

## **Pumpkin Cranberry Oatmeal Bars**

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12
25-30 min

Pumpkin Cranberry Oatmeal Bars are a great go-to recipe when fall rolls around. These oatmeal bars are the perfect combination of warm pumpkin pie spices, tart cranberries, and pumpkin seeds for a wonderful baked good you can make in 30-minutes or less.

## Ingredients

- 3 cup plus 1 tbsp Quaker® Oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked), divided
- 2 tsp pumpkin pie spice or ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1 can (15 oz) pumpkin puree (not pie filling mix)
- Non-nutritive sweetener equivalent to 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup canola oil
- 2 egg whites, beaten or equivalent refrigerated egg white product
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/3 cup unsweetened dried cranberries
- 1 tbsp pumpkin seeds

## **Cooking Instructions**

- 1. Heat oven to 325°F. Spray 9-inch square pan with cooking spray. Place 2 cups oats in food processor or blender.
- 2. Process until finely ground. Add pumpkin pie spice, baking powder and baking soda to oats. Pulse a few times to combine well.
- 3. In large bowl, combine pumpkin, sweetener, canola oil, egg whites and vanilla; stir to mix well. Stir in ground oat mixture.
- 4. Add remaining 1 cup oats and cranberries. Spread evenly into pan. Sprinkle with remaining 1 tablespoon oats and the pumpkin seeds, pressing lightly.

- 5. Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until tester inserted in center comes out clean.
- 6. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Cut into 12 bars.
- 7. Store covered at room-temperature up to 2 days. Freeze leftovers.