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## KITCHEN NECESSITIES & GIFTS

## **Double Chocolate Zucchini Bread with Pecans**

Makes 1 loaf

Looking for a delectable way to enjoy the seasonal plethora of zucchini? Try our Double Chocolate Zucchini Bread with Pecans. A perfect treat for any time of day, it's a mouthwatering way to satisfy your chocolate cravings with a touch of wholesome goodness. Get our recipe here!

## Ingredients:

1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
2 large eggs
1/2 cup sugar

1/4 cup plain Greek yogurt
1/2 cup vegetable oil
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
2 cups grated zucchini,
 (about 2 medium-sized zucchinis)
 finely grated with a box grater
1/2 cup chopped pecans
1/2 cup dark chocolate chips

## **Directions:**

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Grease and flour a 9x5-inch loaf pan or spray with a baking spray.
- 2. Finely grate the zucchini using the smaller side of a box grater for a fine texture in the final bread. Set aside.
- 3. Prepare the dry ingredients. In a medium-sized bowl, combine the flour, cocoa powder, baking powder, baking soda, salt, and ground cinnamon. Set this dry mixture aside.
- 4. Whisk together the wet ingredients. In a large bowl, whisk the eggs and granulated sugar until well-combined and slightly thickened. Add the Greek yogurt, vegetable oil, and vanilla extract. Mix until smooth. Gently fold the finely grated zucchini into the liquid mixture.
- 5. Combine the wet and dry ingredients. Gradually add the dry ingredients to the wet mixture, mixing until just combined. Be careful not to over-mix; a few lumps are okay.
- 6. Fold in the chopped pecans and dark chocolate chips with a spatula.
- 7. Pour the batter into the prepared loaf pan and spread it evenly. Bake in the preheated oven for 50-60 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out with only a few moist crumbs attached. If needed, loosely cover the bread with aluminum foil if it begins to brown too quickly.
- 8. Allow the bread to cool in the pan for about 10 minutes before transferring it to a wire rack to cool completely.
- 9. Slice, and enjoy warm with a smear of butter!