

Ingredients:

Filling

2 cups (500 mL) pitted and halved fresh or frozen sweet cherries ½ cup (75 mL) granulated sugar

2 tbsp (30 mL) lemon juice

1 tbsp (15 mL) corn starch ½ tsp (2 mL) almond extract

Loaf

2 ½ cups (625 mL) all-purpose flour 2 tsp (10 mL) baking powder

Directions:

Filling: In a small saucepan, combine cherries, sugar, lemon juice and corn starch; bring to a simmer over medium heat, stirring frequently until thickened, about 3 to 8 minutes. Stir in almond extract; transfer to a shallow bowl to cool

Preheat oven to 325°F (160°C). Line a 9- x 5-inch (23 x 13 cm) loaf pan with parchment paper, leaving 1-inch (2.5 cm) extending over edges for handles. Set aside.

Loaf. In a medium bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, 1 single spice mix, baking soda and salt. In a large bowl, whisk eggs, sugar, oil and yogurt until smooth. Add dry ingredients and whisk until iust combined. 1 single spice mix

1/2 tsp (2 mL) baking soda

½ tsp (2 mL) salt

3 eggs

1¼ cup (300 mL) granulated sugar

% cup (150 mL) vegetable oil cup (75 mL) plain yogurt

2 tbsp (30 mL) sliced almonds

Glaze

1/3 cup (75 mL) icing sugar 2 tsp (10 mL) milk

Pour half of the batter into the prepared pan. Spoon half of the cherry filling evenly over batter. Layer with remaining batter and cherry filling; sprinkle with sliced almonds. Bake for 55 to 60 minutes until a toothpick inserted into centre of loaf comes out clean.

Let cool for 10 minutes and remove the loaf to a cooling rack to cool completely.

Glaze: In a small bowl, whisk together icing sugar and milk. Drizzle glaze over cooled loaf and let set before slicing.

Single Spice Mix:

1 tsp (5 mL) ground cinnamon 1 tsp (5 mL) ground ginger 1/4 tsp (1 mL) ground cardamom 1/4 tsp (1 mL) ground cloves

Combine spices in a small bowl, stir until blended.





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