

Lavender Earl Grey Scones

Makes 10 - 12 scones

INGREDIENTS

- 2 heaping teaspoons Lavender Earl Grey tea 1 1/2 sticks unsalted butter, cut into 1/2 inch leaves
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 2 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 3/4 tsp kosher salt

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- 1 1/4 cups buttermilk
- 1 tsp pure vanilla extract (divided)
- 2/3 cup powdered sugar
- 1 tbsp water

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees.
- 2. Steep 1 heaping teaspoon of the tea leaves in 1/4 cup of boiling hot water for 3 minutes. Strain and reserve the tea.
- 3. In a coffee or spice grinder, grind the remaining teaspoon of tea leaves to a very fine powder. Place the powder in a large mixing bowl, add the flower, sugar, baking soda, baking powder, and salt. Stir until combined.
- 4. Work the butter into the dry mixture with your hands, until it's thoroughly incorporated and has the consistency of fine breadcrumbs.
- 5. Make a well in the center of the dry ingredients and then pour the buttermilk, 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract, and 1 tablespoon of the brewed tea into the well. Combine the ingredients until all the dry mix is wet, but do not knead.
- 6. Turn the mixture onto a floured surface and gather the dough together. Gently pat the dough to make a circle about 1 1/2 inches thick. Using a dough or pizza cutter, cut the scones into wedges and lay them on a nonstick baking sheet. Do not overwork the dough.
- 7. Bake scones for about 12 minutes, until lightly browned. Let cool on wire rack.
- 8. In small mixing bowl, mix powdered sugar, water, and 1/2 teaspoon of vanilla extract until smooth. Drizzle over cooled scones.