Winning Traditional Soda Bread Recipe

Oven: 375 degrees

4 cups white flour 2 cups buttermilk 1 tsp salt 1 tsp baking soda

Mix everything together to form a round loaf. Make a cross on top with a knife. Bake at 375 degrees for 45 minutes on a greased cookie sheet.

Winning Family Style Bread Recipe

Oven: 350 degrees

4 cups flour½ cup dark raisins3 tablespoons sugar½ cup golden raisins1 tablespoons baking powder½ cup craisins1 tsp salt1 tablespoons caraway seeds¾ tsp baking soda2 eggs6 tablespoons butter1 ½ cups buttermilk

Grease 2 qt. casserole dish. In bowl with fork, mix flour with the next four dry ingredients. Cut in butter with pastry blender until it looks like coarse crumbs. Stir in fruit and caraway seeds. In a smaller bowl, beat eggs slightly with a fork, remove one tablespoon and reserve. Stir buttermilk into remaining egg and then stir into flour mixture until flour is moistened. Turn dough onto well-floured surface; knead about ten strokes to mix. Shape into a ball and place in casserole dish. In center of ball, cut 4-inch cross ¼ inch deep. Brush dough with reserved egg.

Bake about 1 hour and 5 minutes at 350 degrees. Cool in casserole dish on wire rack for ten minutes – remove from dish and cool completely on rack.