

# **Chocolate Coconut Pecan Pie Bars**

A brown sugar shortbread crust topped with a gooey maple filling loaded with pecans, shredded coconut, and chocolate chips. Flavor and texture in every sweet and sticky bite!

**Course** Dessert

**Cuisine** American

Prep Time 25 minutes
Cook Time 40 minutes

**Total Time** 1 hour 5 minutes

Servings 12

Calories 376kcal

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## **Ingredients**

#### **Crust:**

- 1/2 cup unsalted butter softened
- 1/3 cup brown sugar firmly packed
- 1 1/3 cups all purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

#### Filling:

- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter melted
- 2/3 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup pure maple syrup
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1 large egg
- 1 1/2 cups chopped pecans
- 1/2 cup bittersweet or semisweet chocolate chips I prefer bittersweet
- 1/2 cup sweetened shredded coconut
- sea salt optional

#### **Instructions**

#### **Crust:**

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Line an 8x8 pan with foil, leaving a couple inches overhang. Spray or butter the foil.
- 2. Using a hand mixer or stand mixer, beat butter and brown sugar until creamy and combined. Add flour and salt, beat until thoroughly combined. Dump the mixture (it will be crumbly) into the prepared pan and press it evenly into the bottom of the pan. Bake for 15 minutes. Meanwhile, prepare the filling.

#### Filling:

- 1. In a large bowl, combine melted butter, brown sugar, maple syrup, milk, and egg. Whisk until combined. Add pecans, chocolate chips, and coconut and stir until combined. Pour the filling over the crust and gently spread it around with a rubber spatula so that the solids and liquid are evenly distributed.
- 2. Return to the oven and cook for about 23-25 minutes. The mixture should be bubbling slightly around the corners. The edges will be set but the center will still be a little jiggly. It will firm up as it cools. Place pan on a wire rack to cool <u>completely</u> before cutting into squares. Sprinkle lightly with sea salt, if desired, to add a contrast to the sweetness.

#### **Notes**

You can top these with whipped cream or ice cream, if desired.

### **Nutrition**

Calories: 376kcal | Carbohydrates: 36g | Protein: 3g | Fat: 25g | Saturated Fat: 10g | Cholesterol: 49mg | Sodium: 72mg | Potassium: 131mg | Fiber: 1g | Sugar: 24g | Vitamin A: 440IU | Vitamin C: 0.2mg |

Calcium: 43mg | Iron: 1.3mg