

Trail Mix Rice Krispies Treats with Salted Caramel Swirl

Based on the recipe from Cookies & Cups

Ingredients

4 cups crisp rice cereal
1 1/2 cups M&Ms sweet and salty trail mix or trail mix of choice
1/2 cup dark chocolate M&Ms
1/4 cup butter
1 10.5 ounce bag mini marshmallows
1/2 cup caramel bits or soft caramel candies, chopped
1 teaspoon milt
1 teaspoon coarse sea salt

In a large bowl, measure out cereal, trail mix and M&Ms. Set aside.

Melt butter in a saucepan over medium heat.

Add marshmallows and stir until melted and combined. Allow to cool slightly.

Place caramels and milk in a microwave-safe dish and microwave for 1 minute on high. Add salt, stir to combine and smooth. Set aside.

Pour marshmallow mixture over cereal/trail mix and stir to combine, working quickly.

Pour or dollop caramel mixture on top of cereal mixture, but don't stir it in (this will leave swirls or pockets of caramel throughout the bars).

Transfer cereal mixture to a greased 9 x 13 pan, pressing gently into an even layer.

Cool for about 30 minutes before cutting and storing in an airtight container.

Makes 24 bars.

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