



Banana bread

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30 minutes Preparation time

1 hour Cooking time

8 Serves

INGREDIENTS

130g unsalted butter 200g dark muscovado sugar 1 tsp vanilla extract 2 eggs 400g mashed ripe banana (4-5 bananas) 1 tbsp tahini 2 tbsp milk 50g glacè ginger, chopped 240g plain flour 1 tsp baking powder 1 tsp bi-carb soda 1 tsp eight spice powder Pinch of salt flakes Extra, dark muscovado sugar 1 extra banana

Eight spice powder

20g juniper berries 30g whole star anise 15g white peppercorns 15g cinnamon quills 15g cloves 1 pinch saffron threads 25g salt 10g cardamom pods

METHOD

Eight spice powder

- 1. Toast the spices in a large pan over medium heat, Induction setting 4-5 for 1-2 minutes, or until fragrant.
- 2. Grind all the spices to a fine powder in a spice grinder or mortar and pestle. Allow to cool.

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- 1. Preheat oven on Conventional at 180°C with the baking and roasting rack on shelf position 2.
- 2. Beat butter, sugar and vanilla in a bowl of a freestanding mixer, using the paddle attachment. Once pale and fluffy, scrape down the sides, then add the eggs one at a time.
- 3. Add the banana, ginger, tahini and milk, mix again to combine.
- 4. Sift flour with baking powder and bi-carb soda. Add to the bowl along with eight spice powder and salt. Gently fold to combine, careful not to overmix.
- 5. Pour mixture into a loaf tin measuring 10cm x 24cm, lined with baking paper.
- 6. Peel and slice the extra banana from top to bottom, arrange on the surface, sprinkle with extra sugar.
- 7. Place in the oven on the baking and roasting rack and bake for 1 hour, or until a skewer placed into the centre comes out clean.
- 8. Leave to cool in the tin for 15 minutes before turning out onto a cooling rack.

Hints and tips

• If your bananas are not ripe, roast on Conventional at 150°C on shelf position 2 for 20-30 minutes until bananas are dark and very soft.