

Chocolate energy balls



Containing dried fruit and nuts, these easy-to-make energy balls are a healthier go-to when you're having a sweet craving

Serves: 16 (makes 16 balls) Hands-on time: 10 mins

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Ingredients

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½ cup prunes

¼ cup almonds

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

¼ cup gluten-free porridge oats

1 tablespoon cocoa powder (20g) (reserve a little to decorate) grated zest of 1 orange (reserve a little to decorate) juice of half an orange

½ cup dried apricots

¼ cup walnuts

2 tablespoons granulated sweetener (we used Natvia)

3 tablespoons desiccated coconut (reserve a little to decorate)

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Instructions

- Blend the prunes, apricots, almonds and walnuts in the food processor until they form a paste. 1
- Add the remaining ingredients, reserving a little of the desiccated coconut, cocoa powder and orange zest for decoration, and blend again to form a thick, sticky paste. Don't over-blend, as the mixture should be 2 quite coarse.
- Roll the mixture into a sausage shape and cut into 16 pieces, then roll each piece into a ball. 3
- Roll 4 of the balls in cocoa powder, 4 in coconut and 4 in orange zest to decorate and store in an airtight 4 container in the fridge, where they will keep for a week.

Variations

You could add other nuts or dried fruits to the recipe, or try making the balls with sunflower, sesame or pumpkin seeds instead of nuts.

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