

### No-bake Chocolate Oat Bars

1 cup (2 sticks) butter

1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla

3 cups uncooked quick oats

1 cup semisweet chocolate chips

1/2 cup creamy peanut butter

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Grease 9" square baking pan

Melt butter in large saucepan over medium heat.

Add sugar and vanilla, mixing well.

Stir in oats.

Cook over low heat 2~3 minutes or until ingredients are well blended.

Press half of mixture into prepared pan.

Use back of large spoon to spread mixture evenly.

Melt chocolate chips in small heavy saucepan over low heat, stirring occasionally.

Stir in peanut butter.

Pour in chocolate mixture over oat mixture in pan, spreading evenly with knife or back of spoon.

Crumble remaining oat mixture over chocolate-peanut butter layer, pressing in gently.

Cover and refrigerate 2~3 hours or overnight.

Bring to room temperature before cutting into bars.

(Makes ~32 bars)