## Annette's Carrot Cake - 2021

<u>Ingredient</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Instruction</u>
carrots crushed pineapple pecans walnuts unsweetened dried cocon fresh ginger raisins overripe banana	3 cups 1 8-ounce can 1 cup ½ cup ut ½ cup 1 heaping Tablespoon ½ cup	peeled & shredded (in juice, not syrup) toasted & chopped ground shredded peeled & grated  peeled & smashed
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all-purpose flour baking soda cinnamon ground cardamom salt	2 cups 2 teaspoons 3 teaspoons 1 teaspoon ½ teaspoon	sifted
dark brown sugar	1 cup	packed
sugar canola oil vanilla extract eggs	1 cup 1 ¼ cups 2 teaspoons 4	(or light vegetable oil)

- Preheat the oven to 350 deg F. Butter and flour two 9" round cake pans.
- In a medium bowl, combine the first 8 ingredients and set aside as your fruit & nut bowl.
- In a large bowl, sift together the next 5 ingredients into your dry bowl.
- In a medium bowl, break up any lumps in the brown sugar, then beat together the sugars, oil, & vanilla. Beat in the eggs one at a time until combined.
- Pour the sugar mixture into the fruit & nut bowl, and stir well.
- Add the wet ingredients to the large dry bowl, folding over with a rubber spatula to incorporate. Do not over mix.
- Pour the batter into the prepared pans. Bake for 35 minutes, or until the tops are a very golden brown. (Cupcakes take about 12 minutes). Let the cakes cool in the pans for 10 minutes, then turn up-side-down on wire racks to cool completely before frosting.

**NOTE:** This is a reduction of our 3-layer Hummingbird Cake recipe. Frost with lemon-orange frosting (see recipe).