

Super Yummy Pumpkin Cake

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Prep Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 40 minutes

Total Time: 55 minutes

Ingredients:

2 cups sugar

1 cup vegetable oil

4 large eggs (to make this "egg free" use 7 oz of ostrich or emu egg; premixed, meaning yolk and white mixed together)

2 cups all-purpose flour (to make this gluten free, substitute your favorite gluten free flour or baking mix, I prefer Pamela's Pancake and Baking Mix)

2 teaspoons baking soda

1 teaspoon freshly ground nutmeg

1 Tablespoon pumpkin pie spice

1/2 teaspoon ground ginger

1 teaspoon baking powder

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 Tablespoon vanilla

2 cups pumpkin puree or cooked mashed pumpkin

Optional; 1/2 cup chopped pecans or $\frac{3}{4}$ c. mini chocolate chips

Preparation:

Combine sugar, vegetable oil, vanilla and eggs in a large mixing bowl; mix well. Sift dry ingredients into a separate bowl; stir into oil mixture, beating well. Stir in pumpkin puree. (Stir in optional nuts or chocolate chips)

Pour batter into a greased and floured bundt cake pan. Bake at 350° for 45 to 55 minutes until toothpick inserted comes out clean. Turn out onto rack to cool. Invert onto a cake plate, and pour pumpkin chocolate ganache over the top, and serve.

Pumpkin Chocolate Ganache

8 oz. 72% cacao dark chocolate, chopped into small pieces

8 oz. Heavy cream

1 ½ Tablespoons pumpkin pie spice

Place the chopped chocolate in a heatproof bowl. Place the heavy cream and pumpkin pie spice in a small saucepan, and scald, stirring occasionally. Let the spices steep for 5 minutes, then pour the cream over the chopped chocolate. Let sit for 5 minutes, then stir to combine.