Apricot Squares

This recipe is down-home baking at its best, and it really represents all regions of the country. Easy to make, it's perfect for potluck suppers, bake sales, lunchboxes or just plain snacking.

Ingredients

34 C butter 1 1/4 tsp. salt

1 C sugar ½ C chopped nuts (pecans are best)

2 C flour 1 egg

1 C coconut 1 tsp. Vanilla

9 - 10 oz Apricot preserves

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350°.

- 2. Cream butter and sugar.
- 3. Add flour, coconut, salt, nuts.
- 4. Mix egg and vanilla; add to mixture and blend. Mixture will be crumbly.
- 5. Press 2/3 mixture in 9x13 pan.
- 6. Spread apricot preserves on top to within ¼ inch away from edge of pan.
- 7. Sprinkle remaining mixture on top of apricots.
- 8. Press lightly with fork.
- 9. Bake 25 30 minutes, until edges begin to brown lightly.
- 10. Cool before cutting.