

Apple Crisp



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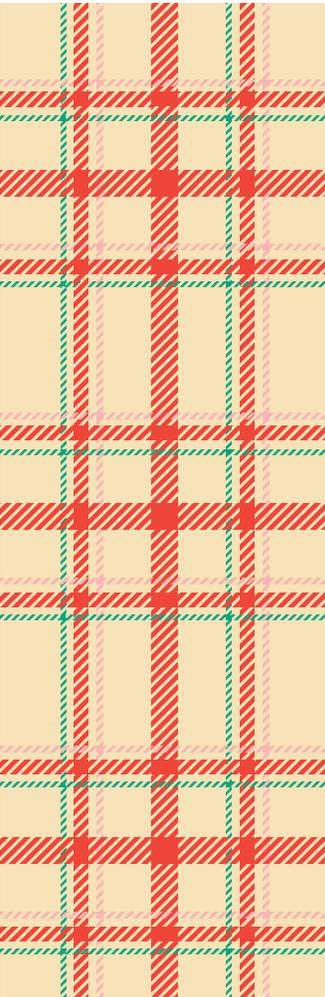
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- 8 tbsp cold unsalted butter, cut into cubes
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2. In a large bowl, add cubed apples, sugar, cinnamon and lemon juice. Toss until apples are fully coated.
3. Spread apples down into buttered pan.
4. Then, make topping. Add all ingredients to a mixing bowl.
5. Using your fingers, break up the cold butter and incorporate into the other ingredients. Mixture should be crumbly.
6. Spread topping over the apple layer.
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- 1 c unsalted butter
- ¼ tsp kosher salt
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 c packed brown sugar
- 2 c chopped, good-quality semi-sweet chocolate

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1. Preheat the oven to 400°F. Line a 10x15-inch jelly roll pan with nonstick aluminum foil. Place the saltine crackers in a single layer on the bottom.
2. Place the brown sugar, butter, and salt in a medium-sized saucepan. Cook on medium heat, stirring frequently, until the butter melts. Continue to cook, stirring often, for another 3 to 5 minutes, until the mixture comes to a boil and sugar melts and emulsifies with the butter into a smooth sauce. Do not allow the mixture to boil longer than 30 seconds. Remove from heat and stir in the vanilla extract.
3. Pour the hot brown sugar mixture over the saltine crackers. Spread to evenly coat the crackers.
4. Bake for 5 minutes. The caramel will be hot and bubbly throughout.
5. Meanwhile, place the chocolate in a microwave-safe bowl. Cook it in the microwave in 30-second intervals, stirring each time, until the chocolate has fully melted (about 1½ minutes total).
6. Once the crackers are done baking, remove from the oven and allow to cool for 1 minute exactly. Pour the chocolate over the baked crackers. Use a spatula to spread the chocolate evenly over the top.
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Christmas Tree Coffeecakes



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DOUGH

- 1 pkg dry yeast
- ¼ c warm water
- ½ c butter
- 1½ c scalded milk
- ½ c sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 tsp salt
- 6-7 c flour

FILLING

- 1 c sugar
- 4 tsp cinnamon
- ½ c mini chocolate chips
- 3 tbsp melted butter

TOPPING

- green & red sanding sugar
- red hots, if desired
- extra filling from above

INSTRUCTIONS

DOUGH

1. Soften package of yeast in warm water.
2. Melt ½ c of butter in 1½ scalded milk and cool to lukewarm. When cool, add yeast mix to milk/butter mixture and mix well.
3. Add sugar, eggs and salt until combined. Add flour 1 cup at a time (takes 6-7 cups... you want your dough to be stiff, but not so stiff that it's not malleable).
4. Place into bowl and cover with towel to rise for 1-2 hours. Punch dough down and let rise for another 30 minutes under cloth.

TREES

5. Separate dough into 3 balls. Roll out into tree shape (triangle).
6. Brush generously with melted butter. Fill with thin layer of filling mixture. Fold sides of dough in and bottom up.
7. Flip tree onto cookie sheet and cut leaves and twist.
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- 3-4 c sugar
- 2-3 peeled and chopped apples
- zest of 1 orange
- juice from 1 orange
- 2 heaping spoonfuls of orange marmalade

DIP

- 3 (8 oz) blocks cream cheese
- 1 jar diced jalapeños

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Put relish ingredients into a pot and boil. Let simmer 15 minutes until cranberries pop.
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- 1 c pure maple syrup
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- ¼ c expeller-pressed coconut oil or ghee
- 1 c raw cashew butter
- 6 tbsp arrowroot powder
- 2 tsp pure vanilla extract
- ½ tsp fine sea salt
- 12 oz unsweetened baking chocolate (100% cacao), chopped

