# **Dark Chocolate Cherry Granola Bars**

Prep Time 15 minutes Cook Time 15 minutes Total Time 30 minutes Servings 12

## **Ingredients**

- 1 cup dried tart cherries
- 2 cups oats old fashioned or quick-cooking
- 1 cup walnuts
- 1/4 cup flax seed meal
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs
- 2/3 cup honey
- 1/4 cup dark cocoa powder regular works too
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 cup dark chocolate chips I used Ghirardelli baking chips
- optional: extra dried tart cherries and dark chocolate chips for sprinkling on top before baking

#### **Instructions**

- 1. Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees and spray a 9 x 13 baking pan with cooking spray.
- 2. In a food processor, pulse together dried tart cherries, oats, walnuts, flax seed meal and salt until finely chopped, roughly the consistency of sand.
- 3. In a large bowl, whisk together eggs, honey, cocoa powder and vanilla until smooth. Add the oats mixture to the bowl and stir until evenly coated with the chocolate honey mixture.
- 4. Add dark chocolate chips to the bowl and stir again. Pour mixture into prepared baking dish and spread out in an even layer.
- 5. Sprinkle additional tart cherries and chocolate chips on top before baking 20-25 minutes.
- 6. Let bars cool completely before slicing.

#### **Notes**

While the bars will taste delicious warm or room temperature, they slice best when chilled in the refrigerator 3 hours or up to overnight.

Wrap individually in plastic wrap and store in the refrigerator for up to 10 days.

### **Nutrition**

Calories: 258kcal | Carbohydrates: 36.6g | Protein: 6.5g | Fat: 10.2g | Saturated Fat: 1.3g | Polyunsaturated Fat: 8.9g | Trans Fat: 0g | Cholesterol: 60mg | Sodium: 214mg | Fiber: 3.9g | Sugar: 22.1g