

Berry Oatmeal Bars

SERVINGS

COOKING TIME

16 35 min

Sweet, buttery, and bursting with fresh fruit flavors, Berry Oatmeal Bars is a yummy make ahead snack or dessert. With its vibrant and juicy ingredients, this recipe makes for a wonderful summertime baked good but is just as good year-round.

Ingredients

- 1 ½ cups Quaker® Oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)
- 1 ¼ cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 12 tbsp margarine or butter, melted
- 1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries (do not thaw)
- 1/3 cup raspberry or strawberry preserves
- 1 tsp all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp grated lemon peel (optional)

Cooking Instructions

- 1. Heat oven to 350°F.
- 2. In large bowl, combine oats, 1 ¼ cups flour, sugar and margarine; mix until crumbly.
- 3. Reserve 1 cup oat mixture for topping.
- 4. Press remaining oat mixture evenly onto bottom of ungreased 8 or 9-inch square baking pan.
- 5. Bake 13 to 15 minutes or until light golden brown.
- 6. Cool slightly on wire rack.
- 7. In medium bowl, combine blueberries, preserves, 1 tsp flour and lemon peel, if desired; mix gently.
- 8. Spread evenly over crust to within 1/2 inch of edges.
- 9. Sprinkle with reserved oat mixture, patting gently.
- 10. Bake 20 to 22 minutes or until light golden brown.

- 11. Cool completely in pan on wire rack.
- 12. Cut into bars.
- 13. Store tightly covered.