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The original recipe calls for $2 \frac{1}{2}$ cups all-purpose flour. So if you want to make a fourth of $2 \frac{1}{2}$ cups all-purpose flour, divide $2 \frac{1}{2}$ by 4
$2 \frac{1}{2} \div 4=2 \frac{1}{2} \div \frac{4}{1}=2 \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{4}=\frac{(2 \times 2+1)}{2} \times \frac{1}{4}=\frac{5}{2} \times \frac{1}{4}$
$=\frac{5 \times 1}{2 \times 4}=\frac{5}{8} \quad \begin{aligned} & \text { Therefore, you'll need } \\ & \text { of the original recipe }\end{aligned} \frac{5}{8}$ cups all-purpose flour to make a fourth

As we can see, we have to divide all the quantities by 4, which means to multiply them by $\frac{1}{4}$

So, the ingredients for the fourth of the original recipe of banana cake is:
$\frac{5}{8}$ cups all-purpose flour
$\frac{1}{4}$ cup white sugar
$\frac{1}{4}$ tablespoon baking soda
$\frac{3}{8}$ cup light brown sugar
$\frac{1}{4}$ pinch salt
$\frac{1}{2}$ eggs
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