



Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Oatmeal Breakfast Bars (Copy)

A healthy fall recipe for oatmeal breakfast bars bursting with pumpkin spice flavor, walnuts and chocolate chips.

Preparation 20 minutes Total 50 minutes 16 portions

Ingredients

½ cup 100% pure pumpkin puree ½ teaspoon baking soda 2 tablespoons melted coconut oil 1/4 teaspoon baking powder 3 tablespoons pure maple syrup ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon 3 tablespoons coconut sugar 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves 1 flax egg [1 tablespoon ground flax + 3 tablespoons water, whisk together, set for 15 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg or 1/8 teaspoon salt 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract or 1/4 cup vegan chocolate chips (I used Enjoy life brand) 1 1/4 cup gluten free rolled oats or

Cooking method

1/4 cup pecans, chopped

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½ cup + 2 tablespoons gluten free oat flour

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Line an 8-inch square baking pan with parchment paper or greased foil. Set aside.

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Add the wet ingredients to a large bowl: pumpkin, coconut oil, maple syrup, sugar, flax egg, and vanilla. Whisk until well incorporated.

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Add the dry ingredients: oats, oat flour, baking soda, baking powder, cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg and salt. Whisk together until just incorporated, making sure no flour patches remain. Fold in chocolate chips and nuts.

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Pour batter into the prepared baking pan. Using a rubber spatula, smooth into an even layer. Optionally, press chocolate chips and nuts into the batter.

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Bake for 20-30 minutes, until the edges have browned. Mine took 25 minutes. Allow to cool on a cooling rack for about 1 hour, or until completely cool. Lift out, slice and enjoy! Storing instructions below.

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Storage notes: Cool completely, then store in an airtight container for up to 1 week.

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Freezing instructions: store in an airtight, freezer-friendly container in the freezer for up to 1 month. Allow to thaw for 10-15 minutes before enjoying; or heat in the microwave in 10-second increments until warm.