

Peanut Butter Mousse with Chocolate-Peanut Bark

Prep: 25 minutes plus chilling • Serves: 8

Peanut Butter Mousse

- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1¹/₄ cups creamy peanut butter
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 1¹/₂ cups heavy cream

Chocolate-Peanut Bark

- 1 cup chopped dark chocolate (6 ounces)
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup unsalted roasted peanuts
- 1/4 teaspoon coarse sea salt

1. Prepare Peanut Butter Mousse: In large bowl, with mixer on low speed, beat cream cheese, peanut butter, sugar, butter and vanilla extract 2 minutes; increase speed to high and beat 3 minutes or until smooth.

2. In medium bowl, with mixer on medium-low speed, beat cream 2 minutes; increase speed to high and beat 3 minutes or until medium peaks form. Fold whipped cream into peanut butter mixture just until combined. Makes about 6 cups.

3. Prepare Chocolate-Peanut Bark: Line 8-inch square baking dish with aluminum foil with overhanging sides. In medium microwavesafe bowl, heat chocolate in microwave oven in 20 second increments until no lumps remain, stirring after each increment; stir in peanuts. Pour chocolate mixture into prepared dish; sprinkle with salt. Refrigerate 1 hour or until hardened.

4. Lift bark from pan with foil; break into 2-inch pieces. Divide mousse into small bowls; garnish with bark.

Approximate nutritional values per serving: 728 Calories, 59g Fat (26g Saturated), 89mg Cholesterol, 362mg Sodium, 42g Carbohydrates, 4g Fiber, 15g Protein

Helpful *tip*:

> For a fancy touch, pipe mousse into bowls using a piping bag fitted with a star tip.