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Carrot Cake Bites

Makes: About 3 dozen

Ingredients:

For the cake:

1 large egg

1 large egg yolk

1/2 cup neutral oil

3/4 cup sugar

4 oz. canned crushed pineapple

1 cup shredded carrots

1/2 cup sweetened coconut flakes

11/3 cups all-purpose flour

3/4 tsp. baking soda

3/4 tsp. kosher salt

1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon

For the frosting:

1/2 cup butter, softened

8 oz. cream cheese, softened

4 cups confectioners' sugar

1/2 tsp. kosher salt 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract

To decorate:

Finely chopped nuts, optional

Green and orange gel food

coloring

Method:

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350 F.
- 2. Line rimmed baking sheet with cooking spray and parchment; set aside.
- 3. Prepare the cake: In a large bowl, whisk to combine the egg, egg yolk, oil, and sugar. Stir in pineapple, carrots, and coconut.
- 4. Add remaining ingredients; mix to combine.
- 5. Pour into prepared sheet and spread evenly. Bake for 15-18 minutes or until cake is set.
- 6. Transfer baking sheet to a rack to cool completely.
- 7. Prepare frosting: Beat butter until smooth. Slowly beat in cream cheese to combine.
- 8. Add remaining ingredients and beat until light and fluffy. Set 1/2 cup frosting aside.
- 9. Cut cake into three even sections.
- 10. Place first layer onto a parchment-lined cutting board or baking sheet. Top evenly with frosting.
- 11. Repeat twice. Sprinkle with cake crumbs or chopped nuts.
- 12. Freeze until firm (at least an hour or overnight). Use a knife dipped into hot water to trim edges and cut cubes.
- 13. Dye some of remaining frosting orange and some green. Use to pipe carrots onto petit fours.