



Flourless Candy Cane Chocolate Cake



1/8th of recipe: 91 calories, 1.5g total fat (0.5g sat. fat), 311mg sodium, 21.5g carbs, 4.5g fiber, 4.5g sugars, 5.5g protein

Prep: 15 minutes Cook: 40 minutes

Cool: 1 hour



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Ingredients

One 15-oz. can black beans, drained and rinsed 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder 1/2 cup (about 4 large) egg whites 1/3 cup unsweetened applesauce 1/3 cup canned pure pumpkin 1/4 cup <u>Truvia spoonable calorie-free sweetener</u> (or another no-calorie granulated sweetener; see *HG FYI*) 1 1/2 tsp. baking powder 1 tsp. vanilla extract 1/4 tsp. salt 1/8 tsp. peppermint extract 1 tbsp. mini semi-sweet chocolate chips 1 full-sized candy cane (or 3 minis), crushed

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line a 9" round cake pan with foil, and generously spray with nonstick spray.

Place all ingredients *except* chocolate chips and candy canes in a food processor. Puree until completely smooth and uniform.

Fold in chocolate chips.

Transfer mixture into the cake pan, and smooth out the top.

Bake until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out mostly clean, 35 - 40 minutes.

Immediately sprinkle with crushed candy cane(s).

Let cool completely, about 1 hour.

Refrigerate leftovers. (This cake tastes great chilled.)

MAKES 8 SERVINGS

HG FYI: Truvia spoonable calorie-free sweetener is about twice as sweet as sugar. If using a nocalorie granulated sweetener that measures cup-for-cup like sugar instead of Truvia, double the amount called for in this recipe.

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