

The Pampered Chef [®] Chocolate-Peanut Butter Crunch Bars Recipe

35 g unsalted blanched peanuts, toasted (see Chef's Corner)
125 g salted plain pretzels, divided
100 g toasted crisp rice cereal
175 g butter, divided
250 g miniature white marshmallows
8 tablespoons golden syrup
1 jar (340 g) smooth peanut butter
200 g plain chocolate chips

- Coarsely chop toasted peanuts using Food Chopper; set aside. Place pretzels in a large resealable polythene food bag; coarsely crush using rolling pin. Set aside 25 g of the crushed pretzels. Place remaining pretzels and cereal in Stainless 4-Litre Mixing Bowl; set aside.
- 2. Place 90 g of the butter in Classic Batter Bowl. Microwave, uncovered, on HIGH 1–1 1/2 minutes or until melted, stirring after every 30-second interval. Add marshmallows; microwave, uncovered, on HIGH 1–1 1/2 minutes. Stir until marshmallows are completely melted using Mix 'N Scraper®. Immediately add marshmallow mixture to mixing bowl; mix thoroughly. Immediately spread crust mixture evenly over Medium Sheet Pan; firmly press into pan using Baker's Roller®.
- 3. Combine 30 g of the remaining butter and half of the golden syrup in Small Micro-Cooker®. Microwave, uncovered, on HIGH 1–1 1/2 minutes or until melted, stirring after every 30-second interval. Let stand 2–3 minutes. Place peanut butter in Stainless 2-Litre Mixing Bowl; gradually add melted butter mixture, mixing well using Bamboo Spoon. Spread peanut butter mixture evenly over crust using Small Spreader. Clean spreader.
- 4. For ganache, place remaining butter and golden syrup in **Small Batter Bowl**. Microwave, uncovered, on HIGH 1–1 1/2 minutes or until melted. Stir in chocolate chips; mix until smooth. Spread ganache evenly over peanut butter mixture using Small Spreader. Sprinkle with chopped peanuts and reserved crushed pretzels. Place in freezer at least 20 minutes or until ganache is set. Cut into 24 squares using a round-bladed knife; loosen edges and remove using **Mini-Serving Spatula**. Cut squares in half; serve. Store in an airtight container in a cool place.

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Yield: Makes 48 bars

Per serving: per bar: Energy 521kJ/125kcal; Protein 2.4g; Carbohydrate 10.5g; Sugars 6.1g; Fat 8.4g; Saturated Fat 3.7g; Fibre 0.6g; Salt 0.3g

Cook's Tip: This recipe will benefit from a longer freezing time of up to about 40 minutes, making cutting and serving easier.

To toast peanuts in microwave, place peanuts in Small Micro-Cooker®; microwave, uncovered, on HIGH 3–31/2 minutes or until pale golden brown, stirring after every 30-second interval. Cool completely before chopping.

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