

Safety Notice! This recipe contains Zylitol which is *TOXIC to DOGS and CATS*. Store your baked cakes safely *out of reach* of your pets.

Carrot Cake Muffins

Ingredients: 5 Large Eggs 1 Planet Princess Cinnamon Raisin Mix 1/4 Cup Monk Fruit Sweetener (Zylitol) 1/4 Cup Avocado Oil 1 Cup plus 2 Tbsp. Water (very warm, almost hot) 1 Cup (packed) Freshly Grated Carrot 1/2 Cup Pecans, chopped and roasted 1 tsp. Pure Vanilla Extract 1/2 tsp. Cinnamon 1/4 tsp. Salt

Yield: Approximately 4 dozen mini muffins, 2 dozen standard muffins, or 1 double layer cake (9" diameter pans).

Set out your Butter and Cream Cheese (if making the dairy Frosting), bringing it to room temperature before mixing.

Grease your cake or cupcake pans unless using silicon pans or paper inserts.

Roast the chopped Pecans for 5 minutes at 300 degrees. Meanwhile, gather and measure the other ingredients.

Turn oven up to 350 degrees.

Directions:

1. Crack all 5 eggs into a metal or glass bowl. Add $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. salt. Using a hand or stand mixer, beat on high for $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 minutes until very fluffy.

2. Add Avocado Oil and Vanilla to eggs and beat on medium low to mix well. Then slowly add Monk Fruit Sweetener (Zylitol) and beat until well integrated.

3. NOTE: If you have a bread mixer attachment, this works well for the rest of the process but is not required. Pour in Cinnamon Raisin Add the ½ tsp. of Cinnamon. Mix on medium for about 30 seconds. You may have to scrape the sides of the bowl to get all the eggs into the batter.



4. Slowly add 1 Cup Very Warm (almost hot) Water and mix on medium for another minute or until all water has been absorbed.

5. Add Shredded Carrots and mix in well on medium low. Add chopped, roasted Pecans and mix just until evenly distributed throughout dough.

6. Fill mini cupcake molds/papers to the top. Fill classic muffin pans/papers to about ¹/₄ inch below the top. Divide the batter between two 9" pans. *NOTE*: This is a thicker dough that needs to be pressed into the cavity in order to fill it to the bottom. Have a teaspoon and a small bowl of water handy. Press the dough down to the bottom for each cavity, wetting the spoon as needed.

7. Bake at 350 degrees. Mini muffins, bake 14-17 minutes. Classic muffins, bake 22-25 minutes, 9' Cake pans, bake 35-40 minutes. Muffins/Cakes are done if they feel firm and bounce back. (NOTE: Bake times may vary according to your individual oven.)

8. When you remove your cakes/muffins from the oven, let them sit in the pans on a cooling rack for about 5 minutes. Then remove them from the pans to the rack and let them cool completely.

Vanilla Cream Cheese Frosting (Dairy)

4 Tbsp. Butter 8 oz, Cream Cheese 1 Cups Monk Fruit (Zylitol) Powdered Sugar 2 tsp. Pure Vanilla Extract

Beat the Butter and Cream Cheese until fluffy. Add Vanilla; mix. Slowly add in the Powdered Sweetener (Zylitol) and mix well.

NOTE: You can adjust your frosting thickness by adding Cream, 1 tsp. at a time.

Vanilla Frosting (Dairy Free)

Replace the Butter and the Cream Cheese with Palm Oil* and follow the recipe as written. You can thin your frosting using water instead of cream. *Spectrum has a nice Palm Oil for a creamy non-dairy frosting.

After your cakes/cupcakes are completely cool, frost them using a knife or a piping bag. Store them in an *airtight container* in the refrigerator for up to 7 days. These cakes/cupcakes also freeze well and thaw beautifully, even frosted!

We hope you thoroughly enjoy this delicious, grain free, low carb carrot cake! ~ The Planet Princess Team