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## Honey Vanilla Pound Cake -

½ pound (2 sticks) unsalted butter, at room temperature
½ cup sugar
4 extra-large eggs, at room temperature
2 tbl. honey
2 tsp. pure vanilla extract
1 tsp. grated lemon zest
2 cups sifted cake flour
1 tsp. kosher salt
½ tsp. baking powder

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350°. Grease the bottom of an 8  $\frac{1}{2}$  x 4  $\frac{1}{2}$  x 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch loaf pan. Line the bottom with parchment or waxed paper, then grease and flour the pan.
- 2. In the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, cream the butter and sugar on medium speed for 3 4 minutes, until light. Meanwhile, put the eggs, honey, vanilla and lemon zest in a glass measuring cup but do not combine. With the mixer on medium-speed, add the egg mixture, one egg at a time, scraping down the bowl and allowing each egg to become incorporated before adding the next egg.
- 3. Sift together the flour, salt and baking powder. With mixer on low speed, add it slowly to the batter until just combined. Finish mixing the batter with a rubber spatula and pour it into the prepared pan. Smooth the top. Bake for 50 60 minutes, until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool for 15 minutes, turn out onto a baking rack and cool completely.

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