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Almond Raspberry Torte

Although not a true torte; this luscious *almond raspberry* cake is a cross between a decadent dessert and a warm and cozy coffee cake. I bake this cake in the winter using fresh-frozen raspberries and in the summer using freshly picked raspberries. For tips on fresh-freezing berries, read below... Another tasty variation is to use fresh Alpine Strawberries in place of the raspberries.

Caution: I have tried this recipe with the standard grocery store variety of strawberries and failed miserably. Standard strawberries have too high of water content and their flavor is not concentrated enough.

- 1/2 cup whole almonds, unsalted
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 4 tablespoons butter, softened
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon almond extract
- 2 large fresh organic eggs
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1 cup fresh raspberries or alpine strawberries

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Grease a round 7" - 8" quiche dish with extra virgin olive oil or butter. Lightly dust dish with flour. In a food processor, finely grind almonds with sugar and salt. Add butter, vanilla extract, almond extract and eggs; process on pulse until mixed. Add flour using short pulses until just mixed. Do not over mix!

Pour batter into quiche dish and smooth with a spatula. Add berries onto of batter, pushing berries lightly down into batter. Bake 20-30 minutes, until brown and center is down. Serve warm for brunch, after snowshoeing or for dessert.

Tip: Fresh freezing berries during the summer when berries are plentiful and inexpensive is easy as 1-2-3:

1. Pick or purchase firm fruit. Fresh freezing works well for any berry including blueberries, raspberries, Logan berries, strawberries and Marion berries.
2. Remove any damaged fruit and rinse and drain thoroughly in a colander.
3. Place rinsed fruit on large, heavy cookie sheets and freeze until frozen. Carefully remove from the cookie sheet and bag in freeze zip-lock bags. Label and place in a freezer.

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