Banana Nut Bread

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Ingredients

1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour 1 1/4 tsp. baking powder 3/4 tsp. salt 1/2 tsp. baking soda 2/3 cup granulated sugar 1/3 cup vegetable shortening 2 eggs 2 Tbls. milk 1 cup mashed ripe bananas (about 3 med. bananas) 1/4 cup chopped walnuts 1 - 2 Tbls. butter OR margarine

Directions

Combine flour, baking powder, salt, and baking soda; set aside. Beat together sugar and shortening with an electric mixer on medium speed for 5 minutes, scraping sides of bowl often. Add eggs and milk, one egg/Tablespoon at a time, while beating. Beat at medium speed for 1 minute. Alternate adding flour mixture and banana while beating at low speed until all is combined. Fold in nuts by hand. Pour into greased loaf pan and bake in a 350 degree oven for 60 – 65 minutes. Rub butter over the top of the hot loaf.