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Gluten-Free Recipes and Tips for Gluten-Free Cooking and Baking

If you have celiac disease or gluten sensitivity, you will probably need to do a lot more cooking from scratch. Investing in one or more good gluten-free cookbooks will be helpful. Here are some gluten-free recipes you might enjoy.

Buckwheat Banana Pancakes

Serves 4 (serving size: 2 pancakes)

Ingredients:

½ cup buckwheat flour

1/4 cup brown rice flour

1/4 cup finely ground almond flour or meal

2 tablespoons cornstarch

1 tablespoon finely ground flaxseed

2 teaspoons baking powder

½ teaspoon baking soda

1 teaspoon cinnamon ¼ teaspoon allspice 1/4 teaspoon salt

1 egg

½ cup plain nonfat yogurt

½ cup skim milk

2 tablespoons honey

2 tablespoons vegetable oil

1 ripe banana, mashed

2 teaspoons vegetable oil

(to coat griddle or skillet)

Directions:

In a large bowl, combine the dry ingredients, from the buckwheat flour through the salt. In a medium bowl, mix the egg, yogurt, milk, honey, oil • and banana; add wet ingredients to dry ingredients and stir until just moistened.

Coat a hot griddle or skillet with vegetable oil. Pour the batter by ¼ cupfuls onto the griddle. When bubbles form on top of each pancake and it is browned on the bottom, flip it over. Cook until the other side is also brown.

Serve with warm syrup, fruit butter or fruit topping.

Tip: To save time, premix the dry ingredients and store them in an airtight container in the refrigerator. This recipe takes 1½ cups of premixed dry ingredients.

Nutrition Information Per Serving:

320 calories 8 g protein 51 g carbohydrate 10 g fat 54 mg cholesterol

560 mg sodium 4 g fiber

Spiced Quinoa Cereal

Serves 4 (Serving size: ½ cup dry cereal or ¾ cup cooked cereal)

Ingredients:

2 cups quinoa flakes 1/4 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons brown sugar 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
1/8 teaspoon allspice



Directions:

Mix all ingredients together and store the cereal in an airtight container.

When you're ready to eat the cereal for breakfast, mix ½ cup of the dry mix with 1 cup of water (or milk) in a deep dish.

Microwave for 2-3 minutes.

Tip: Add fruit such as blueberries or banana slices and nuts for a crunchy texture.

Nutrition Information Per Serving:

194 calories 4.6 g protein 39 g carbohydrate 2 g fat 0 mg cholesterol

111 mg sodium 3.5 g fiber

Land O'Lakes Gluten-Free Flour Blend

This gluten-free flour was highly recommended by users of this web site: http://www.landolakes.com/recipe/1471/gluten-free-flour-blend

Ingredients:

2 cups rice flour ¹/₃ cup tapioca

2/3 cup potato starch 1 teaspoon xanthum gum

Directions:

Combine all ingredients in bowl; stir.

Use mixture in baking recipes. Store mixture in container with tight-fitting lid; stir before using.

Nutrition Information Per 1/3 Cup Serving:

140 calories 2 g protein 33 g carbohydrate 0 g fat 0 mg cholesterol

0 mg sodium 1 g dietary fiber

Here are some tips that might be helpful to you when cooking and baking gluten-free.

Tips for Gluten-Free Cooking.

- Pancakes, crêpes or cookies Use your normal recipe, but substitute sorghum flour or brown rice flour for the wheat flour.
- Breaded fish or chicken Coat fish or chicken with brown rice crackers that have been ground •or with cornmeal.
- Pasta or noodles Choose brown rice pasta, quinoa pasta or corn pasta, or enjoy your favorite veggies and sauce on a bed of polenta or spaghetti squash.
- Tortillas Skip the wheat tortillas, and enjoy corn masa tortillas.
- **Pan gravy** Thicken pan drippings with cornstarch or arrowroot.

Tips for Gluten-Free Baking

- Pick recipes that include yogurt, applesauce or puréed fruit to boost moistness, as gluten-free baked goods tend to be dry. Banana bread and carrot cake, for example, can be delicious.
- Substitute brown sugar for white sugar to add flavor and moistness.
- Double the vanilla. Use good vanilla, and up the amount to smooth out the flavor of unfamiliar gluten-free flours.
- Bring all ingredients to room temperature for best results.
- Remove baked goods from their tins and pans as soon as possible. Gluten-free foods can get soggy more easily than wheat-based baked goods if you let them sit.

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