# Classic Rum Balls

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## Ingredients

- 1 cup pecans
- 2 cups Nilla wafer cookies
- 2 tablespoons cocoa powder (plus ¼ cup for rolling)
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/3 cup + 2 tablespoons spiced dark rum
- 2 tablespoons honey

#### **Directions**

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Place pecans on a baking sheet and toast for about 6-8 minutes until browned and fragrant, stirring the pecans halfway through. Set aside to cool.
- 2. Add the cookies to the bowl of a food processor and pulse into fine crumbs; transfer to a large bowl.
- 3. Add the cooled, toasted pecans to bowl of the food processor and pulse into fine bits, transfer to the bowl with the cookie crumbs.
- 4. Sift the 1 cup powdered sugar, 2 tablespoons cocoa powder, and salt over the bowl with the cookies/pecans and whisk everything together.
- 5. In a small bowl or measuring cup, whisk together the rum and honey until the honey is completely dissolved; add to the bowl with the cookies/pecans and mix until combined.
- 6. Squeeze a bit of the mixture and if it seems a bit dry, slowly add up to 1 tablespoon of water (or more rum) so that it holds together. If you find the batter extremely sticky, you can chill it for about 20 minutes before forming the balls.
- 7. Add the cookies to the bowl of a food processor and pulse into fine crumbs; transfer to a large bowl.
- 8. Use a cookie scoop to form the mixture into 1-inch balls, rolling them in the palms of your hands.
- 9. Coat half the balls in the extra powdered sugar and the other half in the extra cocoa powder. For ideal flavor, transfer to the fridge for 2-3 days before serving. Re-roll in the powdered sugar to fresh up.

### Credit