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Line a 9x13-in baking dish with parchment paper and leave flaps hanging over the side of the dish for easy removal.
2. In a saucepan over medium-low heat, combine the maple syrup, coconut sugar, and coconut oil. Stir until the coconut sugar melts and the mixture is liquid, about 5 minutes. Whisk in the cashew butter, arrowroot powder, vanilla, salt and chocolate and continue stirring over low heat until the chocolate melts and everything is well blended, about 5 minutes more.
3. Pour fudge into the prepared baking dish and smooth the top with a rubber spatula. Chill in the refrigerator until set, about 6 hours. Cut into squares and serve.

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INGREDIENTS

BISQUITS

- 6 c 1-1 gluten-free flour blend
(Bob's Red Mill)
- 6 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp salt
- 1½ c dairy-free butter
(Earth Balance)
- 2¼ c dairy-free milk
(Good Karma Flax Milk)

CINNAMON COATING

- 4 tbsp cinnamon
- 1 c sugar
- ⅓ c brown sugar
- ¼ c dairy-free butter, melted

VANILLA GLAZE

- 1 c confectioner's sugar
- 2 tbsp coconut milk
(or other non-dairy milk)
- ½ tsp vanilla extract

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.

MAKE THE DOUGH

1. Using a stand mixer, combine the flour, baking powder and salt on low.
2. Add in the butter a little at a time until soft dough starts to form.
3. Add dairy-free milk and beat on medium speed approx 20 seconds, so the dough is soft. Set aside.

MAKE THE CINNAMON COATING

1. Melt the ½ c of the butter in a small bowl.
2. In a small bowl, mix the cinnamon and cane sugar. You will use the brown sugar and additional butter later.
3. Lightly spray your bundt pan with non-stick spray.
4. On a lightly floured surface, roll the dough into 1" thick square. Cut into smaller squares and form each square into moderate size dough balls (should have around 40-45 total).
5. Dip each ball, one by one, into melted butter and then into cinnamon sugar mix until evenly coated. Place each ball into the bundt pan, arranging in even layers, working up the sides of the pan. Melt the remaining ¼ cup of butter and whisk in the brown sugar until combined. Pour the buttery mixture over the cinnamon sugar biscuits. Bake for 35-40 minutes or until golden brown on top. Cool for 5-10 minutes and invert onto a large serving plate to release the Monkey Bread.

MAKE THE GLAZE

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(any fat percentage)
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- ½ tsp salt
- ½ tsp garlic powder
- 1½ c cheese*
(asiago, cheddar, pecorino romano or parmesan cheese, etc.)

*Can substitute cheese for some bacon, spinach, veggies, etc.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 400°F.
2. If using individual tart pans (about 4 inches in diameter), cut the puff pastry into quarters with a sharp knife or pizza cutter for 8. If using a muffin tin, cut the puff pastry evenly into squares. Grease and line tins with the puff pastry squares, letting the corner points drape over the edges of the pan. They will not reach to the top of the tin.
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1 c all purpose flour
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⅓ c packed brown sugar
1 egg yolk
¾ c buttermilk
¼ c molasses
3 tbsp butter, melted

TOPPINGS

maple syrup
confectioner's sugar

INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a large bowl, combine flour, baking powder, ginger, cinnamon, baking soda, salt and cloves. Set aside.
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4. Bake until golden brown on both sides. Sprinkle with confectioner's sugar, if desired.

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- 1 lb fresh green beans, cut/ snapped into 3-5" pieces
- 1 pkg bacon
- 2 tbsp brown sugar
- 4 tbsp worcestershire
- ½ tsp garlic powder
- 2 tbsp butter

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Cut bacon into thirds.
3. Wrap 4-5 green beans with sliced bacon strips and place in 9x13-inch baking dish.
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- 1 c shredded mexican cheese blend
- 1 c shredded parmesan cheese
- 4 oz chopped green chiles
- 4 oz chopped pickled jalapeños
- 1 c panko bread crumbs
- ¼ c salted butter, melted
salt, pepper, dried parsley (to taste)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 375°F. Spray a 2-qt casserole dish with nonstick cooking spray.
2. Using an electric mixer (or a food processor), mix together the cream cheese, mayonnaise, mexican blend cheese, ½ cup parmesan cheese, green chiles and jalapeños. Add a pinch of salt and pepper.
3. Spread the dip filling into your casserole dish.
4. In a bowl, mix together panko bread crumbs, ½ cup parmesan cheese and melted butter (and a bit of dried parsley, optional).
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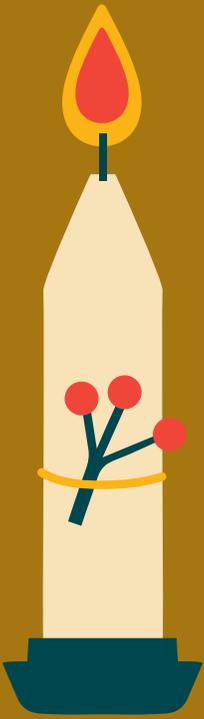
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- 1/3 c milk
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- 8 oz cool whip
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- 1 box vanilla wafer cookies, graham crackers, pretzels or fruit for dipping

