Johnny Bread was a Sunday morning staple in my Bermuda home — warm, buttery, and made with low. I remember my grandmother mixing it by hand while we waited eagerly for it to come out of the pan. It's simple food, but full of soul — the kind of dish that brings everyone to the table. Now, even here in the UK, the smell of Johnny Bread cooking takes me right back to those island mornings.



- Ingredients
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2½ tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 tbsp sugar
- 3 tbsp unsalted butter (softened)
- ¼ cup milk (add more as needed for a soft dough)
- 1 tbsp vegetable oil (for frying or brushing)



Bermudian Johnny Bread



Method

- 1. Mix the Dry Ingredients:
- 2. In a large bowl, combine flour, baking powder, salt, and sugar.
- 3. Add the Butter:
- 4. Rub the butter into the flour mixture with your fingers until it resembles coarse crumbs.
- 5. Add Milk and Form Dough:
- 6. Gradually pour in milk, mixing gently until a soft, smooth dough forms.
- 7. Shape and Cook:
- 8. Divide into small rounds or flatten into a large disc.
 - Pan-Fried Version: Heat oil in a skillet over medium heat and cook each side until golden brown (about 3-4 minutes per side).
 - Baked Version: Bake at 190°C (375°F) for 20–25 minutes, until golden and firm.
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- 10. Serve with butter, honey, jam, or alongside codfish breakfast or stew true Bermudian comfort food.

CHEF WILL'S TIPS:

- Chef Will's Tip †
- For a golden crust, brush a little melted butter over the bread right after cooking. It gives that perfect shine and rich flavour Bermudians know and love.
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