

My Mom's Muffins

Recipe Source: www.thepioneerwoman.com Yield: 12 muffins

Ingredients:

1 cup whole wheat flour $\frac{1}{2}$ cup all-purpose flour 1/4 cup ground flaxseed (flaxseed meal) 1 cup regular old-fashioned oats 6 Tbsp packed brown sugar $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp salt 1 tsp baking soda 2 tsp baking powder $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp ground cinnamon $\frac{1}{2}$ cup walnuts or pecans, roughly chopped $\frac{1}{2}$ cup raisins 1 cup low-fat buttermilk l egg 1 whole ripe banana, peeled and mashed with a fork $\frac{1}{2}$ cup unsweetened applesauce $\frac{1}{4}$ cup molasses

Steps:

- Preheat the oven to 350°. Line a 12-count muffin tin with liners or lightly spray cups with cooking spray.
- In a large bowl, combine flours, flaxseed, oats, brown sugar, salt, baking soda, baking powder, cinnamon, walnuts, and raisins.
- In a separate bowl or liquid measuring cup, whisk together buttermilk, egg, banana, applesauce, and molasses.
- Pour the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients, stirring with a wooden spoon just until it barely comes together.
 Batter should be wet and sticky.
- Scoop ¹/₄ cup helpings into each of the muffin cups and bake 16-18 minutes, or until golden brown. Let cool 2 minutes then remove muffins from tin.

Tips from the Test Kitchen: Use white (versus red) whole wheat flour for the best results. It will create a lighter texture, closer to muffins made with only all-purpose flour. Adding one teaspoon vanilla gives a richer flavor. A good way to check if muffins are done is to tap the top of a muffin gently with your finger. If it keeps the indent, let it bake for 1-2 more minutes. When the muffin barely springs back, it is done.



<u>Nutritional Facts (per serving)</u>: Calories: 239, Carbohydrates: 38 grams, Protein: 5 grams, Total Fat: 9 grams, Saturated Fat: 1 gram, Cholesterol: 16 mg, Sodium: 253 mg, Fiber: 3 grams, Total Sugars: 19 grams.