

Equipment: Oven, Large bowl, Medium bowl, Measuring cups and spoons, 13" x 9" pan, Parchment paper or aluminum foil (optional)

Utensils: Mixing spoon, Knife

Ingredients

2 medium sweet potatoes, peeled, cooked, mashed and cooled, about 2 cups
1/4 cup sugar
1/4 cup unsweetened applesauce
1/4 cup low-fat or fat-free plain yogurt
1 large egg, beaten
3/4 cup all-purpose flour
3/4 cup whole wheat flour
1 1/4 cups instant oatmeal
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg (optional)
1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
Non-stick cooking spray

Instructions

- 1. Before you begin, wash your hands, surfaces, utensils, and produce.
- 2. Preheat oven to 350 degrees and spray 13" x 9" x 2" baking pan with non-stick cooking spray OR lightly spray baking pan with non-stock spray, line pan with foil or parchment paper and spray top of foil or paper with non-stick cooking spray.
- 3. In a large mixing bowl, combine mashed sweet potato and sugar and stir until smooth.
- 4. Add applesauce, yogurt, and egg, mix thoroughly.
- 5. In a medium-size bowl, combine flours, oats, baking soda, and spices.
- 6. Add dry ingredients to sweet potato mixture and stir just enough to combine.
- 7. Add chocolate chips and stir to mix.
- 8. Pour batter into pan and spread evenly.
- 9. Bake for 25-30 minutes or until lightly brown.
- 10. Remove from oven and let cool in pan for 1 hour. Cut into 18 bars.

Tips

- If you don't have whole wheat flour, you can use all-purpose flour.
- You can line your 13 x 9 x 2 pan with parchment paper to easily remove the bars from the pan before slicing.
- To cook sweet potatoes:
 - <u>Oven</u>: Cut ¼" slit in the top of each potato and place in a baking dish, cover with foil, and bake at 450 degrees for one hour
 - <u>Microwave</u>: Pierce potatoes with a fork, wrap with a damp paper towel, place on a microwave-safe plate, microwave on high for 6 minutes
- Make sure to let the sweet potatoes cool before using them in this recipe or they will melt the chocolate chips.

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Nutritional Information:

Calories 130 Total Fat 23g Sodium 105mg Total Carbs 23g Protein 3g