5 Ingredient Granola Bars



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- 1/4 cup honey (or sub maple syrup or agave for vegan option)
- 1/4 cup creamy salted natural peanut butter or almond butter
- 1 cup roasted unsalted almonds, loosely chopped
- 1 1/2 cups rolled oats (gluten free for GF eaters)
- optional additions: chocolate chips, dried fruit, nuts, banana chips, vanilla, etc.

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INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Process dates in a food processor until small bits remain (about 1 minute). It should form a "dough" like consistency.
- 2. Optional step: Toast your oats in a 350 degree oven for 15-ish minutes or until slightly golden brown. Otherwise, leave them raw.
- 3. Place oats, almonds and dates in a bowl set aside.
- 4. Warm honey and peanut butter in a small saucepan over low heat. Stir and pour over oat mixture and then mix, breaking up the dates to disperse throughout.
- 5. Once thoroughly mixed, transfer to an 8x8 dish or other small pan lined with plastic wrap or parchment paper so they lift out easily. (A loaf pan might work, but will yield thicker bars.)
- 6. Press down until uniformly flattened. Cover with parchment or plastic wrap, and let sit in fridge or freezer for 15-20 minutes to harden.
- 7. Remove bars from pan and chop into 10 even bars. Store in an airtight container for up to a few days.

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