

Cleo Coyle's White Chocolate Mocha

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This heavenly drink is a winter favorite at many American coffeehouses—so, of course, we put it on the menu of our beloved fictional Village Blend. Perfect for a snowy night, it tastes like a rich, warm, coffee-infused milkshake. Marc and I originally published a version of this recipe in our Coffeehouse Mystery **Holiday Grind**. To learn more about us and our books, [click here](#). May you drink (and read) with joy! ~ Cleo

Makes one serving

1/2 cup milk

1/4 cup good quality white chocolate, chopped

1/4 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

1–2 shots (1/4 cup) hot espresso or double-strength coffee*

Whipped cream (optional)

White chocolate curls**

Step 1: Combine milk and white chocolate in a heatproof bowl and place over a saucepan about one-third full of boiling water. (The water level should be under the bowl and not touching it.) Stir constantly until chocolate is melted.

Step 2: Whip in the vanilla using a whisk, hand blender, or electric mixer. Continue to whip about a minute until the warm mixture is loosely frothy.

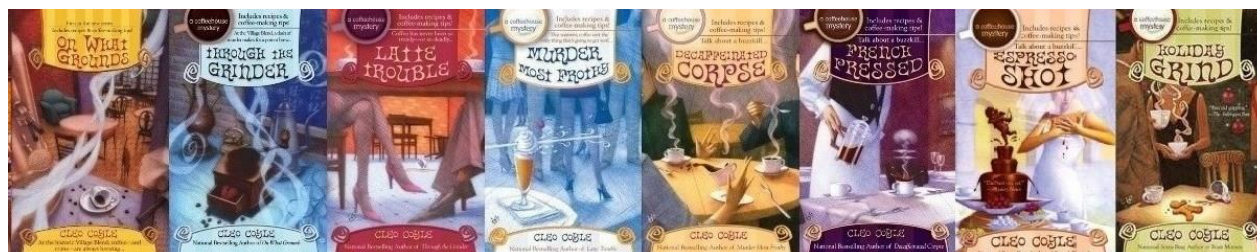
Step 3: Pour the espresso into a large mug. Add the steamed white chocolate milk and stir to blend the flavors. You can top with whipped cream and white chocolate shavings, but it's just as delicious without.

***Note on coffee:** For double-strength coffee, simply make a strong version of your regular cup. For instance, in a drip coffee maker, instead of using 1½ to 2 tablespoons of ground coffee for every six ounces of water, use 3 to 4 tablespoons.

****Note on curls:** To create chocolate curls, start with a block of room temperature chocolate. Using a vegetable peeler, scrape the block and you'll see curls of chocolate peel away.



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