## **Gingerbread Cupcakes**



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Makes 12 cupcakes

Prep Time: 15 minutes Cook Time: 20 minutes

## Ingredients

| For the Gingerbread cupcake Batter: |
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| 1 2/3 cups of Flour                 |
| 1/2 tsp Baking Soda                 |
| 1 tsp Ginger                        |
| 1/2 tsp Cinnamon                    |
| 1/4 tsp Cloves                      |
| 1/4 tsp Salt                        |
| 1/4 cup Unsalted Butter, at room    |

temperature
\_\_1/2 cup Molasses

\_\_1/2 cup Buttermilk

\_\_1/2 cup Sugar

\_\_1 tsp Lemon Zest \_\_2 Eggs

\_\_\_1/2 tsp Vanilla Extract

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## For the buttercream:

- \_\_3/4 cup Unsalted Butter, at room temperature
- \_\_3 Tbsp Molasses
- \_\_3 cups Powdered Sugar
- \_\_1/2 tsp Ground Ginger
- \_\_3/4 tsp Ground Cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp Ground Cloves
- \_\_About 1 Tbsp or so of milk, if needed

- 1) Preheat the oven to 350 degrees, line a muffin tin with liners and set aside.
- 2) In a bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda, salt, ginger, cinnamon and cloves, set aside.
- 3) In the bowl of a standing mixer fitted with a paddle attachment, cream together the butter, lemon zest and sugar for about 1 minute or until fluffy.



- 4) Add the molasses, eggs and vanilla and mix it for about a minute, add in the buttermilk and the dry ingredients and mix the batter long enough to get it all mixed well but dont over mix.
- 5) Divide your batter evenly into your muffin tin using an ice cream scoop and bake for about 20 minutes or until fully cooked. Allow to cool completely before frosting.
- 6) To make the frosting, in the bowl of a standing mixer fitted with a paddle attachment, cream together the butter and molasses, add the sugar and spices and mix on medium speed until you get a smooth and creamy frosting consistency. This might take up to 5 or 6 minutes to get that fluffy and creamy buttercream frosting so dont panic if it takes longer than you expected. Add a bit of milk if you feel like your frosting is a little too thick.
- 7) Place the frosting in a disposable piping bag fitted with your preferred tip and decorate as desired.