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CARROT CAKE WITH CREAM CHEESE BUTTERCREAM FROSTING

Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Buttercream Frosting is a tasty sheet pan dessert recipe. This easy dessert is great for crowds, Easter, and slow weekends.

SERVES 8 PEOPLE

PREPARATION: 15 MINUTES

BAKE: 45 MINUTES

TOTAL TIME: 1 HOUR

CARROT CAKE

230 g (1/2 pound) shredded carrots

160 g (3/4 cup) sugar

100 g (1/2 cup) light brown sugar

180 g (1 1/2 cup) all-purpose flour

½ tsp cinnamon powder

1/4 tsp nutmeg powder

½ tsp baking soda

½ tsp baking powder

2 eggs

50 g (4 tbsp) sunflower oil

50 g (4 tbsp) olive oil

100 g (3/4 cup) apple sauce

60 g (1/2 cup) chopped walnuts

CREAM CHEESE BUTTERCREAM FROSTING

120 g (1 cup) powdered sugar

2 tbsp sugar

100 g (1/2 cup) unsalted butter, at room temp

1 tbsp rum (optional)

PREPARATION

Place a rack in the middle of the oven and preheat it to 180 °C / 350 °F. Grease a baking dish (20cm x 24cm or 8-inch x 9.5-inch) with butter and sprinkle with flour. Discard any excess flour.

CARROT CAKE

First, make the cake. Grate the carrot into a large bowl. In a bowl, stir to combine sugars, flour, cinnamon powder, nutmeg powder, baking soda, and baking powder. In a separate bowl, combine eggs, both oils and apple sauce. While continuously whisking with a whisk, add the dry ingredients until the mixture is smooth and combined. Stir in the grated carrot and chopped walnuts.

BAKE

Pour the carrot cake mixture into the prepared baking dish and spread evenly. Place in the oven. Bake for 45 minutes at 180 $^{\circ}$ C / 350 $^{\circ}$ F. When the cake is baked, remove it from the oven, and bring it to room temperature.

FROSTING

Mix powdered sugar, melted butter, and rum in a bowl. Mix for 5 minutes, then add in the cream cheese. Continue to mix for 3 - 4 minutes to get a smooth cream. Spread the cream over the cooled carrot cake. Grate the orange zest on top. Cut into slices and serve.

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baking dish (20cm x 24cm or 8-

200 g (7 oz) cream cheese

½ tsp grated orange zest

inch x 9.5-inch)
grater
large bowl
whisk
spatula

electric mixer