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Fall Fest! Caramel Apple Cupcakes with Buttercream Frosting





2h 2 Servings

Nothing screams fall dessert quite like a crisp caramel apple. But have you ever struggled to successfully eat one? Same, which is why we ran to the kitchen and created this cupcake-caramel apple mashup. Easier to eat, simpler to make, and even more delicious. We've got you covered! (2p-plan serves 12; 4p-plan serves 24—nutrition reflects 1 cupcake)

WHAT WE SEND

- 2 Granny Smith apples
- 5 oz dark brown sugar
- 5½ oz apple juice
- ¼ oz warm spice blend
- · 5 oz self-rising flour 4
- · 4 oz caramel bits 2,3
- 2 (2½ oz) confectioners' sugar

WHAT YOU NEED

- 14 Tbsp butter ²
- 1 large egg 1
- · neutral oil
- vanilla extract

TOOLS

- 12-cup muffin or cupcake tin
- medium skillet
- microwave
- · handheld electric mixer

ALLERGENS

Egg (1), Milk (2), Soy (3), Wheat (4). May contain traces of other allergens.

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NUTRITION PER SERVING

Calories 330kcal, Fat 19g, Carbs 42g, Protein 2g



1. Prep ingredients

Preheat oven to 350°F with a rack in the center. Line a 12-cup cupcake tin with paper liners or nonstick cooking spray. Set aside 10 tablespoons butter in a medium bowl to soften until step 4.

Peel and core **1 apple**. Cut into ¼-inch pieces. Melt **1 tablespoon butter** in a medium skillet over medium-high heat. Add apples and **1 tablespoon brown sugar**.



2. Cook apples & make batter

Cook **apples**, stirring, until well browned and moisture evaporates, 5–7 minutes.
Cool to room temperature.

In a 2nd medium bowl, microwave 3 tablespoons butter until melted. Whisk in ½ cup each of brown sugar and apple juice, 1 large egg, 3 tablespoons oil, and 1 teaspoon each of warm spice and vanilla until smooth. Whisk in flour until just combined (it's ok if there's lumps).



3. Bake & make caramel

Fold apples into batter. Spoon into prepared cupcake tin, filling molds all the way. Bake on center oven rack until golden brown and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, rotating halfway through, 18–22 minutes. Let cool completely.

Meanwhile, combine **caramel** and **2 tablespoons apple juice** in a bowl; microwave 30 seconds at a time, stirring in between, until smooth.



4. Make frosting

Using an electric mixer, beat softened butter and confectioners' sugar on low until sugar is fully incorporated. Increase speed to medium and beat until light and fluffy, 5–6 minutes. Add half of the caramel sauce, ¼ teaspoon warm spice, and ½ teaspoon vanilla; beat until combined. Transfer to a piping or resealable plastic bag, if desired.



5. Frost & serve

Halve and core **remaining apple**. Thinly slice 1 half (save rest for own use). Spoon or pipe **frosting** onto **cupcakes**.

Serve each **cupcake** with an **apple slice** and drizzle with **remaining caramel**. Enjoy!



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