

Pecan pieces or pecan halves, chopped (optional)

Toasted Oat and Pecan Smoothie

Pecans take center stage in this smoothie recipe along with oats, hints of banana, cinnamon, maple and vanilla for a nutritious breakfast that will start your morning with plant protein.

INGREDIENTS

cup raw pecan halves
cup old-fashioned oats
cup almond or cashew milk*
cup whole Greek yogurt*
bananas, cut into slices and frozen
tablespoons maple syrup
teaspoon ground cinnamon
teaspoon vanilla extract
Pinch of kosher salt
Grated nutmeg, for topping (optional)

METHOD

Preheat an oven to 350 degrees F. Place oats and pecan halves on a rimmed baking sheet, and bake in the oven, stirring occasionally, until toasted and fragrant (12 to 15 minutes). Let cool completely.

Add toasted oats and pecans to a blender, and blend until finely ground. Add milk, yogurt, frozen bananas, maple syrup, cinnamon, vanilla and a pinch of salt, then blend until smooth. Divide between 2 glasses and top with grated nutmeg and pecan pieces or pecan halves, chopped if using. Enjoy immediately.

Recipe Notes:

You may use lighter milk and yogurt if desired here.

NUTRITION Calories 390 Fat 24g Sat Fat 5g Sodium 80mg Carbs 39g Fiber 5g Protein 11g