

METHOD

- Preheat oven to 180°C.
- Soak the dates in very hot water for 15 minutes.
- Drain them, and set aside about ½ cup of the liquid.
- In the food processor bowl, add the dates and whizz, regularly scrapping the sides until the mixture turns into a smooth paste as you gradually add the ¼ cup of reserved water.
- Add the eggs one at a time, and whizz until all incorporated into the mixture.
- Add the melted coconut oil and vanilla, and process.
- Add the cacao powder, and whizz again. Add the ground almonds, oatmeal, salt and bicarbonate soda and process again for 20-30seconds.
- Leave the mixture to rest for 5 minutes so the ground almonds and oatmeal can absorb some of the moisture.
- Pour batter into a 12 x 8 baking pan lined with parchment paper.
- If using, sprinkle the chocolate chips on top and use a spatula to push them in a bit.
- Slide in the oven and bake for about 40-45 minutes or until a skewer comes out clean. Let brownies cool for about 15 minutes.
- Enjoy!

INGREDIENTS

340g of pitted dates Hot water to soak dates

4 eggs

2 teaspoons vanilla extract

1 cup melted coconut oil

2/3 cup raw/pure cacao powder

½ cup ground almond

½ cup oatmeal (oat flour)

½ teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon bicarbonate soda

Optional extras Dark chocolate chips

PREP TIME

Prep time: 15mins Cook time: 45mins