

Banana Bread with a Twist

A classic with a customizable twist add walnuts, chocolate chips, or a sprinkle of cinnamon. Banana bread is warm, comforting, and perfect for sharing!

Ingredients

3 ripe bananas, mashed 1/3 cup melted butter 3/4 cup sugar 1 egg, beaten 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1 teaspoon baking soda

A pinch of salt

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

Optional: 1/2 cup chocolate chips or nuts

Directions

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°F (175°C). Grease a loaf pan.
- Mix mashed bananas and melted butter in a bowl. Stir in sugar, egg, and vanilla.
- 3. Add baking soda, salt, and flour, mixing until just combined.
- 4. Pour into pan and bake for 50-60 minutes, or until a toothpick comes out clean.

Notes

· You can add a dollop of whipped cream or vanilla ice cream.





Vegetable & Herb Soup

This cozy, nourishing soup is packed with veggies and can be tailored to whatever you have on hand. Great for friends or neighbors needing a little comfort!

Ingredients

2 tablespoons olive oil 1 onion, chopped 2 carrots, sliced 2 celery stalks, sliced

2 cloves garlic, minced 1 zucchini, chopped

1 potato, diced 1 can diced tomatoes

4 cups vegetable broth

Fresh herbs (thyme, parsley,

basil), chopped

Salt and pepper to taste

Directions

- Heat oil in a large pot. Add onion, carrots, celery, and garlic; cook until soft.
- Add zucchini, potato, tomatoes, and broth. Simmer for 20-25 minutes.
- Season with salt, pepper, and fresh herbs. Serve warm with bread or crackers.





Chewy Oatmeal Raisin Cookies

These cookies are soft, chewy, and a wonderful treat to give to anyone who could use a little sweetness. The recipe also works well with dried cranberries or chocolate chips instead of raisins.

Ingredients

- $1/2\ \mathrm{cup}\ \mathrm{butter},\ \mathrm{softened}$
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar 1 egg
- l teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3/4 cup flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 11/2 cups old-fashioned oats
- 3/4 cup raisins

Directions

- Preheat oven to 350°F (175°C). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
- 2. Cream butter and sugars until fluffy. Add egg and vanilla; mix well.
- 3. Stir in flour, baking soda, cinnamon, and salt. Add oats and raisins.
- 4. Drop spoonfuls onto the baking sheet and bake for 10-12 minutes.

