

Vegan Chocolate-Swirled Pumpkin Bundt Cake

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Figure 1: Vegan Chocolate-Swirled Pumpkin Bundt Cake

1 Ingredients

1.1 For the cake:

- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sunflower seed oil, plus more for greasing pan
- 2 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for dusting
- 1 cup plus 2 tablespoons rice milk, oat milk, or preferred plant-based milk
- 1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar, or distilled white vinegar
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon baking powder

- $1\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon baking soda
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
- $2\frac{1}{4}$ cups granulated sugar
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup maple syrup or brown rice syrup
- 2 cups (15-oz can) unsweetened pumpkin puree (without spices)
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon ground allspice
- Salted pepitas, for garnish

1.2 For the glaze:

- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 1 tablespoon molasses, or maple syrup
- 3 tablespoons rice milk, oat milk or preferred plant-based milk

2 Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350°F (175°C). Lightly oil a 10-to-12-quart Bundt pan or 3-pound (4-by-2-by-9-inch) loaf pan. Dust with flour and tap out excess. Set aside.
2. In a small bowl, combine 1 cup rice milk with vinegar and let sit at least 10 minutes. In a medium bowl, sift together flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt.
3. Use an electric mixer fitted with paddle attachment to beat together oil, 2 cups sugar and maple syrup on medium speed until evenly combined, 1 minute. Gradually add pumpkin purée, vanilla extract and rice milk mixture. Continue to beat until ingredients are well incorporated. Turn off mixer. Add dry ingredients and beat on low speed until just combined.
4. Make the chocolate swirl: Transfer $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups batter to another bowl. Add cocoa powder, remaining sugar and remaining rice milk, and whisk until smooth.
5. Add cinnamon, nutmeg and allspice to batter in mixer and beat on low speed to incorporate.
6. Pour batters into prepared Bundt pan in alternating layers, 1 cup pumpkin batter followed by $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chocolate batter. Repeat until you use up batters. Bake until a skewer inserted in cake comes out clean, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours. Let cake cool in pan on a baking rack 20 minutes before removing.
7. Make the glaze: In a medium bowl, whisk together powdered sugar, molasses and rice milk to combine. Add more powdered sugar to adjust thickness of glaze as necessary. For a stiffer icing, use a stand mixer with a paddle attachment and beat on high speed until lightened in color, 5 minutes.
8. Place wax paper beneath cooling rack. Turn cake out of Bundt pan onto cooling rack. Spoon glaze over surface of cake to coat. While glaze is still wet, sprinkle a few handfuls of pumpkin seeds all over. You may need to gently press them into the cake to help them adhere.

Active Time: 40 minutes — Total Time: $2\frac{1}{4}$ hours — Serves: 8-10