Becky Bakes... CUP OF TEA CAKE

You begin making this cake the day before you actually bake it!

- 375g mixed Dried Fruit
- 125g Muscovado Sugar
- 225ml hot Black Tea
- 250g Self Raising Flour
- 1 Egg, beaten
- 1/2 teaspoon Mixed Spice (optional)

Makes a 1kg/2lb cake

Cook in the oven in a greased and lined 21b loaf tin

DAY 1

- 1. Put the dried fruit and sugar into a large mixing bowl
- 2. Pour the hot tea over the fruit and sugar, then cover the bowl with a plate or cling film. Leave to soak for 24 hours

DAY 2

- 1. Oven on to Gas mk. 4, 180°C, (160°C Fan). 350°F. Prepare the loaf tin
- 2. Stir the fruit/sugar mixture.
- 3. Add the beaten egg and flour (plus mixed spice, if using). Stir well.
- 4. Spoon the mixture into the loaf tin
- 5. Bake for 1 hour, then reduce the temperature of the oven to Gas mk. 3, 170° C, $(150^{\circ}$ C Fan). 325° F and continue baking for 15 more minutes
- 6. Use a skewer to test if the cake is cooked thoroughly (poked into the middle of the cake it should come out clean)
- 7. Cool in the tin
- 8. Cut into slices using a sharp, non-serrated knife and serve on its own or spread with a little butter

For a Demonstration of this recipe find me on YouTube

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