Carrot Apple Zucchini Bread

Prep timeCook timeTotal time10 mins55 mins1 hour 5 mins

This Carrot Apple Zucchini Bread recipe is incredibly moist and flavorful! Vibrant colors from the carrot, apple, and zucchini makes this quick bread irresistible! Sure to be a new favorite!

Serves: 24 servings

Ingredients

- 1 cup unsalted butter, melted
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 3 eggs, room temperature
- ¼ cup fresh orange juice
- 1 tbsp vanilla extract
- 3¼ cups all-purpose flour
- ½ tsp salt
- 2½ tsp baking powder
- ¾ tsp baking soda
- 1 tbsp cinnamon
- pinch of ground cloves
- pinch of ground nutmeg
- 2 cups shredded carrots
- 1 cup shredded zucchini
- 1 cup diced, peeled apple (Granny Smith, Fuji, whatever you have on hand)
- ½ cup pecans, chopped

Cream Cheese Glaze/Frosting

- ½ cup cream cheese, softened
- ¼ cup butter, softened
- 2 3 cups powdered sugar
- 1-3 tbsp orange juice as needed

Instructions

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
- 2. Grease and flour two 8x4 inch loaf pans. Line with parchment paper and set aside. (I use the <u>baking spray with flour in it.</u>)
- 3. Place zucchini in a large kitchen towel. Bring up the four corners and twist. Squeeze the towel to extract all the liquid from the zucchini, or as much as you can. Set aside.
- 4. In a large bowl, whisk together flour, salt, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, cloves, and nutmeg together. Set aside.
- 5. In a separate large bowl, whisk together the butter and sugar.
- 6. Add eggs, orange juice, and vanilla and whisk until combined.
- 7. Fold dry ingredients into wet ingredients along with the shredded carrots, shredded zucchini, apples, and pecans.
- 8. Pour into prepared pans.
- 9. Bake until golden brown, 55 to 60 minutes, or until loaves spring back when gently pressed with fingers.
- 10. Let cool completely before icing.

Cream Cheese Glaze/Frosting

- 1. Cream together cream cheese and butter with a hand mixer.
- 2. Add in 2 cups of powdered sugar and continue mixing. Drizzle in orange juice until desired consistency is achieved.
- 3. Frost bread and enjoy!

Notes

The carrots and zucchini in this recipe are interchangeable. Feel free to use less or more of each. You just want three cups total.