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Spice Club

APRIL 2026:
ALLSPICE



THIS MONTH'S SPICE: ALLSPICE

OSTARA HONEY CAKE

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup honey
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3 large eggs
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon allspice
- 1/4 cup oil
- 1/2 cup orange juice

INSTRUCTIONS

- Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C). Grease and flour your cake pans.
- In a large bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, cloves, and allspice.
- In a separate bowl, beat together honey, oil, eggs, both sugars, and orange juice until smooth.
- Gradually fold the wet mixture into the dry ingredients until just combined.
- Pour batter into the prepared pans evenly.
- Bake for 25–30 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.
- Let the cakes cool in the pans for 10 minutes before transferring to a wire rack.
- Optional: Once completely cool, top with cream cheese icing or a dusting of powdered sugar for added flair.

DID YOU KNOW?

Allspice is “Mother Nature’s spice mix in a single berry”. It grows on an evergreen tree that belongs to the myrtle family. The berry is picked and dried - either via the sun or machine. Allspice is found in Jamaica, and is hard to grow in other places.

Allspice is also related to cloves, and has been used in pickling and preserving.

(from *The Spice Bible* by Jane Lawson and *The Spice and Herb Bible 3rd Ed.* by Ian Hemphill)

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