



Apple-Spice Layer Cake with Caramel Swirl Icing

READY IN



45 min.

SERVINGS



14

CALORIES



925 kcal

DESSERT

Ingredients

- ☐ 1.3 teaspoons baking soda
- ☐ 3 cups cake flour
- ☐ 14 ounce individually wrapped caramels
- ☐ 6 large eggs
- ☐ 1 tablespoon ginger fresh grated
- ☐ 1.5 cups apples i use 2 granny smith apples shredded peeled
- ☐ 2 teaspoons ground allspice
- ☐ 2 tablespoons ground cinnamon

- ☐ 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- ☐ 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- ☐ 4 tablespoons cup heavy whipping cream
- ☐ 0.3 teaspoon kosher salt
- ☐ 8 ounces cream cheese italian (cream cheese, available at most grocery stores)
- ☐ 2 tablespoons blackstrap molasses light
- ☐ 2 cups pecans toasted
- ☐ 3 cups powdered sugar
- ☐ 1 cup cream sour
- ☐ 3 cups sugar
- ☐ 1.5 cups butter unsalted at room temperature (3 sticks)
- ☐ 2 tablespoons butter unsalted at room temperature (3 sticks)
- ☐ 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
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Equipment

- ☐ bowl
- ☐ sauce pan
- ☐ baking paper
- ☐ oven
- ☐ knife
- ☐ plastic wrap
- ☐ hand mixer
- ☐ spatula
- ☐ serrated knife

Directions

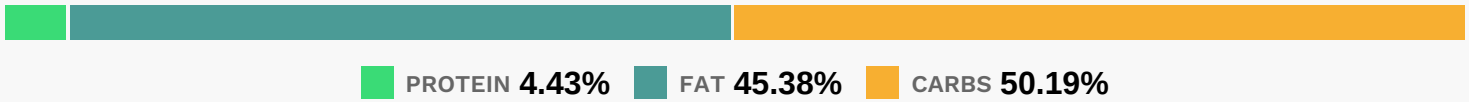
- ☐ Place one oven rack in the bottom third of the oven and a second rack in the top third of the oven. Preheat the oven to 350F. Grease three 9-inch cake pans with butter or cooking spray,

then line each with a parchment paper round and grease the rounds. Using an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, cream the butter and sugar on medium-high speed until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Scrape down the sides of the bowl with a rubber spatula. Beat in the molasses.

- ☐ Add the eggs, one at a time, beating between each addition. In a medium bowl, stir together the flour, baking soda, salt, and ground spices to blend.
- ☐ Add the flour mixture and sour cream alternately to the batter. (Start and end with the flour mixture, adding the flour mixture in 3 increments and the sour cream in 2 increments.) After each addition, mix on low speed just to combine the ingredients. Stir in the shredded apples, vanilla, and ginger.
- ☐ Spoon the batter (it will be thick) evenly into the prepared pans.
- ☐ Place two cake pans side by side on one rack and the third on the other. Stagger the cake layers on the oven racks so that no layer is directly over another.
- ☐ Bake for 35 to 40 minutes, until firm to the touch. Monitor the layers carefully for doneness; each one may be done at a different time.
- ☐ Remove from the oven and let cool in the pans for 10 minutes. Run a knife around the edges of the pans and unmold the cakes onto wire racks to cool completely, 15 to 30 minutes, before frosting. The cakes can be kept frozen, tightly wrapped in plastic wrap, for up to 3 weeks. Defrost them at room temperature before unwrapping. Frost immediately.
- ☐ To make the icing: In a medium stainless-steel bowl, combine the unwrapped caramels, 2 tablespoons of the cream, and the 2 tablespoons butter.
- ☐ Place over a saucepan filled with 2 inches of simmering water. Stir the caramel mixture until smooth.
- ☐ Remove the bowl from the heat.
- ☐ Let cool, stirring the mixture every few minutes until cool to the touch, about 20 minutes. (If the mixture is too warm, it will melt the buttercream frosting when it is stirred in later.)
- ☐ While the caramel is cooling, make the butter cream: Using an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, beat the 1 1/2 cups butter on medium-high speed for about 1 minute, until pale in color.
- ☐ Add the remaining 2 tablespoons cream and the vanilla and powdered sugar, and beat for 3 minutes, until light and fluffy.
- ☐ Add the mascarpone and beat on medium-low speed until incorporated. Do not overbeat the mascarpone, or it may separate. Reserve 1/4 cup of the cooled caramel mixture to drizzle over the cake once it is frosted. Stir the remainder of the caramel into the frosting, using large

- strokes to create caramel swirls throughout. Don't stir it too much or the ribbons of caramel will disappear.
- ☐ Place one cake layer on a serving plate and spread a thick blanket of frosting on top.
 - ☐ Add the second layer and spread thickly with frosting.
 - ☐ Add the third layer and cover the top and sides of the cake with an even layer of frosting. Use a small spoon to drizzle the reserved 1/4 cup of caramel over the top of the cake. Pat on the toasted pecan pieces to cover the sides of the cake. Tip: Using the proper tools for cutting frosted layer cakes ensures that individual servings look as good as they taste. I use a large serrated knife dipped in hot water for cutting. I wipe the knife off with a clean dishcloth after each piece, which ensures that every cut is as clean as the first.
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Nutrition Facts



Properties

Glycemic Index:30.01, Glycemic Load:58.51, Inflammation Score:-6, Nutrition Score:13.067826177763%

Flavonoids

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Nutrients (% of daily need)

Calories: 924.74kcal (46.24%), Fat: 47.91g (73.71%), Saturated Fat: 21.9g (136.86%), Carbohydrates: 119.24g (39.75%), Net Carbohydrates: 116.05g (42.2%), Sugar: 92.34g (102.6%), Cholesterol: 169.19mg (56.4%), Sodium: 302.38mg (13.15%), Alcohol: 0.42g (100%), Alcohol %: 0.22% (100%), Protein: 10.51g (21.02%), Manganese: 1.24mg (62.08%), Selenium: 21.76µg (31.08%), Vitamin A: 1189.9IU (23.8%), Phosphorus: 186.68mg (18.67%), Vitamin B2: 0.31mg (18.09%), Copper: 0.3mg (14.93%), Calcium: 128.84mg (12.88%), Fiber: 3.19g (12.75%), Vitamin B1: 0.18mg (11.73%), Magnesium: 46.44mg (11.61%), Vitamin E: 1.58mg (10.56%), Zinc: 1.56mg (10.39%), Vitamin B5: 0.98mg

(9.81%), Potassium: 304.77mg (8.71%), Iron: 1.43mg (7.94%), Vitamin B6: 0.14mg (7.11%), Folate: 27.63µg (6.91%), Vitamin B12: 0.4µg (6.63%), Vitamin D: 0.89µg (5.95%), Vitamin K: 4.42µg (4.21%), Vitamin B3: 0.64mg (3.19%), Vitamin C: 1.26mg (1.53%)