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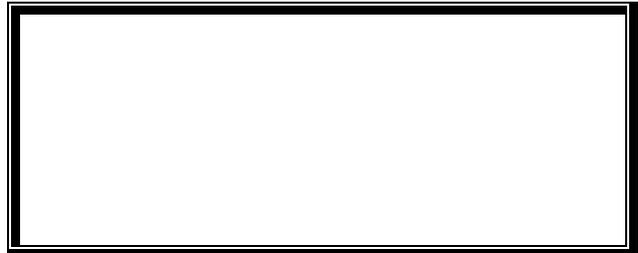
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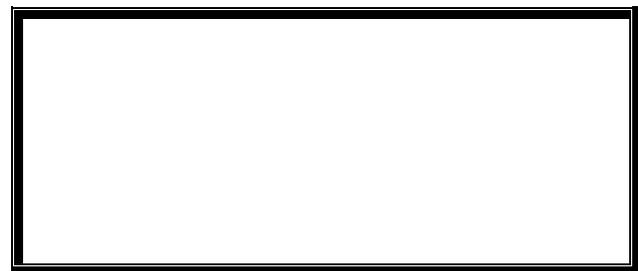
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	3/4 cup white sugar
1 (3 ounce) / 175g package cream cheese, softened	6 tablespoons cocoa
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1/4 cup, plus 1 Tablespoon white sugar	1/4 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon all-purpose flour	1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1 egg	1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract	1/2 cup white chocolate chips

Melt chocolate with 3 tablespoons of the butter in a microwave. Stir constantly until smooth. Set aside to cool.

Cream 2 tablespoons butter with cream cheese until smooth. Gradually add 1/4 cup sugar. Cream until light and fluffy. Blend in 1 egg, 1 tablespoon flour and 1/2 teaspoon vanilla. Set aside.

Beat 2 eggs until light and fluffy, then beat in 3 tablespoons butter. Gradually add 3/4 cup sugar and continue beating until thickened. Stir in cocoa powder, baking powder, salt and 1/2 cup flour. Add the cooled chocolate mixture, then stir in white chocolate chips and vanilla.

Spread half of the chocolate batter into an 8x8 inch greased baking pan. Spread the cream cheese mixture over the top. Then drop the remaining chocolate batter by tablespoons over the top of the cream cheese mixture. Swirl through batter layers with a spatula for a marbled look.

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