

### Chapter 1 : Search Results for 'African american tea cakes' - CookEatShare

*Copycat Baker's Wife Bakery's American Tea Cakes. I know this recipe is not a prep ahead recipe, but I've been wanting to recreate my favorite treat from my neighborhood bakery.*

December 5, at 4: But since then I tried another recipe from a French cookbook I love. Hope this recipe is to your liking. Let me know how you like. Let it rest about 5 minutes until bubbly. Stir together the flour, salt and sugar in the bowl of a stand mixer. Add the yeast and mix with the dough hook on low, adding a little water at a time until it starts to come away from the sides of the bowl. It will still look really messy. Add the butter and continue to mix on low until it forms a nice dough that's soft but holds together. Add more water as needed it might need more or less than the 1. Move the dough to a larger bowl, cover with a clean towel and let it rise for an hour or so until it has doubled in size. For the butter filling, combine the butter and sugar in a stand mixer with the paddle attachment until smooth and spreadable. Cover and set aside. After the dough is done rising, divide it into two equal pieces. An offset spatula makes this job easier. Crimp the edges shut to hold in the butter. Wrap that up and refrigerate it for 1 hour. Rotate the dough 90 degrees from how you folded it so the folds should be going vertically. Roll it out to a larger rectangle again. Refrigerate for another hour. If you have butter oozing out anywhere, just scrape off the excess. Chill again for another hour. Rotate one last time and roll out to a larger rectangle again. Cut in half, so you have two 4. Chill again for one hour, or overnight if you want to bake them the next morning. Place each slice into a greased muffin tin. Sprinkle the tops with raw sugar. Place the muffin tins on sheet pans to catch any butter drippings. Bake for about 1 hour and 30 minutes, or until nicely browned on the top edges, rotating the pans every twenty minutes or so. Let them cool for minutes in the pan before removing them to cool on a wire rack. Store in an airtight container at room temperature for a few days.

## Chapter 2 : The Best Old Fashioned Tea Cakes Recipe

*African american tea cakes. Use our food conversion calculator to calculate any metric or US weight conversion. Ounces-Grams, fluid ounces-milliliters, Tsp-Tbsp, Tbsp-Cup,.*

Old fashioned, authentic southern tea cakes are basic, simple sugar cookies in their list of ingredients - butter, sugar, flour and eggs - but they speak so much more to our history, heritage and memories. Old Fashioned Southern Tea Cakes Food and memories are so intertwined in southern cooking that just the mention of things like fried pies , drinking custard , picking blackberries for cobbler and preserves, or biscuit bread , can bring back a flood of memories associated with loved ones long past. If there is one single food that invokes that excitement for Southerners though, it surely must be a Southern Tea Cake. Possibly one of the most simple of all cookie recipes out there, these old fashioned, soft sugar cookies almost always have a story and a memory connected to them. The evolution and endurance of our southern tea cake is actually a rather remarkable story in itself really. The simple and unassuming cookies that we know, likely evolved from an English tea cake, according to most southern food historians. Arriving in our country probably sometime in the s, it was typically served up at afternoon or high tea in the homes of the wealthy planters, and likely a version of the slightly sweet, light yeast bun, containing currants and other dried fruits. One of earliest recorded recipes for an American version of tea cakes is found in the cookbook, American Frugal Housewife, published in the s. It contained 3 cups of sugar, 3 eggs, 1 cup butter, 1 cup milk, 4 cups flour and a spoonful of dissolved pearlsh - an early form of leavening. In those earlier times, they represented a taste of the better life for those of us with more humble realities, yet even with the more readily available ingredients, southern tea cakes were mostly associated with special times. Children would wait patiently, first for the coveted spoons and bowls for licking, and later, for the fragrant cookies to emerge from the oven and barely cool, just enough to eat. Sometimes they represented a reward for chores completed and duties finished at the end of a day. Mostly as a rare and special treat, but by then, they represented hope for better times ahead. By the time tea cakes made their way to our generation, they represented happier times, where they reside in our memories now as a reminder of family, of being together, and often of that special bond of love we had with our grandmothers, our moms, or sometimes even a special aunt or other family member. The aroma, the familiar texture and taste, the simplicity of this southern tea cake is what brings us back to those stories of our ancestors. Today they still include those basic pantry staples of sugar, flour, eggs, and some form of fat, but like other recipes have evolved in the South, there is no one single southern tea cake recipe. Over time, as access to different ingredients became more widely available to all, cooks began adding to this humble cookie and rarely wrote down what they did, creating hundreds, maybe even thousands, of variations to the tea cake cookie. Types and amounts of ingredients vary as widely does the preferred type of fat and whether or not it includes milk. Most recipes include very little milk, if any, while others use quite a lot and some use buttermilk. Some cooks along the way have added a variety of flavorings including spices, like cinnamon, nutmeg, and ginger, molasses, various nuts, poppy seeds, lemon zest, and some even add vinegar. Size is generally large, but texture and thickness vary among families, with some favoring a fairly thick cookie, while other prefer them on the thin and crispy side. The dough I favor is a simple, butter based, egg, flour and sugar cookie, without any milk, with a bit of vanilla and just a tiny pinch of nutmeg. It is a beautiful dough that is easy to work with, though very tender. The people of our past and their struggles are the backbone of what built this country, and is fast getting lost in this modern world, where there is little stability and lots of change. Our children need to know who and what came before them, and not just a vague and generalized piece in a history book. The Southern tea cake is one of those recipes that calls for a story to be told when making them. Whether you have a special tea cake memory of your own, or you simply share the history of the survival of the southern tea cake through colonial times to now, share it with your children and grandchildren when you make these cookies - yes, even if you must repeat it every single time you make them. So, what sets southern tea cakes apart from any other simple cookie of flour, sugar and butter? Maybe nothing much in the ingredients. Or maybe, just maybe, there really is something far more special to them. Cream the butter and sugar until fluffy, add the eggs, one at a

