

<u>Noreen's Kitchen</u> <u>Back To School</u> <u>Breakfast Cookies</u>

Ingredients

cup mashed banana
 cup peanut butter or nut butter
 cup honey**
 cup pure maple syrup
 cup coconut oil, liquified
 cups rolled oats
 cup whole wheat flour or gluten free flour
 cup ground flax seed
 cup sunflower seeds
 cup hemp seed

1/2 cup protein powder* (see note below)
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 cup dried fruit such as cranberries cherries dates or raisins
1 cup chopped nuts such as almonds pecans or walnuts (optional)

Step by Step Instructions

Preheat the oven to 350 °F.

In a large bowl, stir together the banana, peanut butter, honey, maple syrup and vanilla.

In a small bowl, combine the oats, flour, flax seed, sunflower and hemp seeds, whey protein powder, cinnamon, and baking soda.

Stir dry mixture into wet mixture until combined. Stir in dried fruit and nuts.

Drop dough onto cookie sheets that have been lined with parchment or a silicone mat.

Using a metal spatula dipped in water, press each mound of dough into a cookie approximately 2 1/2 inches in diameter and 1/2 an inch thick.

Bake, one sheet at a time, for 13 t 15 minutes or until lightly browned.

Remove from oven and allow to cool on the pan for five minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.

Store in an airtight container or zip top bag for up to 5 days. These can be stored in the fridge if you live in a super warm area. This will prolong their freshness. You can also freeze for up to 2 months. Thaw on counter before serving.

*NOTE: If you don't have protein powder you can increase the flour by 1/2 cup ** NOTE: If you wish for these cookies to be vegan, sub out the honey for molasses, agave or golden syrup.