

REAL FRIENDSHIP CAKE

From the Book: *Friendship Cake* by Lynne Hinton

Cook's Note: This recipe takes extra preparation and work

You will need a bunch of love, the kind that is long-suffering and bears all things, the kind that does not keep score of mistakes or slips of the tongue. Blend this with a serving of patience and add the following ingredients.

A strong helping of backbone support is necessary, for friendship is molded upon a understanding that leaning is appropriate.

Fold in the promise to guard secrets and the willingness to tell ones' own.

Combine humor, the sweet taste of easy laughter, and a fiery brand of loyalty to keep the relationship firm.

A golden touch of the ability to sit in silence will add overall consistency, and a pinch of exuberant jubilation at the sound of someone else's good news will add flavor.

Stir in commitment of time and attention, and add a bit of surprise to taste.

Once the ingredients have been mixed together, treat this dish with care. And remember, this is the one cake that you can have and eat it too.

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