

Pumpkin Spice Quinoa Breakfast Cookies

Recipe Source: www.skinnytaste.com Yield: 24 cookies (2 per serving)

Ingredients:

 $1 \frac{1}{2}$ cup water

- 3⁄4 cup raw quinoa, rinsed well in strainer and drained
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 3 Tbsp packed light brown sugar
- $^{1\!/_{\!\!4}}$ cup ground flaxseed (flaxseed meal)
- 1 Tbsp pumpkin pie spice
- 1/8 tsp salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup pureed pumpkin
- 2 Tbsp canola oil
- 1 tsp pure vanilla extract
- 1 egg white
- 2 Tbsp honey or pure maple syrup

Steps:

- Add water and quinoa to a saucepan. Cover and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low and simmer, 15 minutes. Remove from the heat and allow to cool, uncovered, while other ingredients are prepared.
- Preheat oven to 350°. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper (or waxed paper). Set aside.
- Add flour, sugar, ground flaxseed, pumpkin pie spice, and salt to a large bowl and stir to combine. Measure 1 ¹/₂ cups of the cooked quinoa and add to the dry ingredients, stirring with a wooden spoon until quinoa is coated and no clumps of quinoa remain. Set aside.
- In a small bowl, whisk pumpkin, oil, vanilla, egg white, and honey to a small bowl. Stir well. Pour the wet mixture into the quinoa mixture and stir to combine.
- One tablespoon at a time, scoop mixture onto prepared baking sheet, leaving just a small space between each cookie. With dampened fingers, slightly press each cookie and smooth any rough edges. The cookies will basically maintain their same shape when baked.
- Bake in the preheated oven for 20-25 minutes until cooked through. Let cookies cool on the sheet for 10 minutes, then transfer to a cooling rack. The longer they cool, the better the cookies will stay together.

Tips from the Test Kitchen: If you already have cooked quinoa on hand, you will need 1 1/2 cups and you can omit the first step.

<u>Nutritional Facts (per serving)</u>: Calories: 172, Carbohydrates: 23 grams, Protein: 3 grams, Total Fat: 8 grams, Saturated Fat: 1 gram, Cholesterol: 40 mg, Sodium: 33 mg, Fiber: 1 gram, Total Sugars: 7 grams.