

WHAT'S COOKING? Nutritional Series

Dr. Sinatra's chocolate oatmeal cookies

These healthy cookies are not just for dessert! One or two of them makes a tasty <u>light breakfast</u> or mid-day snack! A favorite of my son, Drew, who is a naturopathic doctor, these flax-filled cookies are rich in anti-inflammatory <u>omega-3s</u> and fiber. Not only does almond butter add protein, healthy monounsaturated fat and fiber to them, but it is full of Vitamin E, <u>magnesium</u> and potassium.

Another great source of fiber, oatmeal can help you lower your blood pressure (when eaten regularly). The heart-healthy pumpkin seeds contain folate, and are one of the best food sources of magnesium, a mineral which our bodies utilize in over 300 enzymatic reactions. Knowing that the dark chocolate is more than just a flavor enhancer is the icing on the proverbial cake!

Choose organic items whenever possible

- 1 cup <u>flax seeds</u>
- 1 cup almond butter
- ¹/₄ cup + 1 teaspoon raw honey
- 2 <u>eggs</u>
- 2 Tablespoons coconut oil
- 1 cup rolled oats
- ¹/₄ cup pumpkin seeds
- 3 ounces <u>dark (70% plus) chocolate</u> cut into very small pieces (give or take ½ cup)
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- ¹/₄ teaspoon sea salt

Preheat oven to 350° F. Mix together all ingredients in a large bowl. Drop tablespoon-sized portions onto an ungreased baking sheet, leaving at least one inch between each cookie. Bake for 13 to 15 minutes. Makes about 16 to 18 cookies.

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