

Honey Pumpkin Bread

Recipe Source: www.cookieandkate.com Yield: One 9x5-inch loaf

Ingredients:

¹/₃ cup canola oil ¹/₂ cup honey 2 eggs 1 cup pumpkin purée ¹/₄ cup low-fat milk (or non-dairy milk) 1 tsp vanilla 1 ¹/₂ tsp pumpkin pie spice blend (or see substitute below) 1 tsp baking soda ¹/₂ tsp salt 1 ³/₄ cups white whole wheat flour (or 1 cup white whole wheat flour plus ³/₄ cup all-purpose) Optional: ¹/₂ cup mix-ins like chopped walnuts or pecans, semi-sweet chocolate chips, raisins, dried cranberries, etc.

Steps:

- Preheat oven to 325° and lightly grease a 9x5-inch loaf pan.
- In a large bowl, whisk together the oil and honey. Add the eggs and whisk until blended.
- Add the pumpkin puree, milk, and vanilla and whisk to combine.
- In a separate bowl, combine the pumpkin pie spice, baking soda, salt, flour, and mix-ins (if using). With a wooden spoon, gently stir the dry ingredients into the pumpkin mixture just until combined.
- Pour the batter into the prepared loaf pan and sprinkle lightly with additional cinnamon if desired. If you would
 like a pretty swirled effect, run the tip of a knife across the batter in a zig-zag pattern.
- Bake for 50-60 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out a little wet with moist crumbs. (If you bake until it comes out completely clean, you may have over-baked.) Let the bread cool in the loaf pan for 10 minutes before turning out onto a wire rack to cool. Wait at least 20 minutes before slicing.

Tips from the Test Kitchen: If you don't have pumpkin pie spice you can use $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp cinnamon, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp ground ginger, $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp ground nutmeg, and $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp cloves or allspice instead.

<u>Nutritional Facts (per serving)</u>: Calories: 215, Carbohydrates: 31 grams, Protein: 5 grams, Total Fat: 9 grams, Saturated Fat: 1 gram, Cholesterol: 38 mg, Sodium: 261 mg, Fiber: 3 grams, Total Sugars: 14 grams.