until then, please take a look at the “color of the year” tips Richelle put together in this issue. I hope you enjoy all of the upcoming holidays and that I see or talk to you all real soon!

Take Good Care,
Tim



THE TOP LINE

Every year, “those in the know” at the top painting and decorating supply manufacturers and retailers work their magic behind the scenes and come up with what they think will be the HOT colors for the upcoming year. Known as “The Color of the Year”, these hues are chosen with many things in mind.

For instance, from the PANTONE Color Institute, the “Color of the Year” for 2021 is actually two colors, which happens occasionally. Given the unprecedented, chaotic, and distressing year we experienced in 2020, they felt the colors for 2021 should evoke more positive emotions. To that end, we have PANTONE Ultimate Gray 17-5104 + PANTONE Illuminating 13-0647. Ultimate Gray is a medium shade of gray. Not meant to feel dull or common, but rather like a solid, elemental, natural base; something you can count on. Illuminating is a sunny yellow and is thought to bring on feelings of warmth and optimism. The fusion of these two colors is a complimentary blend of stability, resilience, energy, and hope. We provide examples of these two colors together in PANTONE’S color swatch, a bedroom with Ultimate Gray accent wall with illuminating yellow throw pillows and striped comforter, several stems of greenery shown in gray tones with a color shock of orange and yellow berries, a gorgeous waterfall surrounded by gray rock streaked golden yellow from the sun, vintage gray hardback books with yellow gold lettering, a fluffy yellow and white baby chick with gray background, and a still-life with gray plaster wall and golden apples (in addition to other great complimentary colors). Hopefully, these examples will give ideas to how these great colors can be used together.



Sherwin Williams had a similar response to the events of 2020. They felt that the natural reaction to last year’s turmoil was to create sanctuary in the homes where we are now spending so much more of our time. In Urbane Bronze SW 7048 they felt they found a nature-inspired yet sophisticated choice for their Color of the Year for 2021. It is a dark, warm hue, which pairs just as well with warm yellows and reds as it does cooler blues and greens. Given its darker shade, it works especially well on accent walls as well as trim work and doors. It’s also really nice for exteriors.

Most of the examples we provide are from the Sherwin Williams’ website, using their COLORSNAP VISUALIZER. There are examples of exteriors as well several interior rooms including bedrooms, living rooms, a bathroom, and a kitchen. If you have never used the COLORSNAP VISUALIZER, it can be a great tool for getting ideas for how certain colors look together. You can also upload photos of the room you want to paint and “try on” the colors on your actual room.



Benjamin Moore has an entire Color Trends 2021 Palette, which includes their Color of the Year 2021, Aegean Teal 2136-40. This gorgeous medium, slightly weathered, blue-green shade is meant to instill a sense of warmth, contentment, balance, and harmony. Allow it and the 11 other earth-toned hues in this palette to soothe your frazzled nerves as you relax and practice self-care in the comfort of your home. Below we offer several examples from Benjamin Moore’s Color Trends 2021 Palette brochure, which shows the beautiful Aegean Blue in several different interior rooms and types of lighting, as well as an exterior entry door.

We have also included photos from the brochure of the entire 2021 color palette, and then some photos we really liked that showed this shade on different textiles and surfaces with other complimentary colors. You can see the Benjamin Moore website for more examples of ways to use the palette in your own home.



In this edition, our customer spotlight is on Robi & Hillary Haris for being great long-term customers, and to Hillary especially, for keeping us so well-fed while we worked at their home while staying in State College. She was so awesome & made sure we didn’t want for anything the whole time we were up there. So, from the bottom of our bellies, we thank you!

