Oven Baked Pancakes With Spiced Pears

Love pancakes, but don’t love using a spatula? Oven-baked pancakes have all the flavor of a traditional pancake, but no flipping is required.

**Ages:** 3–5 years  
**Prep time:** 15 minutes  
**Makes:** 6 servings  
**Cook time:** 52 minutes

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**INGREDIENTS**

- Nonstick cooking spray
- ½ cup pancake mix, whole-wheat
- ½ cup water
- 4 cups + 1 Tbsp (about 2 15-oz cans) pears, canned in extra light syrup, diced
- 1 Tbsp cornstarch
- 1 tsp pumpkin pie spice
- ½ tsp vanilla extract

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**DIRECTIONS**

1. Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
2. Preheat oven to 375 °F.
3. Spray a loaf pan (8½" x 4½" x 2½") with nonstick cooking spray.
4. In a small mixing bowl, combine pancake mix and water. Whisk until smooth.
5. Pour pancake batter into loaf pan and bake in the oven for 35 minutes.
6. While pancakes are cooking, separate pears and syrup. Place pears in a small bowl and syrup in a medium nonstick pot.
7. Add cornstarch, pumpkin pie spice, and vanilla extract to cold or room temperature pear syrup. Whisk until smooth.
8. Heat syrup mixture on medium-high heat and whisk continuously until it begins to boil, about 5 minutes.
9. Add pears to syrup mixture. Stir. Bring mixture to a boil, about 7 minutes.
10. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer for 3–5 minutes or until it becomes nectar-thick. Stir often to prevent pears from sticking to the pan. Heat to 140 °F or higher for at least 15 seconds. Remove from heat.
11. When pancakes are cooked completely, cut into 6 even slices. Remove pancakes from the pan.
12. Serve 1 pancake slice with ½ cup spiced pears. Serve immediately, or keep warm at 140 °F or higher.
1 pancake and ½ cup of spiced pears

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**CHEF TIPS**

- **Contains wheat (pancake mix).** Pancake mix can be a hidden source of common allergens, which include milk, peanuts, tree nuts, eggs, fish, shellfish, soy, wheat, and sesame.

- Sesame can appear as an ingredient in foods where it might not be expected (pancake mix) and may be included in the ingredient statements as "spice" or flavoring."

- Pancake shrinks away from pan sides after cooking. Cut pieces evenly.

- The 🌾 symbol indicates the recipe is whole grain-rich.

- Creditable grains contribution calculated using the Recipe Analysis Workbook, Method A.

- To verify pancakes are done, insert a wooden toothpick into the center of the pan. If wet batter sticks to the toothpick, the pancake needs more baking time.