

ENERGY-BOOSTING MUFFINS

With a hint of cinnamon and a burst of sweetness from raisins, these wholesome and moist muffins are a nourishing way to start your day.

10 **Time**

Cook

Makes 12 muffins



- 60 mL (1/4 cup) canola oil
- 150 mL (2/3 cup) packed brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 very ripe banana, mashed
- 1 zucchini, grated (about 250 mL/1 cup)
- 5 mL (1 tsp) ground cinnamon
- 125 mL (1/2 cup) 0% fat plain Greek yogurt

- 5 mL (1 tsp) vanilla extract
- 250 mL (1 cup) all purpose flour with added bran or all purpose flour
- 175 mL (3/4 cup) wheat bran
- 60 mL (1/4 cup) wheat germ
- 5 mL (1 tsp) baking powder
- 2 mL (1/2 tsp) baking soda
- 125 mL (1/2 cup) raisins or dried cranberries or dried blueberries

NUTRIENTS PER MUFFIN		% DV
Calories	185	-
Fat Saturated + Trans	6 g 1 g 0 g	9 % 3 % -
Cholesterol	16 mg	-
Sodium	84 mg	3 %
Carbohydrate Fibre Sugars	32 g 4 g 17 g	11 % 14 % -
Protein	4 g	-
Vitamin A	-	1 %
Vitamin C	-	3 %
Calcium	-	4 %
Iron	-	11 %

- 1. In a large bowl, whisk together oil, sugar and egg. Add banana, zucchini and cinnamon; stir in yogurt and vanilla.
- 2. In another bowl, whisk together flour, wheat bran and germ, baking powder and soda. Add flour mixture to banana mixture and stir until just moistened. Stir in raisins.
- 3. Divide among lightly sprayed or paper lined muffin tins. Bake in preheated 200°C (400°F) oven for about 18 minutes or until light golden and firm to the touch. Let cool slightly before enjoying.

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TIPS

- What kid doesn't like making muffins? Little chefs can mash the banana, while older kids can grate the zucchini and scoop batter into the muffin cups.
- · Add a little crunch. Stir in 60 mL (1/4 cup) chopped, toasted walnuts into the batter.
- · Keep a stash of these muffins in the freezer for a perfect handy snack when you're on the go. Allow muffins to cool completely. Wrap each muffin separately or place in a plastic freezer bag for up to 2 weeks. Warm in a microwave to enjoy another day.







