

SERVES: 12

PREP TIME: 20 MIN

COOK TIME: 13-15 MIN, PLUS COOLING TIME SKILL LEVEL:

REQUIRES USE OF:



CINNAMON & SUGAR CUPCAKES

INGREDIENTS:

For layering: 1½ tablespoons cinnamon 4 tablespoons sugar

For batter:

2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
2 tablespoons cinnamon
1/2 cup butter, room temperature
1/2 cup sugar
2 large eggs
1/4 cup plain Greek yogurt
1½ cups applesauce, unsweetened
2 tablespoons pure vanilla extract
1/2 cup milk, room temperature

ITEMS TO GATHER:

apron measuring cups measuring spoons oven-safe mitts small spoon mixing spoon hand mixer ice cream scoop small bowl medium mixing bowl large mixing bowl silicone baking cups wire cooling rack 12-cup muffin tin



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GET COOKIN'!

INSTRUCTIONS:

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Place}}$ all your ingredients, prep and cooking tools on the counter near your cooking area.

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Place 12 silicone baking cups into a 12-cup muffin tin and set aside.

In a small bowl, using a small spoon, mix together the cinnamon and sugar (for layering) and set aside.

In a large mixing bowl add the flour, baking powder, baking soda and cinnamon. Combine thoroughly using a mixing spoon. Set aside.

In a medium mixing bowl, add the butter, sugar, eggs, yogurt, applesauce, and vanilla. Combine thoroughly using a hand mixer.

Add the wet ingredients from the medium mixing bowl into the dry ingredients in the large mixing bowl. Mix together until just combined using a hand mixer.

Using a hand mixer on the lowest speed, slowly incorporate the milk into the batter mixture.

Using an ice cream scoop or small measuring cup, add the batter mixture into the bottom 1/4 of each silicone baking cup. Add a layer of the cinnamon and sugar mixture, another layer of the batter and top with a light dusting of the cinnamon and sugar mixture. The silicone baking cups should only be filled 3/4 way to prevent spillage.

Using oven-safe mitts, carefully open the preheated oven, place the muffin tin on the center rack and bake for 13-15 minutes.

Using oven-safe mitts, carefully open the oven and remove the muffin tin. Let rest for 10 minutes before transferring the individual cupcakes onto a cooling rack.

Once completely cool, top each cupcake with Cinnamon Buttercream Frosting (see recipe below).

ENJOY!

CINNAMON BUTTERCREAM FROSTING

 $1\!\!\!\!/_2$ cups butter, room temperature

- 1 tablespoon cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

5 cups powdered sugar

Using a hand mixer on a high speed, beat the butter together until fluffy. Add cinnamon and vanilla extract to the fluffy butter.

Slowly add in the powdered sugar and continue to combine with a hand mixer until fully incorporated.

Yields enough frosting to top 12 cupcakes.