

Looking dried-out or slightly stale is not necessarily a reason for throwing bread away. Dried-out bread, breadcrumbs and unwanted crusts have many uses in cooking. Here's one simple and tasty recipe you can use to reduce waste.

Ingredients

4 slices of leftover white, wholemeal or granary bread

25g butter or margarine

50g currants, raisins, sultanas or mixed dried fruit

25g sugar

1 tsp grated nutmeg

300ml semi-skimmed milk

2 medium eggs

Method

- 1. Preheat the oven to 160°C/140°C fan or gas mark 3.
- 2. Grease an ovenproof dish with a little of the margarine/butter and spread the rest on one side of each slice of bread.
- 3. Cut the slices into quarters diagonally (to make triangle shapes).
- 4. Arrange half of the bread across the base of the prepared dish.
- 5. Sprinkle the dried fruit, half the sugar and the nutmeg over the bread.
- 6. Arrange the remaining bread triangles, spread side up, on top of the fruit.
- 7. Beat together the milk and eggs in a measuring jug and pour over the bread.
- 8. Sprinkle the remaining sugar over the pudding and leave to stand for 10 minutes to allow the bread to soak up the egg and milk mixture.
- 9. Bake the pudding in the oven for 30 minutes or until set and golden.

Top Tip

Serve with custard, cream or ice cream.



