



FUN FACT

In Denmark, a cheese danish is called *wienerbrød*, which means "Viennese bread."

WARNING!

Ask an adult's permission before using the oven.

Bake up cheese-filled Danish pastries

Ingredients

- 1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 egg whisked with 1 tablespoon water, plus 1 egg yolk
- ¼ cup granulated sugar
- Kosher salt
- 1 (14- to 17-ounce) package frozen puff pastry, thawed
- ¾ cup powdered sugar
- 1 tablespoon whole milk

Instructions

1. Heat the oven to 400° F and line two baking sheets with parchment paper. In a medium bowl, stir together the cream cheese, 2 teaspoons lemon juice, ¾ teaspoon vanilla extract, the egg yolk, granulated sugar, and a pinch of salt until smooth and creamy. Set aside.
2. Cut each puff pastry sheet into six equal rectangles (a pizza cutter works well for this task) and place them about an inch apart on the prepared baking sheets. Use the tip of a paring knife to score a smaller rectangle inside each pastry rectangle, leaving a ½-inch border.
3. Top the center of each pastry with a generous tablespoon of cream cheese filling, spreading it evenly and taking care not to go over the scored lines. Brush the edges of each pastry with the egg wash. Bake pastries until golden and puffy, about 12 to 15 minutes.
4. In a small bowl, whisk together 1 teaspoon lemon juice and the remaining ¼ teaspoon vanilla with the powdered sugar and milk. Drizzle the glaze over the baked pastries. Serve warm or at room temperature (they can remain on the baking sheets to cool). Makes 12 pastries.



ECO TIP OF THE WEEK TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT FIREFLIES

Fireflies, also known as lightning bugs, live in every US state except Hawaii. They are predominantly found in the eastern and southeastern parts of the country, and some smaller, scattered, populations can be found in the West. Fireflies are under threat throughout the US for several reasons, including habitat loss and light pollution. Fireflies flash their lights to attract a mate, so you can help them by turning off outdoor lights in the evening or switching to motion-sensored lights. Talk to your family about that, as well as solutions for insect control—like planting basil or marigolds—that don't involve pesticides that can kill fireflies.

Help fireflies thrive.

