

Muffins

makes 6 muffins

1 cup all-purpose flour 1/3 cup sugar 1/2 tablespoon baking powder 1/2 tablespoon salt 1 egg 1/2 cup milk 1/2 teaspoon vanilla 2 tablespoons melted butter 1/2 cup chocolate chips, or 3/4 cup frozen berries (chopped if needed) Coarse sugar or cinnamon sugar for dusting

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees (NOT convection). Line a muffin tins with paper wrappers and give a light spray of non-stick spray.

In a large bowl, using a fork, whisk together the flour, sugar, baking powder, salt. Set aside.

In a small bowl, mix together the egg, milk, vanilla and butter (have butter melted ahead of time in glass measuring cup - the butter may seize up when mixed with cold milk - this is fine and a good talking point about liquid vs. solid and temperature).

Pour the liquid ingredients into the dry and stir just until blended. (*Demonstrate how to stir efficiently by using spoon to scrape sides and bottom of bowl*) Fold in chocolate chips or blueberries. Do not overmix or muffins will be rubbery - there may be some lumps and that is OK. Sprinkle tops of muffins with a pinch of coarse sugar for chocolate chip muffins or cinnamon sugar for fruit.

Fill muffin tins half-2/3 full *(use large scoop for this)* and bake 12-15 minutes or until they are golden brown and spring back when touched and toothpick comes out clean.

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