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Preparation time: 1 hour 15 minutes

Cooking time: 30 minutes

Makes: 3 Hot Cross Buns

Ingredients

125ml (1 bottle) Renastep 250 g Plain flour, plus extra for dusting 25g Brown sugar 1 tsp Cinnamon 1 tsp Mixed spice 4g Fast-acting yeast 55g Unsalted butter (at room temperature) 25g Beaten egg 40g Dried, sweetened cranberries Zest of half an orange

Icing for the cross decoration: 10g Apricot jam 6ml Cold water 75g Icing sugar

Method

- 1. Preheat the oven to 190°C / 170°C Fan / Gas Mark 5.
- 2. In a large mixing bowl, add the flour, brown sugar, cinnamon, mixed spice, 30g of butter and yeast. Rub with your fingertips until a sandy texture is formed.
- 3. Mix the orange zest and cranberries into the flour mixture.
- 4. Warm the Renastep and remaining butter in a small saucepan (do not boil).
- 5. Pour the Renastep into the flour mixture, add the eggs and combine until the mixture forms a soft, sticky dough.
- 6. Tip the dough out onto a lightly floured work surface and knead well for 5 minutes, or until the dough is smooth and elastic. Alternatively, this can be done in a freestanding mixer using a dough hook.
- 7. Place the dough in an bowl, cover with a damp tea towel and leave to rise for about 1 hour. This is best done in a warm room.
- 8. Divide the dough into 3 equal amounts and roll with your hands into a bun type shape.
- 9. Cover loosely with a clean tea towel and let the dough rise for 15 minutes.
- 10. Once the buns have risen, put them in the oven and bake for 20-25 minutes or until golden-brown.
- 11. Remove the buns from the oven and let them cool slightly before transferring them to a cooling rack.
- 12. Meanwhile, warm the apricot jam for a few seconds in the microwave and then, using a pastry brush, brush the top of the hot cross buns with the warm jam.
- 13. Mix the icing sugar and water, then transfer to a disposable piping bag and snip off a tiny snip at the end. Pipe a cross shape on top of the bun.

Nutritional Information

Nutrient		per portion (1 bun + icing)
Calories	kcal	711
Protein	g	11.1
Sodium	mg/mmol	58 / 2.5
Potassium	mg/mmol	203 / 5.0
Phosphorus	mg/mmol	132 / 4.2
Calcium	mg/mmol	124 / 3.1

Always check with your dietitian that this recipe is suitable for you.



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