Baked Doughnuts



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Makes 10-12 doughnuts Prep time: 1h 50min Cook time: 10min Total time: 2h Difficulty: Basic

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This recipe was adapted from recipe adapted from Doughnuts by Lara Ferroni. The original recipe calls for 300-440g of flour, but the dough was still too sticky so I continued to add flour until it was nice and smooth. I ended up adding around 100g of flour more so I adjusted to flour quantity in the recipe to 550g. You might need a bit less or a bit more in the end. Just add the flour slowly until you get a nice dough that doesn't stick to your hands.

For the dougnuts:

1 egg 50g sugar 1 tablespoon vanilla sugar 240ml tepid milk 7g instant dry yeast 1 teaspoon salt 1 teaspoon vanilla extract 110g butter, cut into 2cm cubes 500-550g flour 1 teaspoon cinnamon

For the cinnamon-sugar coating:

Ingredients

25g butter, melted 75g sugar 1 teaspoon cinnamon

Directions

In the bowl of your standing mixer with paddle attachment, beat the egg, sugar and vanilla sugar for 1 minute. Mix in milk, yeast and vanilla extract. Add half of the flour and mix on medium speed until well incorporated. Now add butter, one cube at the time and mix until smooth. Remove paddle attachment and attach the dough hook. Add cinnamon and slowly start adding the rest of the flour while mixing on low speed. Stop adding flour when the dough sticks to the hook and pulls away from the sides of the bowl. It should be soft and moist, but not sticky. You will probably need between 500g and 550g or even a bit more. Adjust the amount if necessary. Turn the dough out on to a lightly floured surface and knead until smooth. Place in a mixing bowl coated with cooking spray and cover with plastic wrap. Let rise until doubled in volume, about 1 hour.

Punch down the dough and roll it out to about 1cm thickness. With biscuit cutters, cut out 8cm circles

and transfer them to a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. With a 3cm biscuit cutter, cut out holes from the middle. At this point you can refrigerate the doughnuts overnight. Take them out an hour before baking and leave them in a warm place to rise. If you're baking them the same day, cover the doughnuts with a kitchen towel and and let sit on top of the preheating oven until almost doubled in size, about 30 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 180° C. Bake the doughnuts for 10 minutes. Leave them to cool for 2-3 minutes. In the meantime, combine sugar and cinnamon in a shallow dish. Bush the top of each doughnut with melted butter using a pastry brush, and dip into sugar-cinnamon mixture. They're best eaten warm.