

**Christmas Cocoa Recipe**

**Ingredients:**

* 4 cups milk
* 2/3 cup instant chocolate drink mix
* 5 chocolate mint candy canes, crushed
* 1-1/2 cups heavy whipping cream
* 1/4 cup confectioners’ sugar
* 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

**Method:**

* In a large saucepan, combine the milk and drink mix. Cook and stir over medium heat until heated through. Remove from the heat. Set aside 1 tablespoon crushed candy canes for garnish. Stir remaining candy canes into cocoa; keep warm.
* In a small bowl, beat cream until it begins to thicken. Add confectioners’ sugar and vanilla; beat until stiff peaks form. Ladle cocoa into mugs. Top with whipped cream; sprinkle with reserved crushed candy canes.