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Desserts

Berry and Banana Cupcakes with Vanilla Frosting

Prep Time: 45 min.

Cook Time: 1 hr. 30 min.

Yields: 8 cupcakes

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INGREDIENTS

½ of a 12- to 14-oz. package extra-firm light silken tofu

2 tbsps pure cane sugar

2 tsps lemon juice

½ tsp pure vanilla extract, or seeds from half of a vanilla bean pod

½ cup mashed banana

1/3 cup unsweetened, unflavored plant-based milk; such as almond, soy, cashew or rice

1/₃ cup pure maple syrup

¼ cup unsweetened applesauce

1 tbsp flaxseed meal

1 cup whole wheat pastry flour

1 tsp regular or sodium-free baking powder

1/4 tsp baking soda

1/4 tsp sea salt

½ cup fresh raspberries

½ cup fresh blueberries

CREAMY VANILLA FROSTING:

In a blender or food processor, combine the tofu, sugar, lemon juice and vanilla. Cover and blend until completely smooth. Refrigerate until ready to use.

CUPCAKES:

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
- In a medium bowl, combine the next five ingredients (through flaxseed meal). Let stand 5 minutes.
- 3. In a large bowl, combine pastry flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Add banana mixture; stir just until combined. Fold in ½ cup each of the raspberries and blueberries.
- 4. Spoon batter into eight 2½-inch nonstick muffin cups.
- 5. Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the centers comes out clean.
- 6. Cool in cups for 10 minutes.
- 7. Remove cupcakes from cups and cool completely on a wire rack.
- 8. Top cooled cupcakes with Creamy Vanilla Frosting and the remaining raspberries and blueberries.