



Puffy Greek Baklava Honey CUPcake with Orange Honey Syrup + Honey Cinnamon Milk Steamer

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Prep Time 22 / Cook Time 6 / Serves 1 - 2

Shopping List

- FRESH
- 1 small orange
- 1 lemon
- 1 pinch fresh chopped parsley (or dried parsley/dried dill)
- Kid Chefs' Choice for "Crudités:"
- 4 to 5 baby carrots or carrot chips
- 1 to 2 celery stalks
- 1 mini cucumber or 1/4 large cucumber
- 3 to 5 cherry tomatoes ****(see allergy subs below)****
- 1 to 2 red radishes
- 2 to 3 jicama sticks
- 1/2 red, orange, or yellow bell pepper ****(see allergy subs below)****
- 3 to 5 mini sweet peppers ****(see allergy subs below)****
- DAIRY AND EGGS
- 1 T butter ****(see allergy subs below)****
- 1 egg ****(see allergy subs below)****
- 4 T full-fat plain Greek yogurt ****(see allergy subs below)****

- 3/4 C milk ****(see allergy subs below)****
- PANTRY
- 1 pinch of garlic powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 pinch of ground black pepper
- 1 pinch granulated sugar
- 1 T + 2 tsp brown sugar
- 2 T + 1/2 tsp honey
- 2 T sunflower seeds or pumpkin seeds ****(see allergy subs below)****
- 1/4 C all-purpose flour ****(see allergy subs below)****
- 1/4 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp pumpkin pie spice
- 1 pinch ground cinnamon OR cinnamon stick
- HAVE ON HAND
- 1 tsp water

Fun-Da-Mentals Kitchen Skills

slice: to cut into thin pieces using a sawing motion with your knife.

measure: to calculate the specific amount of an ingredient required using a measuring tool (like measuring cups or spoons).

juice: to extract or squeeze out the juice of a fruit or vegetable, like a lemon, orange, or carrot, often cutting open or peeling the fruit or veggie first to access its flesh.

mix: to thoroughly combine two or more ingredients until uniform in texture.

tear: to pull or rip apart a food, like basil leaves, into pieces instead of cutting with a knife; cutting breaks cell walls more, so herbs can discolor faster.

dip: to briefly put a solid food, such as chips, fries, battered fried fish, hot sandwich (French dip), or veggie slices, into a liquid, like beef broth or a thicker sauce, like ketchup, dressing, or a dip to impart moisture and extra flavor to the solid food.

juice: to extract or squeeze out the juice of a fruit or vegetable, like a lemon, orange, or carrot, often cutting open or peeling the fruit or veggie first to access its flesh.

melt: to heat a solid food so it becomes liquid, like butter or chocolate.

toast: to brown and crisp food in a heated skillet or oven, or in a toaster.

whip: to beat food with a whisk or mixer to incorporate air and produce volume.

zest: to scrape off the outer colored part of a citrus fruit's rind (skin or peel) using a metal tool with small sharp blades, such as a zester, microplane, or the small holes of a grater (avoid the "pith," the white, spongy lining of the rind that can be bitter).

microwave: to heat or cook food or liquid quickly in a microwave oven, which uses high-frequency electromagnetic waves to generate heat in the food's water molecules.

seal: to close tightly, keeping filling inside.

microwave: to heat or cook food or liquid quickly in a microwave oven, which uses high-frequency electromagnetic waves to generate heat in the food's water molecules.

shake: to rapidly and vigorously move a covered container filled with food up and down and side to side to combine ingredients and create a different consistency, such as shaking whipped cream to make butter.

