

Red Velvet Chocolate Chip Muffins

Set the oven to 375 degrees. Prepare the muffin pan with liners. Makes about 12 cupcake-sized muffins.

Make a faux egg (flax gel) by whisking together:

- 1 tablespoon ground flax seeds
- 3 tablespoons warm water

In a large mixing bowl whisk together:

1 cup <u>GF multi-blend flour (I tried King Arthur's Gluten-Free Flour Blend)</u>

1 cup blanched almond flour (Honeyville)

1/2 cups organic coconut or cane sugar

1/3 cup cocoa powder

 $1\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons baking powder

1/2 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon instant coffee granules (like Starbucks Via) - optional

In a 2-cup measuring cup whisk together:

- 1/2 cup milk (unsweetened almond, hemp or other non-dairy alternative)
- 3/4 cups beet/applesauce puree*

1 teaspoon vanilla

1 teaspoon cider vinegar

Faux flax egg prepared earlier

1/3 cup grapeseed or other vegetable oil

Pour about half the wet mixture into the mixed dry ingredients and give it a few turns with a spoon or silicone spatula. Add the rest of the liquid and stir until combined.

Add to the batter and mix in: 1/2 cup Enjoy Life chocolate mini chips

Spoon into the paper liners filling them about ³/₄ full. Bake for 20-22 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Cool and enjoy.

*I pureed three smallish roasted beets for this recipe. It did not quite come to 3/4 cups of puree so I made up the difference with applesauce. You will probably need 3 or 4 medium sized beets to get 3/4 cup of puree.