

BANANA OAT BARS

Makes 18 bars.

A morning or afternoon nutritious pick up, this recipe is no fuss and refrigerator friendly. Store in a tight-fitting container with wax paper between the layers.

INGREDIENTS

- 2 large ripe bananas
- 2 tablespoons maple syrup
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 7 ounces whole rolled oats, 2½ cups
- ½ cup walnuts, toasted, coarsely chopped

PREPARATION

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350F.
- 2. Line a 9×9 pan with parchment paper extending the paper over the rim to make it easier to lift.
- 3. In a large bowl, mash the bananas with a fork into a rough paste. Add the maple syrup, olive oil, cinnamon, oats, and walnuts. Use a wooden spoon to combine well.
- 4. Spread in the pan, smooth the top and press down tightly with your hands.
- 5. Bake for 20 minutes, the top will be firm to the touch. Lift the paper and use a serrated knife to slice into 1×3 inch bars while still warm.
- 6. Place on a wire rack to cool completely.