Hot Merry Mocha

6 tablespoons cocoa 1 to 2 tablespoons powdered instant coffee 1/8 teaspoon salt 1 14-ounce can sweetened condensed milk Sweetened whipped cream (optional)

In 4-quart saucepan, combine cocoa, coffee granules, and salt. Stir in water. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until mixture boils. Stir in sweetened condensed milk. Heat thoroughly; do not boil. Beat with rotary beater or whisk until foamy. Serve topped with a dollop of whipped cream, if desired. Makes about 10 6-ounce servings.

Variation:

For Minted Hot Chocolate, follow above directions, omitting instant coffee. Stir in 1/4 to ¹/₂ teaspoon mint extract before beating. Serve with candy cane for stirrer if desired.