WHITE CHOCOLATE, WALNUT AND BANANA LOAF

The Blackboard

Preparation time: 30 minutes Baking time: 1-1¹/₄ hours Use: 900g (2lb) loaf tin Makes: 1 large loaf

125g (41/2 oz) unsalted butter, melted

175g (6oz) plain flour

2 teaspoons baking powder

1/2 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda

1/2 teaspoon salt

150g (5oz) caster sugar

2 large eggs

4 small, ripe bananas, mashed

100g $(3^{1}/_{2} \text{ oz})$ good-quality white chocolate, chopped into large chunks

60g (21/2 oz) walnuts, chopped

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Preheat oven to $180^{\circ}C/350^{\circ}F/gas$ mark 4. Brush the inside of the loaf tin with a little melted butter, then dust with flour.

Mix the flour, baking powder, bicarbonate of soda and salt in a bowl. In a separate bowl whisk the melted butter and sugar together. Beat in the eggs, one at a time, then whisk in the mashed bananas. Add the white chocolate, walnuts and vanilla. Add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients in three stages, stirring after each addition.

Pour into the loaf tin and bake for $1-1^{1/4}$ hours.

Slide a spatula around the edge of the loaf and leave in the tin to cool.





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