

Gluten-Free Sandwich Bread

This whole grain alternative is more nutritional and has a lower GI index than bread made from white flour.

Prep time: 20 minutes Rise Time: 50-60 minutes Cook time: 45 minutes

Makes: 1 loaf

- 2 large room-temperature
- 2 tablespoons safflower or extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 cup almond milk (page 237), heated to 110°F
- 1 cup water, heated to 110°F
- 2½ cups brown rice flour ⅓ cup tapioca starch
- 1/3 cup potato starch (not potato flour)
- 1 tablespoon xanthan gum
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 21/4 teaspoons active dry yeast (not quick-rising)

- 1. Lightly grease an 8½x4½-inch loaf pan with oil.
- 2. Beat the eggs in a large mixing bowl at medium speed for 2 minutes, or until frothy.
- 3. Combine the oil, honey, warm almond milk and warm water, add to the beaten eggs and beat for 1 minute.
- 4. Combine all of the dry ingredients, except for the yeast, in a large bowl and stir well to combine. Add the yeast and stir again. (When salt touches yeast directly, it can kill the yeast.)
- 5. Add the flour mixture to the wet ingredients in the mixing bowl. Mix at a low speed for 30 seconds, or until the flour and liquids are combined.
- 6. Scrape the bowl with a rubber spatula to incorporate all the flour, and then beat the mixture at medium speed for 4 minutes. The mixture will be very thick (similar to pound cake batter).
- 7. Spoon the mixture into the greased pan. Tap the pan against the counter to help distribute the thick batter. Using a wet knife or spatula, even out the top of the dough in the pan.
- 8. Using a paper towel, spread about ½ teaspoon of oil onto a sheet of plastic wrap. Loosely cover the pan with the oiled wrap.
- 9. Allow the dough to rise in a warm (about 80°F) draftfree place for 50-60 minutes, or until the bread has risen to nearly the top of the pan.
- 10. While the bread is rising, place the oven rack in the middle position and preheat the oven to 350°F.
- 11. Bake the risen dough for 45-50 minutes, or until an instant-read thermometer registers 205°F, or until tapping the top of the bread makes a hollow sound. If the bread seems to be too brown after 40 minutes, loosely cover the pan with a piece of foil.
- 12. Remove the bread and allow it to cool for 5 minutes, before turning it out onto a rack to cool completely.

Cook's Note: Use leftover bread for Italian Breadcrumbs on page 244 or Croutons on page 245 of Recipes for Repair: A Lyme Disease Cookbook.