COOKIE AND CRANBERRY OAT BARS

This is not your average oat bar. Packed with chunks of buttery Golden Oreo Cookies and vitamin C laden dried cranberries and dead easy to prepare. A simple and quick recipe that requires no baking and is perfect to make with the kids.

It's sure to be a hit when taken out on a picnic or day trip.

INGREDIENTS

Makes 12 bars

200g Oats
8 Golden Oreo Cookies
125g dried cranberries
½ tsp salt
240g smooth peanut butter
170g date or maple syrup

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Crush the cookies. Measure out the dried cranberries and chop, or put in a food processor, to make the pieces smaller.
- 2. Combine the measured oats, cookies, cranberries and salt.
- 3. Melt the peanut butter. To melt peanut butter, place in a microwave safe bowl, and heat for 20 seconds at a time, stirring after each time. (We did two rounds of 20 seconds and that was perfect. Time may vary depending on your microwave, so keep an eye on it you don't want to burn the peanut butter!)
- 4. Pour the melted peanut butter and syrup over the dry ingredients and quickly mix well.
- 5. Press into a greased 20x20cm pan. It needs to be packed in tightly as air pockets will cause problems. Use a sturdy, flat-bottomed jar or glass to make sure the mixture is pressed down completely.
- 6. Put the mixture in the fridge for at least an hour, or as long as a day (if you can manage to keep the kids off it that long! (2))
- 7. Cut them into 12 square bars and store in an airtight container for 3-4 days.

