

## **Espresso Brownies**

Prep: 20 minutes plus cooling and chilling Bake: 40 minutes • Serves: 35

## Brownies

Nonstick baking spray

- 2 cups bittersweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup unsalted butter (2 sticks)
- 3 cups granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons finely ground espresso
- 8 large eggs
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cups all-purpose flour
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> teaspoon salt

## Chocolate Glaze

- 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cups bittersweet chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup brewed espresso
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter (1 stick)
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup heavy cream
- 2 tablespoons corn syrup
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1. Prepare Brownies: Preheat oven to 350°. Spray large rimmed baking pan with nonstick baking spray; line tray with parchment paper. In large microwave-safe bowl, heat chocolate chips and butter in microwave oven on high 1½ to 2 minutes or until almost all chocolate chips and butter have melted, stirring every 30 seconds. Continue stirring until chocolate and butter are melted; cool to room temperature.

2. Whisk sugar and ground espresso into cooled chocolate mixture until well combined. Whisk in eggs, 1 at a time, whisking until smooth after each addition; whisk in vanilla extract. Gently fold in flour and salt.

**3.** Pour batter into prepared pan. Bake brownie 40 to 45 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out with a few moist crumbs. Cool brownie in pan on wire rack.

**4.** Prepare Chocolate Glaze: In medium microwave-safe bowl, heat chocolate chips, espresso and butter in microwave oven on high 1 to 1½ minutes or until almost all chips and butter have melted, stirring frequently. Add cream, corn syrup and vanilla extract; continue stirring until chocolate and butter are melted; cool 5 minutes. Pour glaze over cooled brownies. Refrigerate at least 30 minutes before cutting into 2½-inch squares.

Approximate nutritional values per serving: 316 Calories, 18g Fat (11g Saturated), 68mg Cholesterol, 53mg Sodium, 26g Carbohydrates, 0g Fiber, 4g Protein