

Sesame Crumble Tahini Blondies

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Chocolate Chunk Tahini Blondies

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	8 tablespoons (113 grams; 1 stick) unsalted butter, melted and cooled 1 1/2 cups (297 grams) light brown sugar	Step 1 Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Line a 9-by-13-inch baking dish or pan with aluminum foil, leaving enough overhang on the short sides to help lift out the baked slab. Grease the foil with cooking oil spray.
	2 large eggs 1 teaspoon vanilla bean paste (may substitute vanilla extract) 1 cup tahini, stirred well	Step 2 Whisk together the melted butter and brown sugar in a mixing bowl. Add the eggs, whisking until thoroughly incorporated, then whisk in the vanilla bean paste and tahini.
	1 1/2 cups (212 grams) flour1 teaspoon fine sea salt1 teaspoon baking powder	Step 3 Use a flexible spatula to stir in the flour, salt and baking powder until just combined. Then fold in the chopped chocolate. Do not overmix; the consistency should be like a soft dough. Scrape the batter into the prepared pan, spreading it evenly into the corners and smoothing the surface. Sprinkle with the flaky sea salt.
	3 1/2 ounces dark chocolate, finely chopped (some bigger pieces and wispy shavings are fine; see headnote)	
	Flaky sea salt, for sprinkling	Step 4 Bake (middle rack) for 22 to 25 minutes, until the top is slightly puffed, firm and golden brown and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.
		Step 5 Let cool slightly before lifting out the slab and transferring to a wire rack (discard the foil once cooled). When still slightly warm or completely cool, cut the slab into 24 pieces of equal size.
		For sesame crumble topping:

Replace **Steps 4-5** with recipe below.

Sesame Crumble Topping

Ingredients

Dry mix

• All-purpose flour: 1 1/3 cup (160g)

Salt: 1/2 tsp (3g)

Baking powder: 1/4 tsp (1g)Sesame flour: 1/2 cup (60g)

Light brown sugar: 2/3 cup (145g)Sesame for mixing: 4 tbsps (36g)

Butter

Unsalted butter: 11 tbsp (155g)

Topping

Sesame for topping: 2 tbsps (18g)

Steps

- 1. Toss everything in the dry mix together.
- 2. Add butter, mix with hands or with dough blender. Do not overmix, the dough should form coarse crumbs.
- 3. Add in topping sesame to coat the crumbs.
- 4. Sprinkle a layer of crumbs on top of the blondie dough.
- 5. Bake at 360F for 25-35 minutes, until the top is golden and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.
- 6. Let cool before cut into portions.
- 7. Enjoy!