Apricot-Cheese Danish

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Prep Time: 15 minutes Cook Time: 20 minutes

Serves 12

Ingredients

- Crisco® Original No-Stick Cooking Spray
- 3 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 5 tablespoons sugar, divided
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 (17.3 oz.) package frozen puff pastry sheets, thawed according to package instructions
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1/4 cup Smucker's® Apricot Preserves
- 1/4 cup coarsely chopped walnuts
- 3/4 cup powdered sugar
- 2 to 4 teaspoons milk



Instructions

- 1. Heat oven to 400°F. Coat 2 baking sheets with no-stick cooking spray.
- 2. Stir cream cheese and 1 tablespoon sugar in a small bowl until blended.
- 3. Mix the remaining 4 tablespoons sugar and cinnamon in a small bowl.
- 4. Sprinkle flour on a work surface. Unfold 1 pastry sheet on top of the flour. Roll into a 12-inch square. Brush with half the butter. Sprinkle with half of the cinnamon-sugar mixture. Cut the pastry sheet into 6 equal strips. Repeat with remaining pastry sheet, butter and cinnamon-sugar.
- 5. Lift 1 pastry strip and twist ends in opposite directions until completely twisted. Hold one end of the strip on the baking sheet, loosely coiling the dough around that center point to create a spiral shape, about 4 inches in diameter. Tuck the outside end of the spiral under the bottom of the pastry, pressing gently to seal. Repeat with the remaining pastry strips to shape a total of 12 pastries, six on each baking sheet.
- 6. Spoon 1 teaspoon of the cream cheese mixture onto the center of each pastry. Top with 1 teaspoon of preserves and 1 teaspoon walnuts.
- 7. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes or until golden brown. Cool on baking sheet for 5 minutes.
- 8. Place powdered sugar in a small bowl. Whisk in milk, 1 teaspoon at a time, until desired drizzling consistency. Drizzle over pastries.