

# Recipe Topics

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# Featured Recipe

Make Valentine's Day special by serving chocolate-covered cherries. Almost everyone loves chocolate and strawberries. Combine the two, and you're sure to find a spot in your sweetheart's thoughts.

This recipe is a tried and true winner from cooking expert Shirley Orfanella, Quarryville. See page B2 for more Valentine recipes straight from the kitchen to the heart.

### CHOCOLATE-COVERED CHERRIES

- 4 jars (16-ounces each) maraschino cherries with stems
- 1/4 cup dark rum or cherry juice

#### Fondant:

- 1 can sweetened condensed milk
- 2 tablespoons plus 2 teaspoons light corn syrup
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- 8 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1 1/2 pounds coating chocolate wafers

Remove 1 tablespoon cherry juice from each jar and add 1 tablespoon rum. Cover and let stand four hours or more to flavor.

Drain cherries in colander, place on paper towels until dry. It is very important to make sure the cherries are dry. Mix milk, extract, and corn syrup. Gradually stir in confectioners' sugar. Work mixture with your hands to get a smooth fondant. Line a cookie sheet with waxed paper. Place a rounded teaspoon of fondant in your hand. Press into two 2-inch circle (in your hand). Place a dried cherry in the center and wrap around cherry — leaving stem exposed. Place on cookie sheet. Refrigerate two or more hours until fondant is firm. Melt chocolate. Carefully dip each cherry and set on waxed paper until set. Do not refrigerate after dipping as cherries will weep.

Allow a week for fondant to liquefy or use as is (I do). Makes approximately 96.



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