## **Black Bean Brownie Bites**

These brownie bites are just what you need to curb your chocolate craving! While perfect for a lunch box treat or after school snack with a tall glass of calcium-rich milk, these bites are also great for summer picnics and birthday parties.

## **Ingredients:**

3/4 cup low-sodium canned black beans, drained and rinsed

- 1/4 cup unsweetened applesauce
- 1/4 cup canola oil

2 large egg whites

1 large egg

- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/3 cup whole wheat flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

## **Directions:**

- 1. Preheat oven to  $350^{\circ}$  F. Grease a 9 x 9 inch square baking pan.
- 2. In a food processor, finely puree black beans, applesauce, and canola oil until smooth. Transfer to a large bowl and add egg whites, egg, sugar and vanilla; stir to combine.
- 3. In a separate small bowl, whisk together cocoa powder, flour, baking powder and salt. Add flour mixture to black bean mixture and whisk until batter is smooth. Fold in chocolate chips.
- 4. Transfer batter to baking pan and bake for 20-25 minutes or until a knife inserted into the center comes out clean.
- 5. Allow brownies to cool completely then cut into 16 bites and serve!

Yield: 16 servings (1 brownie bite per serving)

## **Nutrition Facts:**

110 Calories; 6g Fat (1g Saturated Fat; 0g Trans Fat); 12mg Cholesterol;

114mg Sodium; 15g Carbohydrate (2g Fiber, 10g Sugar, 9g Added Sugar); 2g Protein; 1% Daily Value (DV) Vitamin A; 0% DV Vitamin C; 0% DV Vitamin D; 2% DV Calcium; 4% DV Iron; 2% DV Potassium



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