

## **Honey Cake Muffins**

Many Eastern European countries have their own version of honey cake, rich with traditions and history!

This recipe uses a secret ingredient – puréed lentils – along with applesauce to create a nutritious and subtly sweet but deliciously moist and fluffy muffin version that makes a great snack or addition to a breakfast.







**Serving** 12 muffins

**Prep** 10 Minutes **Cook** 15–20 Minutes **Contributer** Amanda Beales, MAN RD CDE

11/3 cups All purpose or whole wheat flour

1tsp Baking soda

1tsp Baking powder

1tsp Cinnamon

1 Egg

½ cup Canola oil

½ cup Honey

3/4 cup Unsweetened applesauce

1 cup Puréed lentils

1tsp Vanilla extract

½ cup Walnut pieces

- 1. Preheat oven to 375° F / 190° C
- 2. Mix the dry ingredients flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon. Set aside.
- 3. Mix the wet ingredients in a separate bowl –egg, canola oil, honey, applesauce, puréed lentils, and vanilla.
- 4. Gently mix the flour mixture into the wet mixture until just combined. Fold in the walnuts.
- 5. Line a 12-cup muffin tin with paper cups. Divide the batter evenly across the cups.
- 6. Bake for 15–20 minutes or until the tops spring back and a toothpick inserted into the centre comes out clean. Cool and enjoy.

## **DIETITIAN'S MESSAGE**

Lentils are a great source of plant-based protein and are high in fibre (not to mention inexpensive!). To make the lentil puree, place cooked brown lentils (or drained and rinsed canned lentils) in a food processor. Add ¼ cup (60 ml) of water for every 1 cup (250 ml) of cooked lentils. Blend until smooth. The puréed lentils freeze well for the next time a muffin craving hits and is a great way to use up leftover lentils.



