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PO TEN BARS OR BALLS

Ingredients

YIELD: 8-10 balls or 1 9x5 loaf pan for bars

Nuts or seeds, whole, shelled - 1 cup OR ³/₄ cup of seed or nut butter Salt - pinch Dates, dried, pitted - 1 cup OR 1 cup of dried fruit of choice or ¼ cup of liquid sweetener (agave, maple, or honey) Chia seeds - 2 Tbsp OR 2 tbsp of hemp hearts or ground flax seed meal

Oats, rolled - ½ cup Vanilla extract - ½ tsp Spices - as desired, roughly ¹/₄ tsp - 1 tsp each Other add-ins - citrus zest, cocoa powder, matcha powder - as desired Water - as needed, roughly 1-2 tbsp

Directions

- 1. Place nuts/seeds, salt, and dried fruit into a food processor and pulse until combined. You may need to pause the food processor and use a rubber spatula to clean the sides of the food processor bowl.
- 2. Add chia seeds, oats, vanilla extract, spices (as desired), and add-ins (as desired), and pulse until combined.
- 3. Add in water to adjust the consistency of the mixture so that if you take a small amount of the mixture, it can be formed into a shape like wet sand. Taste and adjust as necessary.
- 4. Portion using a scoop or press evenly into a loaf pan lined with parchment paper.
- 5. For power bars, chill the loaf pan for at least 2 hours. Remove from pan and slice into consistent bars. For power balls, once they are portioned into balls, refrigerate them until ready to eat

Example of Protein Bar/Ball Combinations

There are many options for making power bars/balls with varying flavors. The key is to consider the balance between the base (nuts/nut butter), binders (dried fruit, oats, chia seeds), and sweetener (dried fruit or liquid sweetener) to adjust the flavors without altering the consistency.

Spiced Oatmeal

Walnuts - 1 cup Dates, pitted - 1 cup Salt - pinch Chia seeds - 2 Tbsp Oats, rolled - ½ cup Vanilla extract - ½ tsp Nutmeg, ground - pinch Cinnamon - ½ tsp Water - 2 Tbsp

Lemon Ginger

Pumpkin seeds- 1 cup Crystalized Ginger - 1 cup Salt - pinch Chia seeds - 2 Tbsp Oats, rolled - ½ cup Vanilla extract - ½ tsp Lemon zest - from 1-2 lemons Water - 2 Tbsp

Chocolate Peanut Butter

Peanut Butter, all-natural - ³/₄ cup Maple Syrup - 1 Tbsp, or more to taste Salt - pinch Chia seeds - 2 Tbsp Oats, rolled - ½ cup Vanilla extract - ½ tsp Cocoa Powder - 2 Tbsp Water - 2 Tbsp

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