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THE WORLD'S FINEST RANGE COOKERS

David's Christmas Cake by David Pengelly

Ingredients

400g Sultanas

500g Raisins

125g Currants

150g Cherries, washed and chopped

150g Mixed peel

225g Butter

225g Soft brown sugar

Grated rind of 1 orange

2 Tbsp. Marmalade

1 Tbsp. Black treacle

4 Eggs

350g Plain flour

1 Tsp. Mixed spice

1 Tsp. Ground cinnamon

1 Tsp. Ground nutmeg

150ml Sherry or brandy

Assemble and bake

- Place the fruit into a bowl, add the brandy and cover, leave to stand overnight.
- Prepare a 20-22cm round cake tin, base and side line with bake-o-glide.
- In a large bowl, cream the butter and sugar together until light and fluffy, add the eggs one at a time beating well, blend in the treacle, marmalade and orange, fold in the flour and spices adding the fruits in stages, spoon into the prepared tin and level.
- **AGA:** bake on the floor of the simmering oven **Everhot**: use the shelf on the floor of the lower oven (set at 110°C 120°C) for approximately one hour per inch (diameter) of cake tin 22cm / 8" cake = approximately 8 hours. Check after ¾ of the cooking time with a skewer in the centre of the cake when it comes out dry, it's baked.