Equipment

- Soap for cleaning hands
- Cutting board
- Kid-safe knife (a butter knife works great)
- Small bowl
- Citrus zester or box grater with small zesting holes
- Citrus juicer (optional, but encouraged)
- Measuring spoons
- Microwave
- Microwave-safe mug
- Small microwave-safe plate
- Potholder
- Paper towels
- Small whisk or metal spoon
- Dry measuring cups
- Zester or (or grater with small zesting plate/side)

Pint-sized glass or plastic jar or container + matching lid

Liquid measuring cup

Ingredients

Rainbow “Crudités” Veggie Sticks + Rad Ranch Dip for One

Kid chefs' choice for “Crudités:”:

4 to 5 baby carrots or carrot chips

1 to 2 celery stalks

1 mini cucumber or 1/4 large cucumber

3 to 5 cherry tomatoes ****(Omit for NIGHTSHADE ALLERGY)****

1 to 2 red radishes

2 to 3 jicama sticks

1/2 red, orange, or yellow bell pepper ****(Omit for NIGHTSHADE ALLERGY)****

3 to 5 mini sweet peppers ****(Omit for NIGHTSHADE ALLERGY)****

Ranch Dip:

1 pinch fresh chopped parsley (or dried parsley/dried dill)

1/2 lemon

2 T full-fat plain Greek yogurt ****(for DAIRY ALLERGY sub dairy-free/nut-free plain Greek yogurt)****

1 pinch garlic powder

1 pinch salt

1 pinch ground black pepper

1 tsp water

1 pinch granulated sugar, optional

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Mug Cake:

1 T butter, melted ****(for DAIRY ALLERGY sub nut-free oil OR dairy-free/nut-free butter, like Earth Balance brand)****

2 tsp + 1 T brown sugar, divided

- 1 T honey
- 1 egg ******(for EGG ALLERGY sub 1/4 C applesauce)******
- 2 T full-fat plain Greek yogurt ******(for DAIRY ALLERGY sub dairy-free/nut-free yogurt OR coconut cream)******
- 2 T shelled sunflower seeds or pumpkin seeds, toasted ******(Omit for SEED ALLERGY or sub raisins)******
- 1/4 C all-purpose flour ******(for GLUTEN ALLERGY sub gluten-free/nut-free all-purpose flour)******
- 1/4 tsp baking powder
- 1 pinch salt
- 2 pinches pumpkin pie spice
- Syrup:
- 1 small orange, zested and juiced
- 1/2 tsp honey

Honey Cinnamon Milk Steamer for One

- 3/4 C milk ******(for DAIRY ALLERGY sub dairy-free/nut-free milk)******
- 1 T honey
- 1 pinch ground cinnamon OR 1 cinnamon stick

Food Allergen Substitutions

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Nightshade: Omit optional cherry tomatoes, bell peppers, and sweet peppers.

Dairy: Substitute dairy-free/nut-free plain Greek yogurt.

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Instructions

Rainbow “Crudités” Veggie Sticks + Rad Ranch Dip for One

intro

Each of our SFC Sweet Mug Recipes will include this recipe, so kids can snack on healthy raw veggies and dip while they cook.. All veggies are good for the brain! The purpose is to reinforce and encourage kids to eat veggies and have them learn a little about what each vegetable does for the body! Kids will show which veggie(s) they've chosen and share the benefit below. Snack on veggies and encourage kids to eat at least 3 pieces to power up their brains before making the mug cake! **Green** veggies help keep you from catching a cold! **White** veggies give you energy! **Yellow** veggies help make your bones strong! **Orange** veggies are good for your heart! **Blue** and **Purple** veggies are good for your memory! **Red** veggies are good for your blood!

tear + zest + juice

To make the dip, tear **1 pinch of parsley leaves** into tiny bits! Add the parsley to a small bowl. Zest **1 lemon** and add a pinch of zest to the parsley. Slice the lemon in half and add a squeeze of juice. Watch for seeds!

measure + mix

Measure and add **2 tablespoons of Greek yogurt, 1 pinch of garlic powder, 1 pinch of salt, 1 pinch of black pepper**, and **1 teaspoon of water** to the bowl with the parsley and lemon. Use a spoon to mix! Taste! What does it need? Add more lemon, salt, pepper, or garlic powder a little at a time until your dip tastes great to you. Add **1 pinch of sugar** to balance flavors if you wish.

slice + dip

Have kid chefs slice up their **raw vegetables** of choice into sticks or bite-sized pieces, and then dip their Rainbow "Crudités" Veggie Sticks in the Rad Ranch Dip! Delightful!

