## joy of baking

## Lamingtons Recipe

Lamingtons: Preheat oven to 350 degrees $F$ ( 180 degrees C) and place oven rack to middle position. Butter, or spray with a nonstick cooking spray, the bottom and sides of an 8 inch $(20 \mathrm{~cm})$ square cake pan.

In a large bowl sift or whisk together the flour, baking powder, and salt. In bowl of electric mixer, or with a hand mixer, beat the butter until soft. Add the sugar and beat until light and fluffy (about 2-3 minutes). Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Scrape down the sides of the bowl. Add the vanilla extract and beat until combined. With the mixer on low speed, alternately add the flour mixture and milk, in three additions, beginning and ending with flour.

Spread the batter into the prepared pan and smooth the top with an offset spatula. Bake in a preheated oven for about 25-30 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center of the cake comes out clean. Cool the cake in its pan on a wire rack for 10 minutes. Then place a wire rack on top of the cake pan and invert, lifting off the pan. Re-invert. Once the cake has completely cooled cut it into 16 two-inch ( 5 cm ) squares. Wrap the cake in plastic wrap and refrigerate (to make them easier to frost) for several hours or even overnight.

Chocolate Frosting: Place the confectioners' sugar, cocoa powder, butter and milk in a heatproof bowl over a saucepan of simmering water. Stir the mixture until it becomes smooth and of pouring consistency.

To assemble: Make a production line; put the squares of cakes on a wire rack that is placed over a baking sheet (to catch the drips). Have ready the coconut on a large plate and the chocolate frosting. Spoon or ladle the chocolate frosting over each square of cake, making sure you cover all sides. (It is best to do a few squares of cake at a time.) With a small offset spatula or


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2 cups (260 grams) all-purpose flour

2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup (113 grams) unsalted butter, at room temperature

3/4 cup (150 grams) granulated white sugar

2 large eggs
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
1/2 cup ( 120 ml ) milk

## Chocolate Frosting:

4 cups (1 lb.) (454 grams) confectioners' (powdered or icing) sugar, sifted

1/3 cup (30 grams) unsweetened cocoa powder

3 tablespoons ( 42 grams) unsalted butter

1/2 cup ( 120 ml ) milk

## Coating:

