

1½ cups flour
½ teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon salt
1½ teaspoons cinnamon
1 cup sugar

1 cup strawberry syrup*
2 eggs
½ cup + 2 tablespoons oil
½ cup pecans, chopped

Preheat oven to 375°F. Mix dry ingredients. Make a well and pour remaining ingredients in. Mix gently with a large spoon. Portion into well greased or lined muffin tin. Bake for 25-30 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean.

*STRAWBERRY SYRUP

2 pounds strawberries, diced
 1 tablespoon lemon juice
 4 tablespoons water
 1 tablespoon cornstarch
 4-6 tablespoons sugar, to taste

Combine berries, lemon juice, sugar, and 2 tablespoons water in a medium saucepan and bring to a boil, stirring often. Reduce heat and simmer 5 minutes, stirring occasionally until the berries have released their juice and softened.

In a small bowl, stir remaining 2 tablespoons water and cornstarch together until smooth. Stir mixture into the berries and simmer, stirring constantly for 1 minute.

Remove from the heat and let cool before storing in an airtight container in the refrigerateor for up to three days.

