

Apricot Banana Bread

SERVINGS

© COOKING TIME

8-10 55 min

Apricot Banana Bread bakes 55-65 minutes into a beautiful loaf and tastes even better. This is a fruity version of a classic is moist and delightful for you to try. Serve this with breakfast, brunch or at a party, it will surely be a hit.

Ingredients

- 2 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup Quaker® Oats-Old Fashioned (uncooked)
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2/3 cup finely chopped dried apricots
- 1/4 cup plus 2 tbsp unblanched sliced almonds
- 1 cup mashed ripe bananas
- 1/2 cup low-fat buttermilk
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1/3 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1/4 tsp almond extract
- 2 eggs

Cooking Instructions

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
- 2. Spray bottom only of 9x5-inch loaf pan with nonstick cooking spray.
- 3. Coat bottom of pan with flour; tap out excess.
- 4. In large bowl, combine flour, oats, baking powder, baking soda and salt; mix well.
- 5. Add apricots and ¼ cup almonds; mix well.
- 6. In medium bowl, whisk together bananas, buttermilk, oil, brown sugar, eggs and extract until well blended.

- 7. Add to dry ingredients all at once.
- 8. Stir just until dry ingredients are evenly moistened. (Do not overmix)
- 9. Pour into pan.
- 10. Sprinkle with remaining 2 tablespoons almonds.
- 11. Bake 55 to 65 minutes or until golden brown and toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.
- 12. Cover 10 minutes in pan on wire rack.
- 13. Remove bread from pan.
- 14. Cool completely on rack.
- 15. Wrap covered bread tightly in aluminum foil and store up to 3 days at room temperature.
- 16. For longer storage, label and freeze.