

## HANDCRAFTED COFFEE CREAMERS ~ DAIRY, GLUTEN FREE OR THE WHOLE NINE YARDS



*Vanilla Bean Coffee Creamer made with Almond, Coconut and Cows Milk*

How do you take your coffee, black, with cream, flavored? I can never decide which I like better, so I go through phases. I alternate taking my coffee black then flip my taste buds 360 degrees, and consume copious amounts of store-bought coffee creamers, half and half, and heavy cream. I call these days, my “winter fattening” phase! The truth, I really like coffee creamer and drink it year round, despite my better judgement.

I fall prey to seasonal flavors each time I pass the dairy section of my grocer! As my creamer consumption reaches peak performance over the holidays, I decided to read the back of the container this week; a whopping forty-five (45) calories per tablespoon and little to no “cream” in, creamer!

*Water, sugar, corn syrup, corn syrup solids, partially hydrogenated soybean and cottonseed oils, less than 2% of natural and artificial flavors, sodium caseinate, (a milk derivative), mono – and diglycerides, dipotassium phosphate, and carageenan; these are the star performers of store bought coffee creamers.*

The Webster dictionary defines [Creamer](#) as a “non-dairy substitute for cream, and with less

than 2% of natural and artificial flavors, and only a milk derivative”, the definition is right on point. How can coffee creamer taste so darn good but have absolutely no nutritional value? Sometimes, ignorance is bliss!

As a matter of course, I decided to whip up my own, handcrafted coffee creamer.

Forgoing high fructose corn syrup, I chose to use organic sugar, real maple syrup is a fine alternative if your prefer another option. For sugar-free, dairy and gluten-free substitute almond, soy, rice or coconut milk for cow’s milk, and Stevia or Splenda sweetener for sugar. Simple to make at home and delicious, the creamer was a hit!

Rich and creamy, they are all delicious and can be flavored just about any which way you like!! My favorite for Thanksgiving, Pumpkin Spice made with real cream!



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Yields 2

This recipe utilizes almond, coconut and cow's milk to create three distinctly flavored coffee creamers: Creamy Vanilla Bean made with Cow's milk, Almond Vanilla Bean made with Almond milk, and Coconut Almond Cream made with coconut milk

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For Almond Vanilla Bean

1. 2 cups almond milk
2. 1/4 cup raw sugar
3. 1/2 vanilla bean, seeds removed and added to mix
4. 1/8 teaspoon almond extract
5. 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

For Creamy Vanilla Bean

1. 1 cup whole or 2% milk
2. 1 cup heavy cream
3. 1/4 cup raw sugar
4. 1/2 vanilla bean, seeds removed
5. 1/8 teaspoon almond extract
6. 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

For Coconut Almond Cream

1. 2 cups coconut milk
2. 1/4 cup raw sugar
3. 1/2 vanilla bean, seeds removed
4. 1/8 teaspoon almond extract

5. 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

#### Instructions

1. Whisk almond milk, sugar, vanilla seeds and pods together in a medium saucepan
2. Cook until milk begins to steam, remove from heat
3. add extracts, whisk to combine
4. Remove vanilla pods and discard
5. Refrigerate in a glass jar with tight fitting lid for up to 10 days

#### Notes

1. Creamer can also be made with rice or soy milk. Splenda, or Stevia can be substituted for the sugar

#### Optional

1. Spiked creamer, add Bailey's Irish Cream or Kahlua
2. Chocolate mint creamer add, 2 tablespoons powdered cocoa, 1 teaspoon peppermint extract and Creme de Menthe

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*Handcrafted Pumpkin Spice Coffee Creamer*



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Ingredients

1. 1 cup whole milk
2. 1 cup heavy cream
3. 3 tablespoons can pumpkin

4. 1 teaspoon pumpkin spice
5. 1/4 cup raw sugar
6. 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

#### Instructions

1. Whisk milk, sugar, pumpkin, and spice in a medium saucepan
2. Cook over medium heat until milk begins to steam, remove from heat
3. Add vanilla, whisk to combine
4. Refrigerate in a glass jar with tight fitting lid for up to 10 days

#### Notes

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