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Cinnamon Raisin Pull-Apart Bread

For the dough:

- 3/4 Cup non-dairy milk
- 1 Packet active yeast
- 3 Cups whole wheat bread flour (you can use pastry flour, I just didn't have any)
- 1 Tbsp baking powder
- 1/4 Cup raw sugar
- 2 Tsp cinnamon
- 1/4 Tsp salt
- 5 Tbsp unsweetened applesauce

For the Filling:

- 1 Tbsp unsweetened applesauce
- 4 Tbsp brown sugar
- 2 Tbsp cinnamon
- 1/2 Cup raisins

Optional Glaze Topping:

- 1 Cup confectioners sugar
- 1 Tsp non-dairy milk
 - In a small saucepan, gently warm 3/4 cup non-dairy milk to about 110 degrees. Sprinkle yeast over warmed non-dairy milk and let it dissolve, about 5 minutes.
 - 2) In a large mixing bowl, combine 2 cups of flour, 1/4 cup sugar, baking powder, cinnamon and 1/4 salt in a large bowl. Add 5 tbsp applesauce and yeast mixture, stir to combine. Add in another 1/2 cup flour, stirring to combine. Continue mixing until you have a sticky dough ball.

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- 3) Place the dough is a large, oiled bowl (or drizzle a little oil in your current bowl and roll the dough in it. Cover with plastic wrap and/or a kitchen towel. Place in a warm space and allow to rest until doubled in size, about 1 hour. Once risen, you can refrigerate overnight to use in the morning, just allow to rest for 30 minutes on the counter before rolling out.
- 4) While the dough rises, whisk together the brown sugar, cinnamon and applesauce for the filling. Grease and flour a $9 \times 5 \times 3$ -inch loaf pan. Set both aside.
- 5) Sprinkle remaining flour on a flat surface and knead dough, kneading in most of the flour. Using a floured rolling pin, roll dough into a large thin rectangle, about 12-inches tall and 20-inches long, or roughly as large as you can make it.
- 6) Using a pastry brush, spread the filling across all the dough. Sprinkle with additional brown sugar if desired. Sprinkle raisins evenly across the dough.
- 7) Slice the dough vertically into strips and stack strips on top of one another and slice into strips again. The strips will measure around 3 1/2-inches on each

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side. Layer into your greased loaf pan and cover with a kitchen towel and allow to rise for 30-45 additional minutes.

- 8) Meanwhile, place a rack in the center of the oven and preheat to 350 degrees F. Bake for 30 to 45 minutes until tips are deeply golden brown. The center takes much longer to cook, so deeply golden tips will be indicative the entire loaf is cooked through.
- 9) Allow to cool for up to 30 minutes before removing from pan and onto a clean surface or serving dish. Drizzle with glaze topping if desired.



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