Blue Corn Bread

1-1/2 cups blue cornmeal
1 cup yellow cornmeal
1/2 cup sugar
1 teaspoon salt
2 Tablespoons baking powder
3/4 cup milk
2 large eggs
1 large egg yolk
1/3 cup unsalted butter, melted

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease 13x9-inch baking pan.

In a large bowl, combine blue and yellow cornmeal, sugar, salt, and baking powder. Stir with a whisk to blend

In another large bowl, combine milk, eggs, egg yolk, and butter. Whisk until blended. Pour wet ingredients into dry ingredients; stir to combine. Do not over mix.

Pour batter into prepared pan; bake until lightly browned, 20 to 25 minutes. Remove from the oven; cut into squares; serve warm. Makes: 8 to 12 pieces.

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Cook's Note: I prepared half of this recipe using coarse ground purple cornmeal, honey in place of sugar, water in place of milk, and oil. My baking pans used about 1-1/2 Tablespoons batter for each small roll. It made about 14 cornmeal breads, some narrow; others round. I served them with Native American vegetable stew and soup.

About the Recipe: The small blue cornbreads were very rustic in texture with a charcoal blue color. The crunchy bread was a nice companion to the spicy, soft vegetable stew. It made me feel like we were right there in the Southwest sharing supper with the tribe.