



Fruit Cake

1/2 cup shortening

1 1/2 cups sugar

1 egg, beaten

1 1/2 cups applesauce

2 tsp. baking soda

1/2 cup boiling water

2 1/2 cups flour

1/2 tsp. salt

1/2 tsp. cinnamon

1/4 tsp. cloves

1/2 tsp. allspice

1/2 tsp. nutmeg

1 container fruit mix

red cherries, raisins and chopped walnuts as desired

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In small bowl, combine baking soda and water. Set aside.

In large bowl, cream together shortening and sugar. Add egg and applesauce; mix well.

In medium bowl, sift together flour, salt, cinnamon, cloves, allspice and nutmeg.

Add flour mixture and soda water to wet mixture, alternating flour and soda water. Add fruit mix (sprinkle with flour to keep it from sticking together), cherries, raisins and walnuts. Mix well.

Pour batter into prepared loaf pans.

Place pie pan with water on lower rack; bake for 1 hour.