

Mom Bread

Ingredients

Dry

- 2 – 4 cups all purpose flour
- 2 cups whole wheat flour^a
- 1 cup plain rolled oats
- 1 cup rye flour^b
- 1 cup dry milk powder
- 1/4 cup wheat gluten
- 1/4 cup wheat germ^c
- 1/4 cup wheat bran^c
- 1/4 cup oat bran^c
- 1/2 tbsp active dry yeast
- 1 tbsp salt

Wet

- 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ cups water
- 1/4 cup honey^d
- 1/4 cup salted butter
- 1/2 tbsp active dry yeast

Miscellaneous

- 1 tbsp salted butter
- nonstick cooking spray
- a pinch coarse salt (optional)

Instructions

Procure a stand mixer, 8 in. × 4 in. bread pan, and a wire cooling rack. Make space on a clean surface to knead dough.

1. From the wet ingredients, combine the water, honey, and butter—**not** the yeast—in a microwave safe bowl.
2. Microwave the mixture uncovered for 2 minutes on high.^e
3. Add the 1/2 tbsp of yeast to the warmed mixture.
4. In a stand mixer set to the slowest setting, combine all of the dry ingredients except for the all purpose flour.
5. Once the dry ingredients are thoroughly mixed, add the wet mixture and keep the stand mixer running.
6. To the running stand mixer, add 1/4 cup of all purpose flour at a time until the dough separates from the sides of the bowl and forms a large, slightly sticky ball.
7. Pour the dough onto a well floured (with all purpose flour) kneading surface and set aside stand mixer—do not rinse or clean yet. Flour hands and knead until dough bounces when depressed. Add more all purpose flour as necessary to keep it from sticking.
8. Spray the bowl of the stand mixer with nonstick cooking spray. Place dough inside and cover with kitchen towel. Let rise at room temperature until doubled in size, about 30 minutes.
9. Once risen, remove dough to well floured surface and divide into two equal balls.
10. Using a rolling pin, separately roll each ball into a 1/2 in. thick rectangle with the long side roughly twice as long as the short side.
11. Starting from one of the short ends of the rectangle, tightly roll the dough into a cylinder. Pinch closed the seam at the opposite short end of the rectangle, as well as the ends of the cylinder. Repeat this and previous step for second dough ball.^f

12. Spray bread pan with nonstick cooking spray. Place dough in prepared bread pan.
13. Cover with kitchen towel and allow to rise at room temperature for 30 minutes or until doubled in size.
14. Once risen, bake in oven at 350°F for about 40 minutes or until evenly browned. When done, the loaf should sound hollow when tapped and a thermometer inserted reads 200°F.
15. Immediately remove the loaf from the bread pan and place onto a wire cooling rack. Immediately spread butter over top and coarse salt if desired.
16. Let cool completely before slicing. Store in airtight container at room temperature.

^aIf necessary, can be substituted for all purpose flour.

^bIf necessary, can be substituted for whole wheat flour (preferred) or all purpose flour.

^cIf necessary, wheat germ, wheat bran, and oat bran can be substituted for one another.

^dCan be substituted with molasses or sugar.

^eAlternatively, heat on stove until butter is just melted (preferred) or just use hot water.

^fIf desired, wrap prepared dough cylinder in plastic wrap and freeze for up to a couple months. To use, remove from freezer, unwrap, and allow to thaw covered at room temperature for 6 hours or until doubled in size.