

HEALTHY OATMEAL MUFFIN

COURTESY OF FIT

DIFFICULTY: EASY

TOTAL TIME: 35 MINUTES

<u>ACTIVE:</u> 12 MINUTES

SERVES: 6 PEOPLE

INGREDIENTS

- 2 medium Apples shredded (about 1 cup)
- 2 Carrots shredded (about ½ cup)
- · 2 teaspoons of Ginger
- · 1 cup unsweetened applesauce
- · 3 large eggs
- ¼ cup olive oil or coconut oil
- · 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1/3 cup light brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- · 1 teaspoon baking soda
- · 1 teaspoon salt
- · 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- · 14 cups whole wheat flour
- · 1 cup rolled oats
- 1/3 cup chopped walnuts
- Optional add-ins: ground flax, shredded coconut, chia seeds, pumpkin seeds, collagen protein, plant protein, etc.

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Preheat the oven to 375 $^{\circ}$ F. Line a standard muffin tin with paper liners or grease with oil.
- 2. Add shredded ingredients to a large bowl, along with applesauce, eggs, oil, vanilla and brown sugar. Whisk together well.
- 3. Add baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, and nutmeg to the bowl with the carrot mixture. Whisk together again to incorporate everything.
- 4. Add the flour and rolled oats to the bowl. Stir until just combined. Do not over mix, as this can result in dense muffins.
- 5. Finally, add in the walnuts (if using). Fold them into the batter.
- 6. Spoon the batter into the 12 prepared muffin cups, filling about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way. Top with additional walnuts, if desired.
- 7. Bake until the tops of the muffins are golden brown and a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean, 20-22 minutes. If you have a kitchen thermometer, cook until the muffins have an internal temperature of $200^{\circ}F$. This will ensure they are cooked through, but not overcooked.
- 8. Allow them to cool in pan for 15 minutes before enjoying. Once cooled completely, store in an air-tight container in the fridge for 4-5 days or in your freezer for up to a month.