

## **Gingerbread Cake**

## **Ingredients**

2 cups (500 ml) all-purpose flour 1 tsp (5 ml) baking soda ¼ tsp (1 ml) salt 2 tsp (10 ml) ground cinnamon 1 ½ tsp (7.5 ml) ground ginger ¼ tsp (1 ml) ground cloves ¾ cup (180 ml) molasses ¾ cup (180 ml) milk ½ cup (125 ml) butter, softened 1/3 cup (80 ml) brown sugar 1 egg 1 tsp (5 ml) pure vanilla extract

## Maple Icing

½ cup (125 ml) butter 2 cups (500 ml) icing sugar ¼ cup (60 ml) maple syrup

## Preparation

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C). Coat a 9 inch spring form pan with butter and set aside.
- 2. In a medium bowl, combine the flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, ginger and cloves; set aside.
- 3. In a small bowl, mix the molasses and milk until well blended. Set aside.
- 4. In a large bowl or in a stand mixer, beat the butter and the brown sugar until smooth. Then add the egg and vanilla. Mix until smooth.
- 4. Pour dry ingredients over the butter mixture alternating with the milk and molasses mixture, beginning and ending with the dry ingredients, and mixing just until incorporated.
- 5. Pour the batter evenly into the spring form pan. Bake until a toothpick inserted into the center of the cake comes out clean, about 35 minutes. Remove from oven and let the cake cool before icina.
- 6. To make the icing, combine the butter, icing sugar, and maple syrup in a small bowl and beat until the icing is smooth and creamy.
- 7. Spread the icing over the cake. Cut and serve.

Yield: One cake