time; add vanilla. Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface and gently press into a ball. Sprinkle top lightly with additional flour. Cut out rounds using a floured, 2-inch cutter. Gently gather scraps together and re-roll for additional cookies. Bake one tray at a time at degrees F on the middle rack of the oven, for about 10 to 12 minutes, or just until cookie begins to look dry on the surface, and very lightly tinged with color on the edges. Remove from oven, sprinkle immediately and generously with granulated sugar and let rest on sheet for about 3 minutes; then transfer to a rack to cool completely. I use silpats on baking sheets for my cookies now and alternate two cookie trays so that the dough for the next batch goes on a cool tray. To me, they are perfect somewhere in the middle of the two. Set aside in a single layer to fully dry.

### Chapter 3 : Tea Cakes, With Black History Origins, Offer Connection to Future - latimes

*Watch me make these deep south old fashioned tea cakes from start to finish! I love finding people who have never experienced a good old-fashioned, Southern tea cake so that I can de-flower them. Ok, that sounds kinda weird but you know what I'm talking about. You'll never guess where I found.*

I love finding people who have never experienced a good old-fashioned, Southern tea cake so that I can de-flower them. In my own home!! What the heck is going on! Have you ever had a true southern tea cake? They are so basic as with most vintage recipes. Some folks say they should be crunchy, some say soft, some say lightly sweetened, some say sweet like cake! Gotta love the South! Anyway, tea cakes are as old-fashioned and southern as church funeral home fans andâ€¢. Kinda like a threesome love child of a cake, cookie, and biscuit. Well, it will once you sink your teeth into these melt-in-your-mouth plain Janes. It makes me sad, anxious and I have a hard time trusting the morals of the person that made it. It needs to have the faint trace of nutmeg, lightly speckled with vanilla bean and hints of lemon zest to play up all the flavors. Some people say tea cakes remind them of sugar cookies but I think they remind me more of sweet cornbread or pound cake in cookie-biscuit form. They pretty much BEG for tea or coffee. But the real question is: To add nutmeg or not to add nutmeg?? Some people say keep this recipe as simple as possible which means none of that nutmeg, cinnamon or any additional madness. It really bumps up the flavor of these tea cakes without losing that authentic taste and texture making them downright addictive! If your dough is too sticky to handle then roll it in between parchment paper. Adding extra flour for rolling can result in a drier, cracked tea cake and we want a smooth, pretty, tender, fluffy, picture-perfect tea cakes! Cold dough is what you want! Chilling the dough will keep the tea cakes from spreading too much in the oven and getting all weird shaped. Use both butter and shortening. Point, blank and the period! For me, nutmeg and vanilla is a must!!

### Chapter 4 : Best Southern Tea Cakes recipes | Food Network UK

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For founder, cookies reflect the ability to take what one has and turn it into something treasured. Not even with a cold glass of milk. Robinson, a baker who teaches biology at Dorsey High School, is committed to a cookie of a different sort, one with a past that is dear to her heart--and a bountiful future. If something has served you well, you never abandon it. The owner of Mrs. In a venture with the National Council of Negro Women, the tea cakes are offered as a fund-raising tool for churches and schools nationwide--much like Girl Scout cookies or candy is sold. Correction Tea cakes--Because of an editing error, the department store where Mrs. Even as Robinson promotes the product, at the heart of her pitch is history. On special days, she takes tea cakes to her students and explains their beginnings. But to a generation of older African Americans with Southern roots--and to some Southern whites as well--no explanation is needed. With very little provisions, those enslaved Africans took what was available and made their own version. Tea cakes became a treasure--comfort food that became a special treat during the holidays. On the back of the Mrs. Bertha Flowers, a lean, Black teacher invited me to her house and made tea cakes. The aroma of the freshly baked cookies merged with the rich sound of her voice as she read to me. But the problem, Robinson said, is that tea cakes are an all-too-distant memory for many who grew up eating them. And she pushes the idea with a passion. This is a way to start teaching kids history. After years of selling them as Mrs. Bethune, a daughter of slaves who went on to become an advisor to President Franklin D. Bethune believed in helping people," Robinson said. Robinson learned to make tea cakes the way many people did, by listening and watching, she said. Recipes were usually not written down. For her the kitchen was like a laboratory. But Robinson was not content to master the old Southern standbys: She had to experiment. But those days in Yazoo City taught Robinson lasting lessons about food and self-sufficiency. We left that behind and looked for jobs. They are gifts that she hands out to people who have helped in her tea cake venture. Over the years, the business has required a huge investment of time and money, but her philosophy is rooted in the lives of those historical figures she admires, such as Bethune and abolitionist Sojourner Truth.

### Chapter 5 : Food Network UK | TV Channel | Easy Recipes, TV Shows and Videos | Food Network UK

*She waits for the day, she says, when tea cake is a symbol of African-American culture the way bagels represent Jewish heritage and tortillas represent Latino heritage.*

### Chapter 6 : Minnesota Delights: Baker's Wife Bakery's American Tea Cakes | Northerly Nosh

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### Chapter 7 : Deep South Old-Fashioned Tea Cakes Recipe | Divas Can Cook

*My Grandma's Southern Tea Cakes are light, fluffy, buttery and delicious. These easy to create tea cakes are a real southern treat. The recipe was passed on to me, so these are some real authentic Southern tea cakes.*

### Chapter 8 : Recipe: Old Fashioned Tea Cakes | Academy of American Poets

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