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BEE POLLEN ENERGY BALLS WITH DATES AND CHIA SEEDS

S E R V E S 6 - 8This recipe makes about 10 energy balls

INGREDIENTS

cup walnuts or pecans, soaked at least 6 hours or overnight, rinsed well
tbsp bee pollen
l/2 tsp coconut oil
0 dates, (you may need more)
1 tbsp maple syrup or honey
l/4 tsp salt
1 tbsp chia gel (chia seeds soaked in water for at least an hour)
l/2 tsp vanilla
l/2 tsp cinnamon
Optional toppings: bee pollen, hemp hearts and flaked unsweetened coconut

DIRECTIONS

 $1. \ \mbox{Soak}$ the dates if dry. I like to soak for about 10 minutes in warm water, drain and dry well.

2. Make the chia gel by adding 1 tbsp of chai seeds to 3 tbsp of water, let sit for 10 minutes or until gel-like.

3. Put all ingredients into a food processor and process until well mixed. The mixture will start to gather around the blade, you may need to scrape off with a spatula and continue processing until well combined.

4. Transfer the mixture to a medium sized bowl and shape into balls by rolling in your hand.

5. If you like a bit more crunch then roll in bee pollen, hemp hearts or unsweetened coconut.

6. Store in the fridge or freezer until firm, then eat.

COOKS NOTES

Be sure to keep any unused bee pollen refrigerated or in the freezer to avoid spoilage. If you have allergies, check with your doctor before using bee pollen. I like to keep in the freezer.