
Lebanese Baklava



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Make homemade baklava in a fraction of the time with this deliciously easy method! Filled with walnuts and finished with an orange blossom simple syrup.

Course	Dessert
Cuisine	lebanese, Middle Eastern
Diet	Vegetarian
Prep Time	15 minutes
Cook Time	50 minutes
Total Time	1 hour 5 minutes
Servings	12 servings
Calories	500kcal
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Equipment

- [Rectangular Bakeware](#)
- [Ceramic Nonstick Cookware Set](#)
- [Mixing Bowl Set](#)
- [Basting Brush](#)

Ingredients

- 1 pound box of phyllo 9"x14" sheets, room temperature
- ¾ cup clarified butter or ghee

For the Simple Syrup

- 1 cup [granulated sugar](#)
- ¾ cup water
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon orange blossom water

For the Sugared Nuts

- 3 cups raw or roasted walnuts coarsely chopped in food processor
- ½ cup [granulated sugar](#)

Instructions

1. To make the simple syrup, combine the water, sugar and lemon juice in a small saucepan over medium-high heat. Bring mixture to a boil, then reduce heat to simmer, stirring occasionally until the sugar is dissolved and the mixture is thickened but still clear colored, about 5-7 minutes. Remove from heat, add the orange blossom water, and set aside to cool.
2. In a large bowl, combine the walnuts and granulated sugar until well mixed.
3. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Brush the bottom of a 9 x 13 pan with clarified butter.
4. Open the two sleeves of the phyllo, unroll them and cut off an inch at the end to make them fit into the 9 x 13 pan.

5. Lay one stack of 20 phyllo sheets in the pan. Remove about 1/3 of the other 20 stack of phyllo sheets and lay them on top of the first stack. Spread the nuts mixture over the phyllo in one even layer. Lay the remainder of the second stack of about 10 phyllo sheets over the nuts.
6. Cut the baklava into diamonds by making 5 cuts lengthwise and 9 cuts crosswise on the diagonal, holding down the phyllo sheets with your other hand as you cut carefully.
7. Pour the melted clarified butter over the baklava evenly. Allow the butter to settle in, about 5 minutes.
8. Bake until golden brown all the way into the cut lines, about 50-60 minutes, rotating the baklava halfway through baking.
9. Remove the pan from the oven and immediately pour the cooled simple syrup evenly over the baklava. Allow to cool at room temperature for several hours before serving.

Notes

Recipe: I learned how to make this recipe from [Maureen Abood](#). Check out her blog for much more detail and expertise on this recipe.

Storage: Keep the baklava lightly covered in the pan or storage container at room temperature or in the fridge for up to 2 weeks.

Substitutes: For best results, follow the recipe as is. However here are some common substitutes that would work well in this recipe.

- Instead of walnuts, you can use other types of nuts like pistachios or pecans.
- Instead of cane sugar, you can use white granulated sugar.
- Instead of ghee, you can use butter, but I recommend [clarifying the butter first](#).

Nutrition

Calories: 500kcal | Carbohydrates: 49g | Protein: 7g | Fat: 33g | Saturated Fat: 9g | Cholesterol: 29mg | Sodium: 184mg | Potassium: 157mg | Fiber: 3g | Sugar: 26g | Vitamin A: 6IU | Vitamin C: 1mg | Calcium: 33mg | Iron: 2mg