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Dark Chocolate Walnut Date Bars

165 min · Serves 16 · 210 kcal a serve · Video 6:56 · Everyday Food

Vegan · Gluten-free ingredients

Sweetened by dates, so each bar has under 2 g of added sugar (from the dark chocolate), and walnuts add plant omega-3 and fibre. They are rich, so one small bar is a serve.

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Ingredients 9 · SERVES 16

- [ ] 1½ cups **walnuts**
- [ ] 2 cups chopped **pitted dates**
- [ ] ¼ cup **natural peanut butter**
- [ ] 2 tsp **vanilla extract**
- [ ] ¼ tsp **kosher salt**
- [ ] 4 oz **dark chocolate**, melted
- [ ] 1 tbsp **unrefined coconut oil**, plus a little for brushing the pan
- [ ] ¼ cup chopped **walnuts**, for the top
- [ ] a sprinkle of **flaky sea salt**

Amounts in US units, converted from the cook's and rounded — the video has the originals.

Contains: Peanut, Tree nuts. Check labels on stock, sauces and spice mixes.

Method TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Pulse the walnuts, dates, peanut butter, vanilla and kosher salt in a food processor for about a minute, until the mixture clumps around the blade. 0:12
2. Tip onto a lined tray and press into an even 8 inch square. Chill for about 20 minutes. 1:29
3. Cut the square down the middle into two 8 × 4 inch pieces. Brush a loaf tin with coconut oil, line it with baking paper and press one piece into the base. 2:51
4. Melt the chocolate with the coconut oil. Spread half over the first layer and chill for 10 minutes. 3:28
5. Lay the second date layer on top, spread over the rest of the chocolate, then scatter with chopped walnuts and a little flaky salt. 4:07
6. Chill for about 2 hours until very firm, then lift out and cut into small bars. 5:06

> **Tip** Makes about 16 small bars (our estimate; the cook cuts them into fingers or squares). Time includes about 2½ hours chilling. Keep them in the fridge.

The method is a summary in our words — the video shows every step.

One serve gives you 1 OF 16 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
210 kcal	3.8 g	20 g	3.1 g	14 g	50 mg
880 kJ	8% of a day	17 g net · 15 g sugars	11% of a day	3.6 g saturated	2% of a day
		7% of a day		18% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 33% · protein 7% · fat 60%

High in (20%+ of a day) Omega-3 73%

Source of (10–19%) Magnesium 13%

Recipe and video: Everyday Food (@everydayfood) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=1U7EedQ7qqE, published 11 March 2018. All credit for the recipe goes to the cook; please watch and support their channel.

By Notbroken: the method summary, the unit conversions, the diet notes and the nutrition estimate — worked out from the ingredient list with USDA FoodData Central values; % of a day compares one serve with the US FDA daily values on food labels (2,000 kcal). Brands, portions and cooking change the real numbers.

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