## Caramel Filled M\&M Brownie Bites

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## Caramel

Ingredients:
$1 / 2$ c. Light Corn Syrup
$1 / 2$ c. Granulated Sugar
$1 / 4$ tsp. Salt
4 Tbsp. Butter - room temperature
$1 / 2$ c. Heavy Cream - room temperature
1/3 c. Evaporated Milk
$1 / 2$ tsp. Vanilla

## Directions:

In a medium saucepan bring to a boil the Light Corn Syrup, Granulated Sugar and Salt over MEDIUM heat. Once it reaches a full boil slowly add in the butter, cream and milk while maintaining the rolling boil. Insert a candy thermometer boil until mixture reaches 200 degrees. Remove from heat and stir in Vanilla. Pour into a greased glass baking dish to cool. From start to finish, you must stir the mixture constantly.

## Brownies

Ingredients:
$1 / 2$ c. butter ( 1 stick) melted
$1 / 4$ c. Cocoa powder
1 c. Granulated Sugar
2 Eggs - beaten slightly
$1 / 2$ tsp. Vanilla
$1 / 4$ tsp. Salt
$3 / 4$ c. Flour - all purpose
$3 / 4$ c. chopped Plain M\&M's
$3 / 4$ c. chopped Pretzels

## Directions:

Wisk together melted butter and cocoa powder. Add sugar, beaten eggs, vanilla and salt. Mix well. Stir in flour slowly until just combined - do not over mix. Stir in chopped M\&M’s (I used my Pampered Chef food chopper to chop mine). Using a 2 oz. cookie scoop, fill a greased mini-muffin tin. Bake at 350 for 10 minutes.

## Assemble:

- As soon as you take the brownies out of the oven, use the back of a small spoon to gently press a small indent in the center of each brownie.
- Scoop a small amount of caramel and fill each brownie center.
- Immediately top with chopped pretzels and allow to cool completely.

Makes 36 Brownie Bites. You will have Caramel left over - which may be the best part of making these! ©

