



ALMOND PASTE

- 1 Pound Almonds
- 2 Cups Sugar
- 1 Cup Water
- 6 to 8 Tablespoons Orange Juice
- 2 to 3 Drops Rose Water

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Blanche almonds and grind them four times.
- 2. Combine water and sugar in a heavy saucepan and cook until the soft ball stage.
- 3. Add the ground nuts and juice.
- 4. Rose water can be omitted if needed.
- 5. Stir until thoroughly blended and creamy.
- 6. Let the paste cool until you can safely handle it.
- 7. Knead with confectioners' sugar coated hands and mold into the desired shape.
- 8. Store in a closely covered jar for 6 to 8 days to ripen.