Chocolate Zucchini Bread

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) melted butter
- 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
- ¹/₂ tsp. instant coffee (optional)
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 large egg yolk
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract

- 2 cups grated zucchini (approximately 1 large or 3 small). You can gently pat out excess water with a paper towel, but do not squeeze it out – you want to retain some of the moisture.
- 2/3 cup semisweet chocolate chips or chunks. You can also try a mixture of semisweet and bittersweet.

Directions:

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
- 2. Grease a 9"x 5" loaf pan and dust with flour or cocoa powder, tapping out any excess.
- 3. In a large bowl, whisk together flour, cocoa powder, baking soda, cinnamon and salt (and instant coffee).
- 4. In another large bowl, stir together sugar, egg and egg yolk until smooth.
- 5. Allow melted butter to cool slightly, then add the vanilla to the sugar and egg mixture and combine.
- 6. Fold in zucchini.
- 7. Add flour mixture in batches, stirring to incorporate, but do not overmix, then fold in chocolate chips.
- 8. Transfer the batter to the prepared pan.
- 9. Bake until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean, about 50 minutes.
- 10. Let bread cool in pan for 10 minutes, then turn out onto a wire rack to cool completely.
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