

## **Spiced Apple Sweethearts**

**SERVINGS** 

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**COOKING TIME** 

About 3 Dozen

12 minutes

Oatmeal apple spice cookies have sugar, spice, and everything nice. The combination of cinnamon, nutmeg, and dried fruits not only create a delicious sweet and spicy cookie, but one full of color and texture.

## **Ingredients**

- 1/4 cup light butter
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt (optional)
- 3 cups Quaker® Oats-Old Fashioned (uncooked)
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons skim milk
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 2/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 3/4 cup unsweetened applesauce (or apple butter)
- 3/4 cup dried mixed fruit, diced (or raisins)
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg (optional)
- 1 egg

## **Cooking Instructions**

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
- 2. Lightly spray cookie sheets with cooking spray.
- 3. In large bowl, beat sugars and light butter with electric mixer until well blended.
- 4. Add applesauce, egg, milk and vanilla; beat well.
- 5. Add combined flour, baking soda, cinnamon, salt and nutmeg; mix well.
- 6. Stir in oats and dried fruit; mix well.

- 7. (Dough will be moist.)
- 8. Drop dough by rounded tablespoonfuls onto cookie sheets; press lightly to flatten.
- 9. Bake 12 to 14 minutes or until edges are light golden brown.
- 10. Cool 1 minute on cookie sheets; remove to wire rack.
- 11. Cool completely.
- 12. Store tightly covered.