Fig or Date Nut Bread

Makes one loaf or 8 large muffins

Ingredients

8 ounces dried figs OR pitted dates, chopped (about 1½ cups)
3 tablespoons avocado or canola oil 1½ teaspoons baking soda
½ cup sugar
¾ cup pecans or walnuts, chopped
2 large eggs
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
1½ cups all-purpose flour
½ teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon kosher salt



Steps

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
- 2. Place the figs or dates, oil and baking soda in a large bowl. Pour the boiling water over and stir. Let stand for 15 minutes.
- 3. Add the sugar, eggs and vanilla to the fig or date mixture. Whisk together and set aside.
- 4. In another bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder and salt to combine. Stir the flour mixture into the fig or date mixture until just combined.
- 5. Prepare your pan coat a loaf pan with baking spray, canola oil, or a piece of parchment paper if making bread or put muffin papers in a muffin pan if making muffins. Either pour batter into loaf pan or scoop batter into muffin cups.
- 6. Muffins should take around 25-30 minutes to bake test with a toothpick in the center. Dry crumbs or nothing on the toothpick means it's ready. Bread will take about 45-50 minutes. *again, test with a toothpick. Let cool about 15 minutes before removing from pan and cooling completely on a wire rack before serving.