# MARLEY SPOON



# **Salted Caramel Oat Bars**

with Chocolate Chips & Almonds

🔿 1h 🔌 2 Servings

We've taken oatmeal cookies to the next level by transforming them into a decadent bar! Starting with a buttery oatmeal cookie base, then adding a layer of rich salted caramel, and topping it with chocolate chips and an almond-oat crumble. The result is a just-sweet-enough, crisp and chewy bite. (2p serves 12; 4p serves 16)

# What we send

- 5 oz dark brown sugar
- 5 oz all-purpose flour <sup>1</sup>
- 3 oz oats
- ¼ oz baking soda
- 5 oz granulated sugar
- 3 oz mascarpone<sup>2</sup>
- 1 oz sliced almonds <sup>4</sup>
- 3 oz chocolate chips <sup>2,3</sup>

# What you need

- ¾ c butter (plus more for greasing) <sup>2</sup>
- kosher salt

### Tools

- 8-inch square baking dish
- small saucepan

#### Cooking tip

For neat and even squares, cover the cooled bars and refrigerate until filling is firm before slicing, about 2 hours.

#### Allergens

Wheat (1), Milk (2), Soy (3), Tree Nuts (4). May contain traces of other allergens. Packaged in a facility that packages gluten containing products.

#### Nutrition per serving

Calories 340kcal, Fat 19g, Carbs 42g, Protein 3g



**1. Prepare baking dish** 

Preheat oven to 350°F with a rack in the center. Line an 8-inch square baking dish with aluminum foil, with foil hanging over two of the sides. Lightly grease foil with **butter**.

Melt **¾ cup butter** in a small saucepan over medium heat, about 3 minutes.



2. Make crumb mixture

In a medium bowl, stir to combine **brown** sugar, flour, oats, ½ teaspoon baking soda, and ½ teaspoon salt Stir in melted butter. Transfer ½ cup of the crumb mixture to a small bowl.

Press remaining crumb mixture into prepared baking dish. Bake on center oven rack until golden brown and just set, about 15 minutes (watch closely as ovens vary).



3. Make salted caramel

Meanwhile, in same saucepan, combine granulated sugar and 3 tablespoons water. Cook over medium-high heat, without stirring, swirling saucepan occasionally, until caramel is a deep amber color, 5-8 minutes. Remove from heat. Immediately whisk in mascarpone (careful, it will sputter). Season with ½ teaspoon salt.



4. Assemble bars

Add **almonds** to small bowl with **reserved crumb mixture** and stir to combine.

Spoon **salted caramel** over par-baked cookie layer in baking dish. Top with **chocolate chips**. Sprinkle **almondcrumb mixture** on top.



5. Bake bars

Bake **bars** on center oven rack until **topping** is golden brown and **filling** is bubbling, 20-25 minutes (watch closely).



6. Cool bars & serve

Remove **bars** from oven. Place on wire rack and cool completely, about 1 hour. Use the foil sides to lift bars from baking dish, then cut into squares. Enjoy!