Classic Zucchini Bread Recipe

Moist, warmly spiced, and endlessly adaptable-perfect for breakfast, snack time, or gifting. Prep 15 min \bullet Bake 5 0 - 6 0 min \bullet Yield: 1 (9 x 5) loaf

Ingredients:

- 1 ½ cups grated zucchini (about 1 medium zucchini)
- 1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon nutmeg (optional)
- 2 large eggs
- ½ cup vegetable oil (or melted butter)
- ¾ cup granulated sugar
- ½ cup brown sugar (optional, for depth of flavor)
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- ½ cup chopped walnuts or pecans (optional)
- ½ cup chocolate chips or raisins (optional)

Instructions:

- 1. **Preheat oven** to 350°F (175°C). Grease and flour a 9x5 inch loaf pan (or line with parchment).
- 2. **Grate the zucchini** (no need to peel). Lightly squeeze out excess moisture using a clean towel or paper towels.
- 3. **Mix dry ingredients** in a medium bowl: flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, and nutmeg.
- 4. **Mix wet ingredients** in a large bowl: whisk eggs, oil, sugar(s), and vanilla until smooth.
- 5. Stir in the grated zucchini until well combined.
- 6. Add the dry ingredients to the wet, stirring just until combined (do not overmix).
- 7. Fold in nuts or chocolate chips, if using.
- 8. Pour into loaf pan and smooth the top.
- 9. Bake for 50–60 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.
- 10. Let cool in the pan for 10 minutes, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.

Tips:

- For extra moisture, add ¼ cup unsweetened applesauce or crushed pineapple.
- Want muffins instead? Bake in muffin tins for 20–22 minutes at 350°F.