Baklava Cups

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Ingredients

1/2 cup pistachios 1/2 cup walnuts 1/2 cup almonds 1 lemon, zested 1/4 cup, plus 3 tablespoons sugar 2 tablespoons butter, melted 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon 1/2 teaspoon salt 1/4 teaspoon salt 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract 2 boxes mini filo shells, 15 shells each 1/2 cup water 1/4 cup honey

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Arrange the pistachios, walnuts, and almonds on a baking sheet and toast in the oven until golden and fragrant, about 8 minutes. Let nuts cool slightly and add to a food processor along with the lemon zest, 3 tablespoons of sugar, butter, cinnamon, salt, and vanilla and pulse to combine.

Place mini fillo shells in wells of 2 mini cupcake pans. Add 1 teaspoon of the nut mixture into each shell. Bake until filling is hot, about 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a small saucepan over medium heat add the water, 1/4 cup sugar and honey and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to a simmer and cook until reduced and slightly thickened, 8 to 10 minutes. Pour 1 teaspoon syrup into each cup and allow it to soak in, then repeat with another teaspoon. Refrigerate at least 5 hours, or overnight.