

## apple spice oat muffins

MAKES: 12 servings PREP: 30 minutes COOK: 15 minutes

## ingredients:

- 3 cups quick oats
- 1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice (cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger, allspice, clove)
- 1½ teaspoons baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 apple, small dice
- 2 eggs
- 2/3 cup milk
- ¾ cup applesauce
- ½ cup maple syrup (or other liquid sweetener)
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- brown sugar (optional topping)

## directions:

- 1. Pre-heat oven to 375F degrees.
- 2. Line 12-cup muffin pan with cupcake liners or lightly grease with cooking oil spray.
- 3. Combine oats with spices, baking soda, salt and apple.
- 4. Separately, combine eggs, milk, applesauce, sweetener, oil and vanilla.
- 5. Mix together wet and dry ingredients until just combined.
- 6. Portion batter into muffin cups; sprinkle with brown sugar.
- Bake for 15-18 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in center of muffin comes out clean.
- 8. Cool in pan for 5 minutes before removing muffins.

## notes:

**hearty –** These whole-grain muffins are great for breakfast or snack, and versatile when it comes to ingredient substitutions.