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## Dark Chocolate Oatmeal Cookies

Makes about 22 cookies

## **Ingredients:**

2 eggs

1/3 cup melted oil (butter, coconut, canola, etc.)

3/4 cup maple syrup

1 cup unsalted natural nut butter (peanut, almond, etc.)

3 1/4 cups rolled oats

2 tsp vanilla extract

½ tsp cinnamon

½ tsp baking soda

1 cup dark chocolate chips

Optional: Coarse sea salt (for topping)



#### **Directions:**

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Line baking sheet with parchment paper.
- 2. In a medium bowl, mix together eggs, melted oil, maple syrup, nut butter, and vanilla.
- 3. In a separate large bowl, mix together oats, cinnamon, baking soda, and dark chocolate.
- 4. Combine wet ingredients with the dry and stir to combine until dry mixture is evenly coated.
- 5. Drop ¼ cup of dough onto baking sheet. Flatten slightly. Leave a couple of inches between cookies. Optional: Sprinkle each with a few sea salt flakes.
- 6. Bake for 10-12 minutes or until golden brown. Cool on rack before serving.

### **Nutrition Tips:**

- 1. This recipe is a fun twist on a traditional chocolate chip cookie. Use peanut butter, almond butter, or any other natural "nut butter." Benefit: nut butters provide extra protein and heart-healthy fats while adding a gooey and delicious taste.
- 2. The more nutritious choice of chocolate is dark chocolate (at least 60-70% cocoa), as it is a good source of antioxidants. Many recipes that call for milk chocolate can be modified to include ½ milk chocolate and ½ dark chocolate.
- 3. Keep in mind that consuming chocolate may contribute to heartburn or reflux symptoms.

## Source:

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