## Viva! eplacens

EGG REPLACER	HOW TO USE	BEST FOR
Apple purée	60g/4 tbsp/¼ cup mixed with ½ tsp baking powder as a raising agent	Cakes, quick breads and brownies.  Use in moist items, not anything crispy
Aquafaba (tinned chickpea water, whisked)	Liquid from one tin (salt-free works best), whisked until stiff	Meringues, marshmallows, macarons, mayonnaise, mousse, some cakes, butter icing, cheeses and ice creams
Baking powder and cider vinegar	1 tsp baking powder + 1 tbsp cider vinegar. Mix together and add to the cake mix immediately	Cakes, cupcakes, fruit cake and quick breads
Banana	½ a medium-large banana, mashed thoroughly	Good in banana bread as well as quick breads, muffins, brownies, most cakes and pancakes
Chia seeds	1 tbsp chia seeds mixed with 2.5 tbsp water creates 1 'chia egg'. Let it rest for 5 minutes to turn gel-like	Similar to a 'flax egg' it works well in pancakes, muffins, cookies and quick breads
Commercial egg replacer eg Ener-G Egg, Orgran, Free & Easy	1½ tsp + 2 tbsp water (use as directed on the packet)	Biscuits and cookies – items that are crispy
Gram flour (also known as chickpea or besan flour) mixed with plain flour	2 tbsp gram flour for every 350g regular flour. Sieve well as it is prone to lumps	Pancakes, farinata/socca, Indian snacks (eg onion bhaji), nut loaves and savoury burgers
Ground flaxseed (also known as linseed)	1 tbsp ground to a powder mixed with 3 tbsp warm water creates 1 'flax egg'. Mix together and let it sit for a few minutes until it turns gloopy	Pancakes, bran muffins, cakes, breads, oatmeal cookies, burgers and nut loaves. The taste can be quite strong so best to only use 1 egg's worth in any recipe
Silken tofu	55g/scant 4 tbsp/¼ cup mixed with ½ tsp baking powder	Cakes or other moist recipes – best not to use with biscuits or pancakes (makes them too heavy)
Soya flour	4 tsp mixed with 2 tsp water to form a paste	Cakes, muffins, cookies and other squidgy things. Also nut loaves and savoury burgers
Soya yoghurt	4 tbsp (or 500ml if making the Vegan Recipe Club's Luscious Vegan Sponge Cake)	Makes things moist, so great to use in quick breads, cakes and muffins – best not to use with biscuits or anything crispy
Sweet potato	1 small sweet potato, peeled, cubed, steamed until soft then mashed to a purée	Use in the same way as apple purée or banana

Eggs are used to do two jobs: bind a mixture together and make it rise. These egg replacers do the binding part (apart from Aquafaba). To make cakes rise a bit more, use a little extra baking powder and/or bicarbonate of soda – anything from 1-4 tsp, depending on the type and size of the cake and whether plain or self-raising flour is used.

Mix all of your dry ingredients together first then add the liquid ingredients at the last minute (and don't overstir... just hand mix until thoroughly combined, then stop). When you don't use eggs, you're relying on the baking powder and bicarbonate of soda to do the leavening. They will start working straight away, so make sure you mix them up just before you put them in the oven!

See our cake recipes at Viva!'s veganrecipeclub.org.uk for lots more helpful baking hints and tips.

