Scones

Ingredients

- 240 grams (2 cups) all-purpose flour
- 100 grams (1/2 cup) granulated sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- · 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 115 grams (1/2 cup, 1 stick) unsalted butter, frozen
- 120 milliliters (1/2 cup) heavy cream or buttermilk
- 1 large egg
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1-1 1/2 cups add-ins such as chocolate chips, berries, nuts, fruit, etc.
- coarse sugar for topping (optional)

Instructions

- 1. In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, sugar, salt, and baking powder. Grate the frozen butter into the dry ingredients, then cut it in with a pastry cutter until the mixture is crumbly. Gently stir in your chosen add-ins. Place the bowl in the refrigerator to chill.
- 2. In a separate bowl, whisk together the cream, egg, and vanilla extract until well combined. Place in the refrigerator.
- 3. Line a sheet pan with parchment paper.
- 4. After chilling for 15 minutes, remove both bowls from the refrigerator. Pour the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients and mix just until no dry flour remains. Do not overmix.
- 5. Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured surface. Working quickly, gather the dough together and press into a cohesive mass.
- 6. Pat or roll the dough into a 2-inch x 10-inch rectangle.
- 7. Using a sharp knife, cut the rectangle into 5 equal squares, then cut each square diagonally to create 10 triangles.
- 8. Place the triangles on a plate or baking sheet, then refrigerate for 15-30 minutes.
- 9. Meanwhile, preheat oven to 400°F and position rack in middle-low position. Line a sheet pan with parchment paper.
- 10. When ready to bake, transfer the chilled scones to the prepared pan, spacing them 2-3 inches apart.
- 11. Brush the tops with additional cream and sprinkle generously with coarse sugar, if using.
- 12. Bake for 18-26 minutes, or until edges are golden and top is light brown.
- 13. Let cool on pan for 5 minutes, then transfer to wire rack to cool completely.