Whole Wheat Waffles
Serves 3

Ingredients:
1 cup 100% white whole wheat flour
¾ cup low-fat milk (or unflavored unsweetened flaxseed milk or almond milk)
1 large egg
½ cup canola oil
2 tsp baking powder
1 tsp vanilla
½ tsp cinnamon
1/8 tsp salt
Optional: ½ cup chopped walnuts, 1 sliced banana, 1 TBSP nut butter (almond, peanut, or cashew butter), and 1 TBSP pure maple syrup for topping.

Directions:
2. Spray pre-heated waffle iron with non-stick cooking spray. Pour mix into hot waffle iron. Cook until golden brown.
3. Serve warm, topped with sliced banana, drizzled with nut butter and maple syrup as desired.

Nutrition Tips:
1. Fresh fruit, such as sliced banana or berries, is a great way to naturally add sweetness, fiber, and various vitamins/minerals to a meal. This waffle batter contains no added sugar, so the “sweetness” comes from fruit on top. Bananas are an excellent source of soluble fiber, vitamin C, potassium, magnesium, and vitamin B6.
2. If you have a walnut allergy or simply don’t love walnuts, you can substitute this ingredient for a different heart-healthy nut such as almonds, pecans, or hazelnuts.

Source:
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