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Soften the cream cheese.
2. Blend cream cheese with vanilla, cool whip, and milk until smooth.
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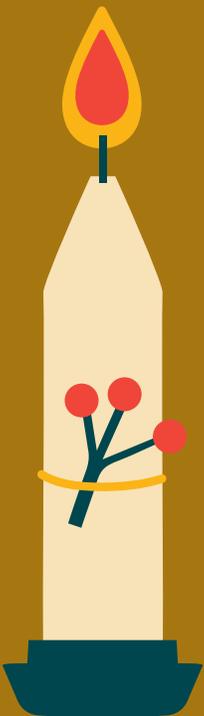
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- 4 tsp lightly packed, finely grated orange zest
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- 2 (8-oz) cans refrigerated crescent rolls
- 1 c chopped walnuts

GLAZE

- 2 c powdered sugar, sifted
- finely grated zest of 2 oranges
- 2 tsp pure vanilla extract
- ¼-½ c fresh orange juice

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 375°F.

MAKE THE ROLLS

1. In a medium bowl, place the butter, brown sugar, orange zest and cinnamon and use a large fork to mash mixture into a paste.
2. Open one can of crescent dough and unroll the dough onto a work surface. Press all the perforations closed to make a single rectangle. Spread half the butter mixture evenly over the dough. Scatter half the walnuts over the butter. Starting with one long side, roll up the rectangle to form a log. Repeat with the remaining can of dough, butter mixture, and walnuts.
3. Cut each log crosswise into 6 pieces. Arrange the pieces cut side up in an 8-inch round cake pan.
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Sausage Quiche



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- 4 eggs, slightly beaten
- ¼ tsp salt
- ¼ tsp pepper
- ½ lb Jimmy Dean cooked breakfast sausage
- 1 c (4 oz) shredded cheddar cheese
- ¼ c grated parmesan cheese
- 1 tbsp chopped onion, if desired

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Heat oven to 350°F. Place pie crust in 9-inch glass pie plate as directed on box for One-Crust Filled Pie.
2. In medium bowl, mix half-and-half, eggs, salt and pepper; set aside. Layer cooked sausage crumbles, cheeses and onion in crust-lined plate. Pour egg mixture over top.
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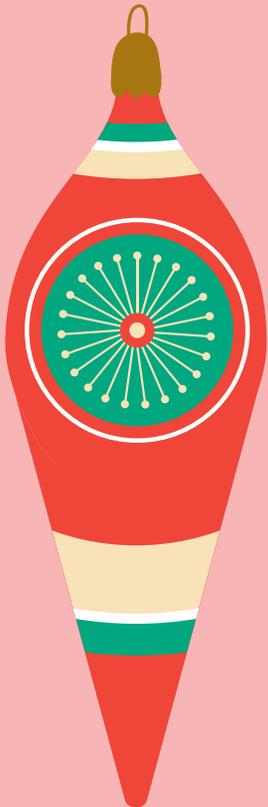


INGREDIENTS

- 1 Pillsbury pie crust, softened
(from one 14.1-oz, refrigerated package)
- 1 c half-and-half
- 4 eggs, slightly beaten
- ¼ tsp salt
- ¼ tsp pepper
- ½ lb Jimmy Dean cooked breakfast sausage
- 1 c (4 oz) shredded cheddar cheese
- ¼ c grated parmesan cheese
- 1 tbsp chopped onion, if desired

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Heat oven to 350°F. Place pie crust in 9-inch glass pie plate as directed on box for One-Crust Filled Pie.
2. In medium bowl, mix half-and-half, eggs, salt and pepper; set aside. Layer cooked sausage crumbles, cheeses and onion in crust-lined plate. Pour egg mixture over top.
3. Bake 40 to 50 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Let stand 5 minutes; cut into wedges.





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INSTRUCTIONS

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2. Slice into ¼-inch swirls. Place on cookie sheet. Bake at 350°F for 20 minutes, or until lightly browned.

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