

Cinnamon Rolls

990 Square's Adaptation of the Pioneer Woman Recipe

BAH Note: Beth scaled down Ree's original recipe. She did the work so you don't have to. So maybe you could mosey on over to 990 Square and give Beth a big thanks for doing the heavy lifting. Because I don't know a single person who needs seven pans of these things. And because I didn't have the space in my refrigerator for the pot I used to heat the liquid, I transferred the warm liquid to a largish bowl (actually it was the bowl of my salad spinner...remember, we don't judge here at BAH) before continuing on. In a different life, in a different kitchen, with a different refrigerator, or if I could have baked the rolls off right away, I would have kept everything in the original pot.

Leftover rolls (as if) can be enjoyed at room temperature or gently warmed in a low (250-275 degree oven). I did ask Beth whether she thought the unbaked rolls could be frozen and baked off later and she said that Pioneer Woman "actually recommends baking and icing them, then freezing the whole thing. Frozen rolls should be reheated in the pan at 250. We've had luck freezing single rolls in ziplocs, then bringing them back to life in the toaster/convection oven." So, you have some options other than binging on these till they're gone.

- 2 1/4 cups skim milk, divided
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 package active dry yeast (2 1/2 teaspoons)
- 4 1/2 cups all-purpose flour, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 2 sticks butter, melted
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/8 cup cinnamon
- 1 pound powdered sugar
- 2 tablespoons maple syrup
- 1/8 cup brewed coffee
- Salt

Mix 2 cups of milk, vegetable oil, and sugar in a large pot or dutch oven. Heat the mixture to just before a boil (I'm guestimating that's about 200 degrees if you're using a thermometer). Remove from the heat and let it cool for about 20 minutes. You want it to still be warm but not hot. Sprinkle the yeast over the warm liquid and let it sit for a minute or two. Then add 4 cups

of all-purpose flour and stir the mixture together. Cover and let rise (in a warm spot) for at least one hour.

After rising for at least an hour, add the remaining 1/2 cup of flour, the baking powder, baking soda and salt. Stir to combine. You can cover and refrigerate the dough for up to three days or move right into making the rolls at this point. If using the dough later, check on it from time to time to make sure it isn't trying to escape from your bowl. Any dough trying to make a break for it can be punched down.

When ready to bake, heat your oven to 325 degrees, combine the sugar and cinnamon in a small bowl and set aside, and generously cover a rolling surface and rolling pin with flour. Don't skimp on the flour here because otherwise this dough will stick. Turn your dough out onto the floured surface, gently press out into a rectangular shape with your hands (give them a little flour too), and roll. Check for sticking dough and sprinkle additional flour on your surface as necessary. Once your dough has been rolled thin into a big rectangle, drizzle half of the melted butter onto the dough, reserving the rest of the melted butter for the frosting. I used a pastry brush to make sure it was evenly spread on the dough. Evenly coat the buttered dough with the cinnamon sugar mixture.

Starting at the long side farthest away from you, roll the dough toward you, keeping the roll as tight as you can. Pinch the long seam together to seal it when you reach the end. Cut the roll into 1 inch thick slices.

Butter two 9 inch cake pans or pie plates. Place the rolls into the pans leaving space between them so they spread. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes until the rolls are browned, then place the pans on a cooling rack while you make the frosting.

Combine the powdered sugar, maple syrup, remaining 1/4 cup milk, coffee, and the other half of the melted butter in a large bowl and stir until thick and smooth. Taste and adjust flavors as desired. Pour the frosting over the rolls and enjoy.

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