

CARROT CAKE BREAKFAST MUFFINS



Ingredients

Wet Ingredients

1/2 cup oil
1/2 cup orange juice + pulp (or crushed pineapple + juice)
1 tbsp orange zest
1 tsp vanilla
1/2 cup brown sugar (or mashed banana)
2 eggs

Dry Ingredients

I ¼ cups whole wheat flour I tsp baking powder ½ tsp baking soda ½ tsp salt I tsp ground cinnamon ½ tsp ground cardamom ½ tsp ground ginger ¼ tsp ground nutmeg

Texture Ingredients

3/4 cup rolled oats
 2 tbsp ground flax seeds
 2 tbsp hemp seeds
 I cup shredded carrot
 I cup diced apple
 1/2 cup dried fruit or chopped nuts

Toppings

12-16 whole pecans



Instructions

Servings 12-16 Prep 25 mins Bake 30 mins

- I. Peel and grate the carrot, dice the apple, then set both aside.
- 2. Preheat the oven to 350°F.
- 3. Line a muffin baking tray with muffin cups.
- 4. Zest the outsides of the oranges, adding the zest to the oil. Cut the oranges in half and squeeze out the juice and orange flesh directly into a large mixing bowl.
- 5. Add the oil, brown sugar, vanilla and eggs, then stir.
- 6. Next add the flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt and spices. Stir until fully incorporated into the wet ingredients, but do not over-mix.
- 7. Add the rolled oats, seeds, then stir the batter.
- 8. Lastly, add the grated carrot, diced apple, and dried fruit or nuts. Fold into the batter gently.
- 9. Spoon the batter into the muffin cups. The cups should be about ¾ full of batter.
- 10. Top each muffin cup with a whole pecan, if desired.
- Bake the muffins at 350°F for 25-30 minutes, or until a cake tester or knife pulls out clean from a muffin.
- 12. Let the muffins cool before serving, or just eat a couple while they're piping hot out of the oven. Store in the fridge in an airtight container for up to 5 days. Enjoy!