# PEANUT-FREE HOMEMADE ENERGY BARS RECIPE

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Remember to always consider any specific dietary restrictions or allergies of the individuals enjoying these delicious homemade energy bars!

## Ingredients:

- 1 1/4 cup flour (whole wheat flour can be used for half)
- 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 egg
- 1 cup quick-cooking oats
- 1/2 cup chocolate chips
- 1/4 cup sunflower seeds

# Optional Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup peanut butter (for those without allergies)
- 1/4 cup nuts (for those without allergies)
- 1/2 cup wheat germ
- 1/2 cup coconut
- 1/2 cup raisins or dried cranberries
- Any other favorite ingredients you love!

## Instructions:

- 1. In a mixing bowl, combine flour, brown sugar, baking soda, salt, butter, vanilla, and egg. Beat the ingredients until well blended.
- 2. Stir in the quick-cooking oats to the mixture.
- 3. Now comes the fun part! Add one or two of your favorite optional ingredients to customize the energy bars according to your taste.
- 4. Press the dough into a greased 13  $\times$  9 inch pan, ensuring it is evenly distributed.
- 5. Sprinkle the chocolate chips and sunflower seeds on top of the dough, adding an extra touch of deliciousness.
- 6. Preheat your oven to 375°F (190°C) and bake the bars for 15 to 20 minutes, or until they turn golden brown.
- 7. Once they're ready, allow the homemade energy bars to cool before cutting them into individual servings.