DELICIOUS AND EASY HOMEMADE EDIBLE HOLIDAY GIFT RECIPES!

Cranberry Panettone Mix

Serves 10 | Prep time 10 minutes

Ingredients

- 1 cup dried cranberries
- ½ cup candied orange peel
- 1 tablespoon lemon zest
- ½ cup raisings
- ½ cup dried apricots, chopped
- ½ cup candied ginger, chopped
- ½ cup white sugar
- 3 ½ cups flour
- 1 tablespoon dry yeast
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 large jar, approximately 2 quarts

Directions

- 1. Combine the flour, yeast, and sugar in a bowl and mix well. Place in the bottom of your jar.
- 2. Next, add the remaining ingredients in layers upon each other and seal tightly.

Instructions to include with the gift

- Empty the contents of the jar into a large bowl.
- Combine 1 cup milk, ½ cup butter, 1 teaspoon orange extract, and 2 tablespoons of honey into a saucepan and heat over low heat until butter is melted.
- Add to the jarred mix, along with two eggs. Mix well. Cover and let rise for 1 hour.
- For a traditional Panettone, line two empty coffee cans with parchment paper and add the dough in equal amounts to each before setting aside to rise for an additional hour.
- Preheat the oven to 350°F/177°C.
- Place the cans in the oven and bake for approximately 1 hour.
- Let cool before removing from the cans and serving.

Salted Caramel Sauce

Serves 12 | Prep time 10 minutes | Cook time 15 minutes

Ingredients

- 1¼ cups white sugar
- ½ cup salted butter, cubed
- ½ cup heavy cream
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 8-ounce glass jar or bottle

Directions

- 1. Add the sugar to a heavy saucepan and heat over medium. Stir constantly until sugar begins to liquefy and turns an amber brown. Take care not to burn or scorch the sugar.
- 2. Add in the cubed butter and continue stirring until butter is melted.
- 3. Slowly add in the heavy cream and stir until the mixture comes to a boil. Let boil for one minute before removing from heat and adding in the teaspoon of salt.
- 4. Let cool slightly but not completely before transferring into the gifting jar or bottle.
- 5. Include instructions to store the sauce in the refrigerator and heat gently when ready to use.

Old South Pralines

Makes 24 | Prep time 10 minutes | Cook time 10 minutes

Ingredients

- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1½ cups white sugar
- ½ cup salted butter
- ½ cup milk or heavy cream
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ½ teaspoon maple extract
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1½ cups pecans, chopped

Directions

- 1. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
- 2. In a large saucepan, combine all of the ingredients and heat over medium-high heat, stirring frequently until boiling.
- 3. Let boil for several minutes, stirring continuously, until temperature registers 240°F/116°C on a candy thermometer.
- 4. Remove from heat and continue stirring until the mixture begins to thicken and take on a bit of a grainy texture.
- 5. Drop by spoonfuls onto the parchment-lined baking sheets and let cool completely.

Gingerbread Loaf

Serves 12 | Prep time 10 minutes | Cook time 50 minutes

Ingredients

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 teaspoons ginger
- 1½ teaspoons nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¼ cup white sugar
- ½ cup molasses
- ½ cup unsalted butter, softened
- 2 eggs
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 1 cup buttermilk
- ½ cup walnuts, chopped

Directions

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350°F/177°C and lightly oil a bread pan.
- 2. In a bowl, combine the flour, baking soda, ginger, nutmeg, and salt. Stir to blend.
- 3. In another bowl, combine the white sugar, molasses, butter, eggs, and vanilla. Beat on low to medium speed until well blended.
- 4. To the sugar mixture, add the flour and buttermilk in an alternating pattern, stirring until just blended after each addition.
- 5. Fold in the walnuts and add the batter into the bread pan.
- 6. Place in the oven and bake for 50-55 minutes.
- 7. Let cool slightly before removing from pan.

Bourbon Infused Cherries

Prep Time: 5 minutes | Cook Time: 5 minutes | Serves: 20

Ingredients

- 2 cups whole, fresh cherries
- 1 cup good-quality bourbon
- ½ cup brown sugar

Directions

- 1. Clean cherries and pack them into a jar.
- 2. Place the bourbon and brown sugar in a saucepan and heat over low heat, stirring until sugar is completely dissolved. Remove from heat.
- 3. Pour the bourbon over the cherries and seal tightly.
- 4. Refrigerate until ready to use.

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