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### Ingredients:

- 2 cups dried plums
- 1 ½ cups water
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 ½ cups oats
- 1 ½ cups flour (wheat or white)
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¾ teaspoon baking soda
- ¾ cup brown sugar
- ½ cup peanut butter
- ½ cup applesauce

### Directions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 F
- 2. In small pot combine the dried plums and water, bring to a boil, then reduce heat to a simmer. Stir every few minutes until thickened (about 20 minutes).
- 3. Remove from heat, stir in vanilla and set aside.
- 4. In a separate large bowl combine the oatmeal, flour, salt, brown sugar, and baking soda.
- 5. Mix in the applesauce and peanut butter (you may need to use your hands to mix).
- 6. Once mixed, press half of this mixture into the bottom of a 9-inch square pan and bake in the preheated oven for 5-6 minutes.
- 7. Once the base is finished baking, remove from the oven and spread the dried plum sauce over the top.
- 8. Spread the rest of the crumb mixture over the top of the filling.
- 9. Place back into the oven for 20-25 minutes, or until the top is lightly toasted. Allow to cool, and then cut into squares and enjoy



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