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Kid chefs can smell their aromatic ingredients one-by-one: butter, pumpkin pie spice or cinnamon, seeds, honey, and orange! How can we make each of these ingredients smell even better? Have kids brainstorm and then compare the aromas before and after doing some of the cooking steps, like melting the butter, toasting the seeds, whipping the honey, and zesting and juicing the orange. Kids can also rub the spices on their palms and slowly wave their hands in front of their noses (not too close—they can go up nostrils and sting!).

melt + mix + whip

Add **1 tablespoon butter** and **2 teaspoons brown sugar** to a microwave-safe mug and microwave for 30 seconds to melt it. Remove carefully with a potholder. Whisk **1 tablespoon honey** for a few seconds, then mix in the whipped honey and remaining **1 tablespoon brown sugar** with the melted butter and sugar.

crack + whisk

Crack **1 egg** and add it to the mug. Add **2 tablespoons of Greek yogurt** and whisk!

toast + measure + mix

Toast **2 tablespoons of pumpkin or sunflower seeds** by placing them on a small microwave-safe plate and microwaving for 1 minute. Measure and add **1/4 cup flour, 1/4 teaspoon baking powder, 1 pinch of salt, 2 pinches of pumpkin pie spice**, and the toasted seeds to the mug. Mix, making sure all of the dry ingredients are mixed in with the wet ingredients. Scrape down the sides of your mug to be sure!

cover + microwave

Cover mug with a damp paper towel. Microwave on high for 1 minute. While the cake cooks, make the Orange Honey Syrup.

zest + juice + mix

Wash and zest **1 orange**, adding the zest to a small bowl. Slice the orange in half and squeeze a few drops of juice into the bowl. Mix in **1/2 teaspoon honey**.

drizzle + microwave

Drizzle the syrup over the mug cake and microwave on high for 1 minute. Remove carefully with a potholder and let it cool a bit before serving.

Honey Cinnamon Milk Steamer for One

measure + seal

Kid chefs can measure and add **3/4 cup milk, 1 tablespoon honey**, and **1 pinch of cinnamon** to a clean jar or container and seal with its matching lid.

shake + microwave + stir

Have kids shake the sealed jar for a total of 30 seconds. Add the honey cinnamon milk to a microwave-safe mug. Microwave on high for 45 seconds to 1 minute. Carefully remove the mug with a potholder and stir.

cool + sip

Let it cool and sip. Cheers!

Featured Ingredient: Honey!

Hi! I'm Honey!

"I'm a golden, thick, naturally sweet liquid made by honeybees! My flavor varies depending on the particular flower nectar that bees carry home to their hive. Did you know I can last indefinitely? That's forever! Try squeezing or dribbling me into tea, on biscuits, toast, or fruit, and add me to desserts."

Honeybees make honey—they are one of the world's insects that makes food people can eat. An average bee makes about one-twelfth of a teaspoon of honey during its whole life.

In Spain, an 8,000-year-old cave painting in the Cuevas de la Araña (Spider Caves) depicts a person gathering honey from a beehive.

Egyptian hieroglyphs record the practice of beekeeping in ancient Egypt and honey's use as a sweetener and as a soothing ointment for wounds. Egyptians also buried their dead with honey or used it in mummification.

Ancient Greece had its beekeepers, and references to honey also appear in ancient Indian and Israelite texts.

Honey has an indefinite shelf life—it can last forever if well stored because it has natural preservatives. It may crystallize eventually, but the crystals will melt if you warm it by putting the jar in a bowl or pot of hot water or in the microwave on low power.

People initially used honey as a culinary sweetener but now recognize it as a healing ingredient in medicinal treatment. For example, honey can help soothe a cough or sore throat and heal burns or cuts on your skin.

Eating local honey, made from bees living in the same area where you live, may help you build up a resistance to pollen, thereby reducing your allergies. However, there is not sufficient evidence for this. Infants do not yet have any resistance to the bacteria in honey, so keep it out of their diet until they are over one year old.

Honey consists primarily of fructose and other natural sugars and has insignificant amounts of vitamins and minerals, so it is wise to limit your honey intake as you do with other sugars.

Honey soaks up moisture rapidly. To make cake and cookies last longer and retain their moistness, substitute half of the sugar in a recipe with honey.