Quick & Easy Banana Muffins

Prep: 10 minutes • Cook: 21-23 minutes

Soft, buttery banana muffins warmly spiced with cinnamon and nutmeg, with a tender crumb and the option to fold in nuts or chocolate chips. Simple pantry ingredients and a quick mix-and-bake method make these an effortless breakfast treat.

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups (188g) all-purpose flour (spooned and leveled)
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp ground nutmeg
- 1 1/2 cups (345g) bananas (mashed (about 4 medium or 3 large ripe))
- 6 Tbsp (85g) unsalted butter (melted (or use melted coconut oil))
- 2/3 cup (135g) brown sugar (packed; light or dark (or coconut sugar))
- 1 large egg (at room temperature)
- 1 tsp pure vanilla extract
- 2 Tbsp (30ml) milk
- 1 cup optional mix-ins (walnuts, pecans, or chocolate chips) (chopped)

Instructions

- 1. Preheat oven to 425°F (218°C). Line or grease a 12-cup muffin pan.
- 2. In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, and nutmeg.
- 3. In a large bowl (or stand mixer bowl), mash the bananas. Add melted butter, brown sugar, egg, vanilla, and milk; beat or whisk until combined.
- 4. Add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients and mix just until combined. If using, fold in the nuts or chocolate chips. Batter will be thick.
- 5. Divide batter evenly among the 12 cups, filling each to the top.
- 6. Bake for 5 minutes at 425°F (218°C). Keeping the muffins in the oven, reduce temperature to 350°F (177°C) and bake 16–18 minutes more, or until a toothpick comes out clean (about 21–23 minutes total).
- 7. Cool in the pan for 5 minutes, then transfer muffins to a wire rack to cool completely.
- 8. Storage: Cover and keep at room temperature for a few days or refrigerate up to 1 week. For longer storage, freeze up to 3 months.

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