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## *Almond Butter and Berry Oatmeal*

Makes 1 serving

### **Ingredients:**

- 1/4 cup dry quick steel cut oats
- 1/2 cup low-fat cow's milk (or unsweetened flax milk or soy milk)
- 1 cup berries (fresh or frozen)
- 1 TBSP natural almond butter (or peanut, cashew, sunflower seed butter)
- 1 TBSP raw almonds (chopped)
- 1 tsp raw honey



### **Directions:**

1. Combine oats, milk, 1/2 cup berries, almond butter, and honey in a small sauce pan over low heat. Cook for 5-7 minutes, stirring occasionally.
2. Transfer cooked oatmeal to a small bowl. Top with almonds and remaining berries.

### **Nutrition Tips:**

1. Oats are a whole grain and an excellent source of soluble fiber. In fact, oatmeal has the largest amount of soluble fiber per serving and has been shown in studies to help lower LDL cholesterol almost 10% if eaten daily.
2. The difference between steel cut, rolled, and instant oats is simply a matter of how much the oat has been processed, resulting in a variety of texture and cooking times. Steel cut provide the most chewy and nutty texture, less so with rolled and even less with instant oats.
3. Instant flavored oatmeal is often filled with added sugars, salt and food additives to enhance flavor and shelf life. Compared to instant flavored oatmeal, plain old-fashioned oats and steel cut oats are more nutritious choices as they contain no added sugar, more protein and more fiber.
4. Consider removing the additives and embracing a more nutritious means of flavoring/sweetening plain oatmeal by adding a cup of whole fruit (fresh or frozen) and a tsp of honey, which combined add fiber, vitamins, and minerals.

### **Source:**

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