Hazelnut & Date Granola

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If you're looking for a simple yet nourishing breakfast, this Hazelnut & Date Granola ticks all the boxes, offering both flavour and nutrition. Made with rolled oats, hazelnuts, coconut, and a hint of warming spices, it delivers a delicious crunch, balanced by the natural sweetness of maple syrup and finely chopped Medjool dates.

SERVES 10-12 | PREP TIME 10 minutes | COOK TIME 15 minutes | TOTAL TIME 25 minutes

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup (90g) rolled oats
- 3/4 cup (100g) hazelnuts, very roughly chopped
- 3/4 cup (40g) shredded coconut
- 1/4 cup (40g) sunflower seeds
- 1/4 cup (40g) pepitas
- 3 tablespoons (50g) pure maple syrup
- 2 tablespoons (25g) extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon (10g) vanilla bean paste or extract
- 1 teaspoon (4g) ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon (2g) ground cardamom
- 6-8 Medjool dates, pitted and finely chopped

METHOD

- 1. Preheat your oven to 180°C/350°F.
- 2. In a large mixing bowl, combine the oats, hazelnuts, coconut, sunflower seeds, pepitas, cinnamon, and cardamom.
- 3. Add the maple syrup, extra virgin olive oil, and vanilla. Stir everything until evenly coated.
- 4. Spread the mixture in an even layer on a paper-lined baking tray.
- 5. Bake at 180°C/350°F for 12-15 minutes, tossing every 5 minutes to ensure even browning.



- 6. Once golden, remove from the oven and stir in the chopped dates. Let cool completely.
- 7. Serve with poached pears or your favourite poached or fresh fruit and yoghurt.
- 8. Store in an airtight container in the pantry or fridge.

NOTES

Storage Tips: Store the granola in an airtight container to keep it fresh. It can last up to 2 weeks in the pantry or up to a month in the fridge.

Nuts: If hazelnuts aren't available, almonds or pecans make great substitutes.

Sweeteners: You can swap maple syrup for honey or agave, though it will no longer be vegan if using honey.

Gluten-Free Option: If you need this recipe to be gluten-free, ensure that you are using certified gluten-free oats.

Customising Add-ins: Feel free to customise with extra dried fruits like apricots, raisins, or cranberries, but add them after baking to prevent them from hardening or burning.

Serving Ideas: Beyond serving with yoghurt and fruit, this granola makes a great snack on its own or can be used as a crunchy topping for smoothie bowls, pancakes, or ice cream.



Find the recipe and watch the video online: https://www.gatherandfeast.com/hazeInut-date-granola Let me know if you make the recipe! x @gatherandfeast