Christmas cake 611

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## Bemerkungen:

**Zutaten:** 250 g self-raising flour

1½ tsp mixed spice ½t sp ground cinnamon ¼ tsp ground cloves 50 g ground almonds

350 g each raisins, currants and sultanas

50 g mixed peel

50 g dried apricots, chopped 50 g walnuts, roughly chopped

50 g whole (unblanched) almonds, roughly chopped

250 g unsalted butter, softened 200 g dark muscovado sugar

grated zest and juice of 1 unwaxed lemon

5 large free-range eggs

100 mL brandy (plus extra for 'feeding')

## Rezept:

- 1. Preheat the oven to 150C/300F/Gas
- 2. Sift the flour, spices and almonds into a bowl, then add the raisins, currants, sultanas, mixed peel, dried apricots, nuts and a pinch of salt. Stir thoroughly. In a separate bowl, cream the butter, sugar and lemon zest until fluffy, then beat in the eggs, one by one, adding a teaspoon of the flour mixture with each egg. Stir the egg mixture into the flour mixture with the lemon juice and brandy.

Technique: Zesting citrus fruit

- 3. Spoon into the prepared tin. Level the top and bake for two hours. Very loosely cover with a sheet of greaseproof paper and continue to bake for another one hour, making three hours in total, but test for readiness after two-and-three-quarter hours' cooking. The cake is cooked when a skewer inserted into the middle comes out clean and the sides have begun to shrink from the edges of the tin.
- 4. Remove to a wire rack. Once completely cold, wrap in foil and store in an airtight container until Christmas, removing every two weeks to 'feed': unwrap, prick the top with a long skewer and spoon over one to two tablespoons brandy. Reseal as before.