### Apple cinnamon oatmeal packets



Recipe credit

Adapted from J. Temple's Food, Fun and Fitness Newsletter

# About this recipe

Serves 1 Serving size 1 packet Time to make 5 minutes preparation; 2 minutes cook time Special criteria Vegetarian recipes Whole grains recipes

## Ingredients

- 1/2 cup quick oats oatmeal
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1-2 tablespoons dried apples, chopped
- 1 cup water

# Directions

1. If desired, mix all ingredients into a "packet" to heat and eat later. (See "Tips and Variations" for suggested containers.)

#### To heat:

- 2. Pour contents into a large bowl\* and add water.
- 3. Do not cover and microwave on high for 1 1/2-2 minutes.
- 4. Top with fresh, chopped apples, if desired.

\*Use a 4-cup bowl or the oatmeal will overflow when cooking. Or use only 1/2 of the mix and 1/2 cup water in a smaller bowl.

# **Tips and variations**

- Instead of adding the sugar, cinnamon, and apples, try these variations:
  - Cinnamon Raisin Add 1 teaspoon brown sugar, 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon, and 1–2 tablespoons raisins.
  - Cinnamon-Spice Add 1 teaspoon sugar, 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon, and 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg.
  - Cocoa Add 1 teaspoon baking cocoa and 1 teaspoon sugar, or 2 teaspoons "quick-type" chocolate drink powder.
  - $\circ$  Sweetened Add 1 teaspoon sugar or 1 teaspoon brown sugar.
- Pre-mix your oatmeal for future use. Assemble your packets in small zipperstyle plastic bags or a reusable jar. Or try making a larger batch of each

variation and scoop out 1/2 cup as needed.

• Have children make these packets to give as gifts. Have them make labels for the packets.

# **Nutritional info**

Calories 211 Total fat 2.8 g Saturated fat 0.45 g Cholesterol 0 mg Sodium 59 mg Total carbohydrates 43 g Dietary fiber 4.8 g Protein 5.9 g Total sugar 13 g

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