

## HOMEMADE GRANOLA

## **GRANOLA BASE:**

- 3 cups rolled oats (old fashioned oats are best here.)
- 1-2 cups nuts and/or seeds or mix and match  $\frac{1}{2}$  cups walnuts,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup pecans,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup pumpkin seeds
- ½ tsp sea salt
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Tbsp cinnamon
- 1.5 Tbsp coconut oil (or substitute avocado oil, canola oil or applesauce)
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup maple syrup, honey or agave
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 medium ripe banana can replace with applesauce

## ADD-INS:

- 2-3 tablespoons dried fruit (dates, apricots, cherries, blueberries, raisins, cranberries, chopped figs are all options. Larger fruit should be chopped)
- 2-3 tablespoons coconut flakes
- 2 table spoons chocolate chips

## Directions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 350
- 2. In a large bowl, mix oats, cinnamon, salt and nuts
- 3. Mash banana in a small bowl. Set aside
- 4. Melt coconut oil in the microwave. Stir in maple syrup and vanilla. Add mashed banana to the mixture.
- 5. Combine the dry oat mixture with the wet coconut oil/banana mixture. Mix until oats are well coated.
- 6. Spread granola out on a sheet pan. Be sure not to overcrowd it. Use 2 sheet pans if need be.
- 7. Bake on 350 for 12-15 minutes until toasted brown. Toss half way through.
- 8. Let it cool, completely! It will get crunchy as it cools.
- 9. Add any add-ins you desire
- 10. Store in a glass jar.