monkey muffins



These bite-size mini muffins from Amie Longstaff of Painesville Township, Ohio, will be a favorite with family and friends. It's a great recipe to make when you want to use up overripe bananas.

PREP: 20 MIN. BAKE: 15 MIN/BATCH YIELD: 36 SERVINGS (72 MUFFINS)

1/2 cup butter, softened

1 cup plus 1 tablespoon sugar, divided

2 eggs

1 cup mashed ripe bananas

2/3 cup peanut butter

1 tablespoon milk

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

2 cups all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 teaspoon salt

3/4 cup miniature semisweet chocolate chips

In a large bowl, cream butter and 1 cup sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in the bananas, peanut butter, milk and vanilla. Combine the flour, baking soda and salt; add to creamed mixture just until moistened. Fold in chips.

Fill greased or paper-lined miniature muffin cups three-fourths full. Sprinkle with remaining sugar. Bake at 350° for 14-16 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool for 5 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks.

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