Quick Homemade Wheat Bread



Ingredients:

- 3 cups warm water, not boiling
- 1 tablespoon active dry yeast
- 2/3 cup maple syrup, agave, or honey
- 1/3 cup olive oil, plus a little extra for hands
- 7 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 2 tablespoons milled flaxseed (optional)
- 2 tablespoons whole oats (optional)
- 2 tablespoons butter (optional)
- Cooking spray

Instructions:

- 1. Heat oven to 200 F. Spray two small loaf pans with non-stick cooking spray and set to the side.
- 2. Place warm water in large mixing bowl. Add yeast and stir. Stir in honey and let proof (start to form a creamy foam) for 5 minutes.
- 3. Add oil, flour, and salt to the yeast mixture. Add once cup of flour, flaxseed, and oats to the wet mixture. Stir to incorporate, before adding more flour, 1 cup at a time. If using a mixer with a dough hook, add two cups of flour at a time.
- 4. Knead the dough with the mixer for 10 minutes, or with floured hands until dough is easy to work with and not sticky.
- 5. Place a little oil on hands and shape into two bread loaves. Place in prepared pans.
- 6. Place pans in oven to allow bread to raise for about 20 minutes.
- 7. Turn oven to 350 F after the bread has risen. Leave bread in oven and set timer for 25 minutes.
- 8. Once bread is golden brown, remove from oven and spread butter all over warm loaves. Let cool for several minutes before removing from pans.
- 9. Once cooled, store the bread in an airtight container, or place in the freezer until ready to use.

Makes 2 loaves.

