





Egg



Milk







Whole Wheat Bread

# **Maple Apple French Toast Bake**

Adapted from <u>Vermont New School Cuisine</u> Serves 4-6

## Ingredients

6 large ¾ Cup (175 mL)	Eggs Milk
2 Tbsp (30 mL)	Maple syrup
1⁄2 tsp (2 mL)	Ground cinnamon
¼ tsp (1 mL)	Ground nutmeg
⅛ tsp (0.5 mL)	Salt
½ lb (225 g)	Apples, peeled or not, cut into thick slices
½ lb (225 g)	Whole wheat bread (about 8 slices), cut into 1 inch pieces*
1 Tbsp (15 mL)	Maple syrup

\*Note: You can also use saved bread ends and buns, or even English muffins and bagels.

### **Directions**

Note: Wash all produce well. Start this recipe the day before.

- 1. Butter a 9" x 13" pan or spray with cooking spray.
- 2. In a large bowl, whisk eggs, milk, 2 Tbsp (30 mL) maple syrup, cinnamon, nutmeg, and salt. Stir in the apple slices and the bread. Combine thoroughly, then spread into the pan.
- 3. Cover the pan with lightly sprayed or oiled parchment paper, then foil. Refrigerate overnight.
- 4. Before baking, let the bake stand at room temperature for 30 minutes while you preheat the oven to 350°F (175°C). Bake for 25 minutes, then remove the cover and bake for another 20 minutes, until internal temperature reaches 165°F (74°C).
- 5. Drizzle the French toast bake with 1 Tbsp (15 mL) maple syrup. Cut into sauares and serve warm.

## **Bonus Recipe: Apple Blueberry Sauce**

### Ingredients

1 lb (454 kg) 1/4 Cup (60 mL) <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> tsp (4 mL)

Apples, seeded amd chopped (no need to peel) Fresh or frozen **blueberries** Vanilla

## Directions

- 1. Put the chopped apples in a large empty pot.
- 2. Cover and cook on low until moisture starts to come out of the apples, then increase the heat to medium and cook until soft.
- 3. Add the blueberries and remove from the heat.
- 4. Cool the mixture slightly, then purée apples with a food processor, immersion blender or blender. Stir in vanilla.



## Note from the Authors

"This is a delicious, easy and affordable meal with the familiar flavours of French toast and apple pie. It may look a little different than regular French toast, so encourage kids to try it with the excitement of a fruit salad bar!"

- Jenny & Rosie

## **Create Your Plate!**

### Veg It Up

Add mashed sweet potato, squash or dried cranberries in Step 2 for extra colour, fiber and flavour.

### Ideas for Toppings & Sides

Put a variety of options for toppings and/or sides on your table for your family to "choose your own adventure," salad bar-style. Choose from seasonal local fruit or use some frozen and imported fruit in winter. Supply small bowls for fruit to control portion sizes and make it affordable.

- ★ Fruit sauce
- Apples chopped and coated with a squeeze of lemon to prevent browning
- \* Pears chopped
- \* Peaches
- \* Blueberries
- \* Raspberries
- \* Blackberries



- \* Yogurt
- ★ Seeds or granola
- ★ Dried cranberries
- Dried blueberries
- Imported fruit such as bananas, mango, kiwis, oranges, grapes, starfruit









**Blueberries** 



Seeds or granola



Blackberries



**Strawberries** 

**Dried blueberries** 







Dried cranberries

