Easy recipes for an unskilled person

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1 Salty Stuff

2 Sweet stuff

2.1 Chocolate muffin

Ingredients:

- 2 Cups flour
- 1 Cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup unsweetened natural cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 and 3/4 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 2 large eggs at room temperature
- 3/4 cup full fat sour cream or plain yogurt at room temperature
- 1/2 vegetable oil
- 1/2 whole milk at room temperature
- 1 and 1/2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract

How to:

- 1. Preheat oven to 425°F (218°C). Spray a 12-count muffin pan with nonstick spray or use cupcake liners. This recipe yields about 14 muffins, so prepare a second muffin pan in the same manner or bake in batches and reserve leftover batter at room temperature for when the first batch is done.
- 2. Whisk the flour, sugar, cocoa powder, baking soda, salt, and chocolate chips together in a large bowl. Set aside.

- 3. Whisk the eggs, sour cream, oil, milk, and vanilla extract together until combined. Pour wet ingredients into dry ingredients and fold together with a rubber spatula or wooden spoon until completely combined. (Batter is quite thick, so I recommend a spatula or spoon over a whisk.) Avoid overmixing. The batter will be thick and sticky.
- 4. Spoon the batter into liners, filling them all the way to the top. Bake for 5 minutes at 425°F then, keeping the muffins in the oven, reduce the oven temperature to 350°F (177°C). Bake for an additional 15-16 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. The total time these muffins take in the oven is about 20-21 minutes, give or take. (For mini muffins, bake 13-14 total minutes at 350°F (177°C) the whole time.)
- 5. Cool muffins for 10 minutes in the pan, then transfer to a wire rack until ready to eat.
- 6. Cover leftover muffins and store at room temperature for 5 days or in the refrigerator for 1 week.

2.2 Lemon muffin

Ingredients topping:

- 1/4 cup flour
- 2 tablespoons
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter at room temperature

How to topping:

1. Make the streusel first: combine the ingredients and rub together with your fingers until the butter is incorporated and the mixture has a dry crunmbly texture. Set aside.

Ingredients:

- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- \bullet 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- zest of 2 lemons
- 1 teaspoon lemon extract (optional)
- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 2 tsp baking powder
- \bullet 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

• 2 cups all purpose flour, using the fluff, scoop, and level method

How to:

- 1. Preheat the oven to 375°F Line a muffin pan with paper liners.
- 2. In a large mixing bowl whisk together the eggs, oil, and sugar, and zest until well combined.
- 3. Whisk in the extract, buttermilk and lemon juice.
- 4. Whisk in the baking powder, baking soda, and salt, then fold in the flour. Mix just until combined and no dry flour remains, the batter will be somewhat lumpy.
- 5. Fill 11-12 muffins cups nice and full with the batter, and then top with the streusel.
- 6. Bake for 20-23 minutes (mine took 23 minutes) until risen and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out without wet batter on it. Muffins are small and cook fast, so keep alert.
- 7. Let the muffins cool for 5 minutes in the pan, then remove to a cooling rack
- 8. Be sure to store the cooled muffins in an airtight container to keep them fresh. They're best eaten the same day.

2.3 Banana bread with chocolate chips

Ingredients:

- 3 ripe bananas, mashed with a fork
- 1/2 cup butter (1 stick) at room temperature
- 3/4 cup white sugar (or use 1 scant cup of honey)
- 2 eggs, room temperature
- 1 and 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 tsp real vanilla extract
- 1 cup chocolate chips

How to:

- 1. In the mixing bowl, cream together butter and sugar.
- 2. Mix in mashed bananas and eggs.
- 3. Whisk together dry ingredients: flour, salt, and baking soda and add to batter.
- 4. Stir in vanilla, chocolate chips, transfer to prepared loaf pan and bake.
- 5. 350°F in a preheat oven for 55 to 60 minutes or until a knife inserted in the center of the cake comes out clean.