

Mary Berry's Quick Boiled Fruit Cake

Ingredients:

397g can of condensed milk

150g butter

225g raisins

225g sultanas

175g currants

175g roughly chopped glacier cherries

225g self-raising flour

2tsp ground mixed spice

1tsp ground cinnamon

2 large eggs

Method:

- 1. Preheat the oven to fan 130°c / conventional 150°c / gas mark 2.
- 2. Grease an 18cm round cake tin and line with baking parchment.
- 3. Pour the condensed milk and butter into a large heavy-based pan and add all the fruit
- 4. Gently heat until the butter has melted, stirring all the time.
- 5. Simmer the fruit gently for 5 minutes, stirring all the while until the fruit feels softened.
- 6. Remove from the heat and set aside to cool for at least 10 minutes, stirring every now and again.
- 7. In a large mixing bowl sift the flour and spices, and mix them together to make a well in the centre of the bowl.
- 8. Add the eggs and the cooled fruit mixture.
- 9. Combine everything together using a wooden spoon and then turn into your prepared cake tin.
- 10. Bake in the oven for $1\frac{3}{4}$ 2 hours. The cake should be well risen and golden brown.
- 11. To make sure it's cooked properly, insert a skewer into the middle which should come out clean if the cake is baked completely.
- 12. Once out of the oven, leave the cake to cool for about 10 minutes in the tin before removing the parchment paper and cooling on a wire rack.

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