Choc-Beetroot Maple Muffins

This is a vibrant, earthy and overall completely delicious recipe.

Chocolate and beetroot are a match made in heaven—beetroots are an excellent source of folic acid and a very good source of fibre, manganese and potassium, while **cacao** is full of antioxidants, magnesium and iron. So, in short, these muffins not only taste great but are filled with goodness too.

Makes 15

Ingredients

1 cup coconut oil or olive oil

3/4 cup Maple Syrup

75g sugar-free dark chocolate (70%), broken into pieces

250g raw beetroots, grated

4 eggs

½ cup sugar

2 ¹/₄cups plain flour

3 tsps baking powder

5 Tbls cacao powder

Pinch of salt

2 Tbls desiccated coconut

Method

- 1. Preheat the oven to 175°C. Grease a muffin tin with oil.
- **2.** Warm the oil in a medium saucepan on very low heat. Add the syrup and chocolate and stir until the chocolate is melted. Remove from heat.
- **3.** Add the grated beets.
- **4.** Whisk the eggs in a small bowl, whisk in the sugar then add them to the cooled saucepan.
- **5.** Sift flour, baking powder, cacao powder and salt together and stir into the beet mixture.
- **6.** Sprinkle coconut on top.Bake for 25 minutes or until slightly dark and cracked on top and still a little moist inside.
- 7. Enjoy!