

## **Pumpkin Bread**

Fire up your coziest playlist, grab your baking gear and get ready for the most incredible homemade pumpkin bread of your life. **Ingredients** 

- 1 can (15 ounces) pumpkin (not pumpkin pie mix)
- 1 2/3 cups sugar
- 2/3 cup vegetable oil
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 4 eggs
- 3 cups all-purpose or whole wheat flour
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped nuts
- 1/2 cup raisins, if desired
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves

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## **Local Pumpkin Patches**

Anderson Farms, Erie, CO: Known as one of Colorado's longest-running corn mazes and pumpkin patches, Anderson Farms has become a northeast Colorado favorite fall attraction. Located in Erie, Anderson Farms not only boasts the biggest pumpkin patch in Colorado but also has gourd launching displays, pony rides, a playground, and a farm stand. Take a hayride to the pumpkin patch where you can choose from over 26 varieties of squash, pumpkins and gourds. And for the thrill-seekers they have Terror in the Corn where you can explore 10 acres of fear.

**Colorado Pumpkin Patch, Monument, CO**: The Colorado Pumpkin Patch, a family-friendly farm, provides families with a stellar pumpkin patch, outdoor laser tag, gourd target practice, a petting zoo, mazes, and of course a hayride. This pumpkin patch recommends choosing pumpkins Oct. 1-20, ensuring that you get the best selection. Guests will not find scary activities on this farm, making it perfect for a fall family outing.

Cottonwood Farms, Lafayette, CO: Cottonwood Farms not only has a wellstocked pumpkin patch but also features a corn maze, farm animals, straw-bale



maze and hayrides. This farm, which offers free admission during weekdays and \$5 on Saturday and Sunday, is a destination for both fall produce and Christmas trees from Thanksgiving to Christmas.

**Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms, Littleton, CO**: At Denver Botanic Gardens, Chatfield Farms boasts a 10-acre pumpkin patch and an seven-acre corn maze. A mini-maze is even offered for small children to enjoy. Guests can drop their pumpkins off at the pumpkin daycare while they enjoy the rest of Chatfield Farms.

#### Steps

1. Move oven rack to low position so that tops of pans will be in center of oven. Heat oven to  $350^{\circ}$ F. Grease bottoms only of 2 loaf pans, 8 1/2x4 1/2x2 1/2 inches, or 1 loaf pan 9x5x3 inches, with shortening.

2. Stir together pumpkin, sugar, oil, vanilla and eggs in large bowl. Stir in remaining ingredients. Pour into pans.

3. Bake 8-inch loaves 50 to 60 minutes, 9-inch loaf 1 hour 10 minutes to 1 hour 20 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes. Loosen sides of loaves from pans; remove from pans and place top side up on wire rack. Cool completely, about 2 hours, before slicing.

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**Rock Creek Farm, Broomfield, CO**: Rock Creek Farm in Broomfield wows guests with a 100-acre pumpkin patch and six miles of corn mazes. But that isn't all: Rock Creek also has a petting zoo, pumpkin carving, straw bales and more. After a few hours of fall fun at Rock Creek, don't forget to snack on their famous caramel apples and pumpkin desserts.

**Mile High Farms, Bennett, CO**: Mile High Farms impresses guests with not just its eclectic pumpkin patch, but also the farm's two corn mazes, a petting zoo, inflatable bounce castles, hayride and even face painting. Find pumpkins in wide variety, from baking pumpkins to whimsical Cinderella pumpkins. This Bennett farm is perfect for fall family fun.

**Miller Farms, Platteville, CO**: A family-run business for generations, Miller Farms offers a pumpkin patch, petting zoo, corn maze and hayrides through 180-acres of fields where you can pick your own vegetables. Guests can also learn about the true nature of farm life with their farm tours. The Annual Fall Festival is a popular time to visit this Platteville farm.



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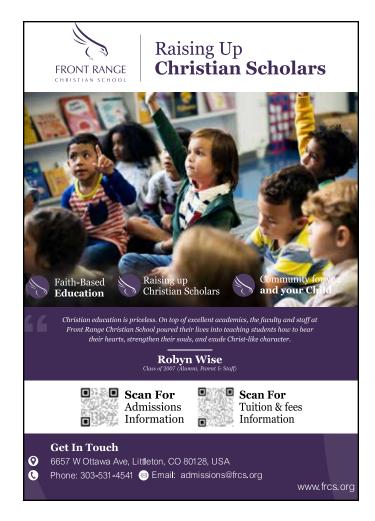
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