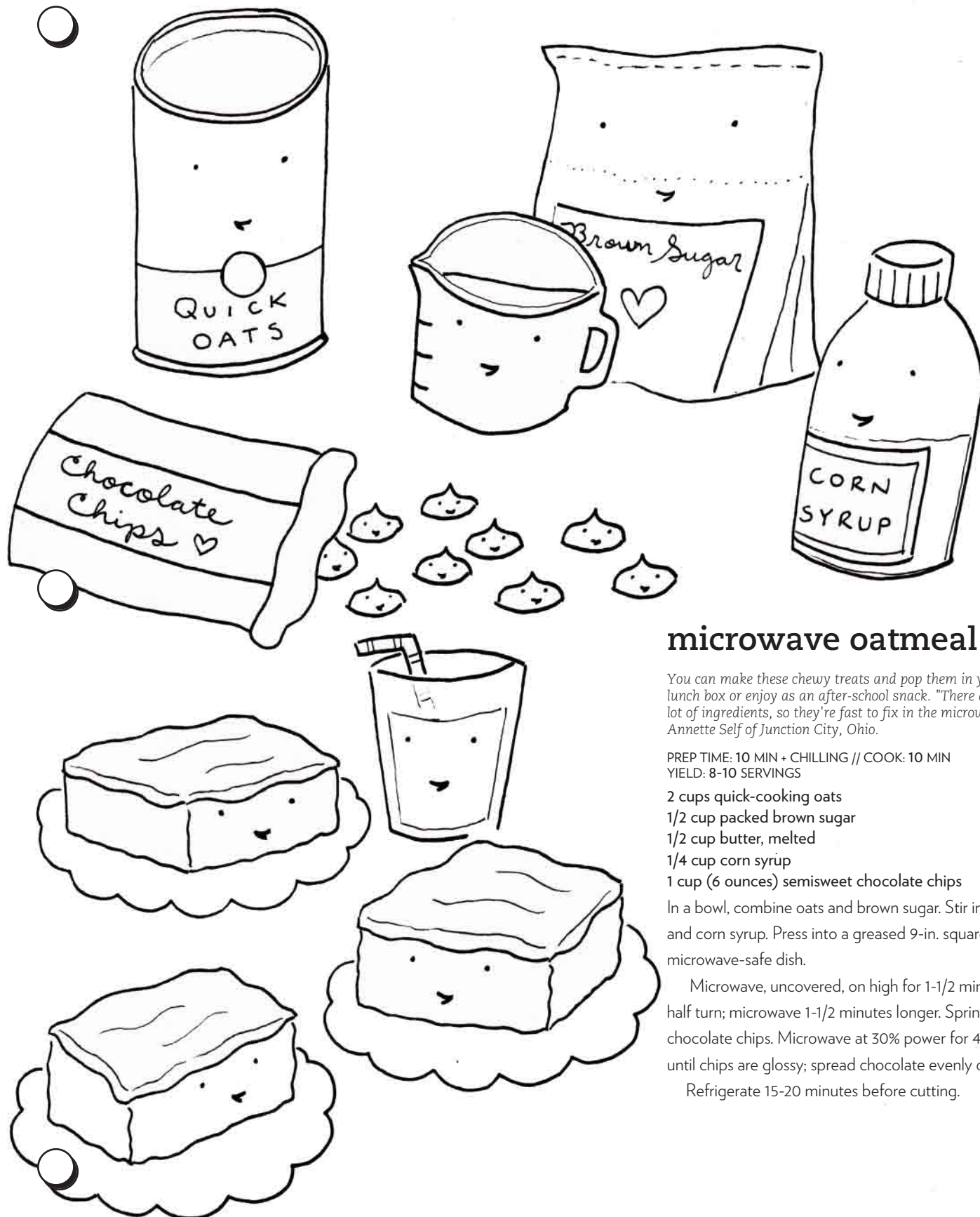


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You can make these chewy treats and pop them in your lunch box or enjoy as an after-school snack. "There are not a lot of ingredients, so they're fast to fix in the microwave," says Annette Self of Junction City, Ohio.

PREP TIME: 10 MIN + CHILLING // COOK: 10 MIN
YIELD: 8-10 SERVINGS

2 cups quick-cooking oats
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
1/2 cup butter, melted
1/4 cup corn syrup
1 cup (6 ounces) semisweet chocolate chips

In a bowl, combine oats and brown sugar. Stir in butter and corn syrup. Press into a greased 9-in. square microwave-safe dish.

Microwave, uncovered, on high for 1-1/2 minutes. Rotate a half turn; microwave 1-1/2 minutes longer. Sprinkle with chocolate chips. Microwave at 30% power for 4-1/2 minutes or until chips are glossy; spread chocolate evenly over top.

Refrigerate 15-20 minutes before cutting.

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