# **Pumpkin Muffins**

Makes 12

# Ingredients

- 135 g rolled oats
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp pumpkin pie spice
- 1/4 tsp baking soda
- ¼ tsp salt
- 2 eggs
- 245 g unseasoned pumpkin puree
- 150 g packed brown sugar
- 3 T canola oil
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 35 g chopped walnuts
- 40 g raisins



### **Pumpkin Pie Spice**

Mix and store in a small jar. Use 1 tsp for the muffin recipe:

- 1½ tsp ground cinnamon
  ½ tsp ground ginger
- 1/4 tsp ground nutmeg
- ¼ tsp ground allspice or cloves

#### **Directions**

- 1. Preheat oven to 180°C.
- 2. With cooking spray, coat 2 6-cup muffin tins.
- 3. Pulse oats in a blender until finely ground.
- 4. Add baking powder, pumpkin pie spice, baking soda and salt; pulse once or twice to blend.
- 5. Add eggs, pumpkin, brown sugar, oil and vanilla; puree until smooth.
- 6. Stir in walnuts.
- 7. Fill the prepared muffin cups two-thirds full.
- 8. Bake the muffins until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, 18 to 20 minutes. Cool in the pan on a wire rack for 10 minutes, then turn out to cool completely.

### Nutritional Breakdown (Per Muffin)

Category	Amount
Calories	170 kcal
Protein	3.4 g
Fat	6.7 g
Sat fat	0.8g
Carbs	26.5 g
Sugar	12.5g
Fiber	2.2 g
Sodium	115 mg

# Suggestions:

- Increase protein a bit by using Greek yogurt or adding a tablespoon of chia seeds.
- Substituting part of the brown sugar with mashed banana or date paste can slightly lower added sugar.
- Adding 1–2 T of ground flaxseed would give it a nice nutty flavor and a fiber/Omega-3 boost.