

### **INGREDIENTS:**

# GLUTEN-FREE CARROT CAKE BITES

### **FOR CARROT CAKE BITES:**

2 ½ cups all-purpose gluten-free flour

3/4 teaspoon xanthan gum (only add if your flour does not contain any).

111/4 teaspoon baking powder

1 teaspoon baking soda

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg

1/8 teaspoon ground cloves

1/8 teaspoon ground allspice

½ teaspoon salt

1 1/4 cups sugar

3/4 cup brown sugar

4 large eggs

1 tablespoon LorAnn Cinnamon Spice Bakery Emulsion

1/3 cup unsweetened applesauce

2/3 cup canola or vegetable oil or melted coconut oil

½ cup melted unsalted butter (or oil)

3 cups finely shredded carrots (from about 1 lb. carrots)

### FOR FROSTING:

Make one batch of "No Cream Cheese" frosting with I teaspoon LorAnn Cream Cheese Bakery Emulsion in place of the Super-Strength flavor.

## **DIRECTIONS:**

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
- 2. Butter 12 x 16-inch sheet pan and line with parchment paper.
- 3. In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, xanthan gum (if needed), baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, allspice, and salt. Set aside.
- 4. In the bowl of your standing mixer, beat sugar, brown sugar and eggs, and cinnamon spice flavoring on medium-high speed until thoroughly combined, about 45 seconds.
- 5. Reduce speed to low, and slowly add the applesauce, oil, and melted butter. Mix on high for one minute, or until mixture is well mixed and light in color.



- 6. Turn off mixer and stir in by hand the carrots and dry ingredients until no loose flour remains.
- 7. Pour into prepared pan. Bake at 350°F for 35 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean.
- 8. Let cake cool, in pan, on a wire rack.

# **ASSEMBLY:**

- 1. With 2-inch biscuit cutter, cut rounds from cake and pair rounds.
- 2. One half of the rounds, pipe frosting and top with second round.
- 3. Pipe rosette or simple swirl of frosting on top round.
- 4. Garnish with a dusting of cinnamon, caramel sauce, or walnuts.

