



NORTHERN BREWER

<b>O.G.</b>	<b>ABV</b>	<b>IBU</b>	<b>BREW TIME: 6 WEEKS</b>
1.059	5.2%	45	Primary: 2 Weeks
			Secondary: 2 Weeks
			Bottle Conditioning: 2 Weeks

# MEXICAN HOT CHOCOLATE STOUT

Perhaps the best hot chocolate recipe there is, Mexican hot chocolate is a pleasure to behold. Rich chocolate flavors, a creamy body and hints of cinnamon and chile pepper are a sure match for beer. Mexican Hot Chocolate Stout hits all of these flavor notes and then some by combining this classic recipe with a moderately roasty stout base. You will find all of the flavors of decadent Mexican hot chocolate, but receive an extra flavor burst of an American-style stout. ¡Salud!

## KIT INVENTORY

### MALT EXTRACTS

6 lbs Gold Malt Syrup  
1 lb Golden Light DME

### STEEPING GRAINS

1 lb Briess Chocolate Malt  
0.5 lbs Briess Caramel 80L  
0.5 lbs Light Roasted Barley

### PREMIUM HOPS

1 oz Columbus **60 min**

### OTHER INGREDIENTS

1 lb Lactose **60 min**  
1 oz Cinnamon **10 min**  
0.25 oz De Arbol Chile  
**Fermentor**  
4 oz Cacao Nibs  
**Fermentor**

## SUGGESTED YEAST

### YEAST

DRY YEAST:

**Fermentis Safale US-05**  
Optimum Temp: 59°- 75°F

LIQUID YEAST OPTION:

**Omega Yeast OYL-004 West Coast Ale I**  
Optimum temp: 60°- 73°F

**Imperial Yeast A07 Flagship**  
Optimum temp: 60°- 72°F

## BEFORE BREW DAY

- Upon arrival, unpack kit.
- Read all instructions before starting.
- Be sure you have all items listed in the Kit Inventory.
- Refrigerate liquid yeast.
- If making a yeast starter, we suggest 24-48 hrs.
- Contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

## YOU WILL NEED

- Homebrewing equipment for brewing 5 gallon batches.
- Boiling kettle (at least 3.5 gallons capacity).
- Approx. 2 cases of 12 oz or 22 oz pry-off beer bottles.
- **Optional** - 5 gallon carboy, with bung and airlock, to use as secondary fermentor.

## A FEW HOURS BEFORE BREW DAY

Remove liquid yeast packages from the refrigerator. Allow to warm to your desired fermentation temperature (~65°F). Check yeast instructions on packet.

## BREWING NOTES

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## KEY STATS

Brew Day Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary: \_\_\_\_\_

Important Additions: \_\_\_\_\_

Bottling/Kegging: \_\_\_\_\_

Fermentation Temp: \_\_\_\_\_

Yeast Strain #: \_\_\_\_\_

Measured OG: \_\_\_\_\_ FG: \_\_\_\_\_

## ON BREWING DAY

1. Heat 2.5 gal of water.
2. Pour grain into supplied mesh bags, and tie open end in a knot. Steep for 20 min at 150° - 160°F. Remove bags, drain and discard.
3. Bring to a boil. Remove the kettle from burner and stir in **6 lbs Gold Malt Syrup**, **1 lb Lactose** and **1 lb Golden Light DME**.
4. Return to boil. The mixture is now called "wort", the brewer's term for unfermented beer.  
**NOTE:** Total boil time is 60 min.
  - Add **1 oz Columbus** at the beginning of the boil.
  - Add **1 oz Cinnamon Sticks** with 10 minutes remaining in the boil.
5. Cool wort. When the 60-minute boil is finished, cool wort to approximately 100°F as rapidly as possible. Use a wort chiller, or put kettle in an ice bath in your sink.
6. Sanitize fermenting equipment and yeast pack. While wort cools, sanitize fermenting equipment (fermenter, lid or stopper, airlock, etc) along with yeast pack.
7. Fill primary fermenter with 2 gal cold water, then pour in cooled wort. Leave any thick sludge in bottom of kettle.
8. Add more cold water as needed to bring volume to 5 gal.
9. Aerate wort: Seal fermenter and rock back and forth to splash for a few mins, or use an aeration system and diffusion stone.
10. Measure the wort's specific gravity with a hydrometer. Record.
11. Add yeast once temperature of the wort is 70°F or lower. Sanitize and open yeast pack. Carefully pour contents into primary fermenter.
12. Seal fermenter. Add approx. 1 tbsp of water to sanitized fermentation lock. Insert airlock into rubber stopper or lid. Seal fermenter.
13. Move fermenter to a cool, dark, spot until fermentation begins.

## PRIMARY FERMENTATION

14. **Within 48 hours Active fermentation begins.**  
You'll see a cap of foam on the surface of the beer. Specific gravity as measured with a hydrometer will drop steadily. You may see bubbles in the fermentation lock. The optimum temp. for this beer is 62°- 70°F.
15. **Within 2 weeks Active fermentation ends.**  
Proceed to next step when:
  - Cap of foam falls back into the beer.
  - Bubbling in airlock slows down or stops.
  - Specific gravity as measured with a hydrometer is stable.

## SECONDARY FERMENTATION (OPTIONAL)

- NOTE:** You may skip transferring to a secondary fermentor and simply leave the beer in the primary fermentor.
16. Sanitize siphoning equipment, airlock, carboy bung or stopper. Siphon beer from primary fermenter into secondary. (optional - see above)
  17. Add **4 oz Cacao Nibs** and **0.25 oz De Arbol Chiles** (remove the seeds) to a container and add enough high proof alcohol to cover. Cover container and let rest overnight.
  18. Add the mixture of Cacao Nibs, De Arbol Chiles and alcohol directly to the new beer.
  19. Allow the beer to condition for 2 weeks before proceeding with the next step. Timing is now somewhat flexible.

## BOTTLING DAY (ABOUT 4 WEEKS AFTER BREWING DAY)

20. Sanitize siphoning and bottling equipment.
21. Mix a priming solution (sugar dissolved in water; carbonates bottled beer). Use the following amounts, depending on which type of sugar you use:
  - Corn sugar (dextrose) 2/3 cup in 16oz water.
  - Table sugar (sucrose) 5/8 cup in 16oz water.Bring solution to a boil. Pour into bottling bucket.
22. Siphon beer into bottling bucket and mix with priming solution. Stir gently to mix - *do not splash*.
23. Fill and cap bottles.

## CONDITIONING (ABOUT 6 WEEKS AFTER BREWING DAY)

24. Condition bottles at room temp. for 1-2 weeks. After this point, store bottles cool or cold.
25. Serving: Pour into a clean glass. Be careful to leave any sediment at the bottom of the bottle. Cheers!

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