## Gooey S'mores Brounies <br> Poetry \& Pies

prep time: 15-20 minutes
bake time: 20-25 minutes
total time: 45 minutes
servings: 12-16 (double recipe for a 9x13 with 12 large, bakery style brownies!)


## Tngredients

for the graham cracker crust

- 10 full graham crackers (about 150g)
- 4 tablespoons(50g) granulated sugar
- 6 tablespoons $(85 \mathrm{~g})$ unsalted butter, melted


## for the brownies

- $1 / 2$ cup ( 68 g ) all-purpose flour
- $2 / 3$ cup ( 53 g ) unsweetened cocoa powder
- $1 / 2$ teaspoon ( 2 g ) baking powder
- $1 / 4$ teaspoon $(2 \mathrm{~g})$ sea salt (or $1 / 2$ teaspoon ( 3 g ) table salt)
- $1 / 2$ cup ( 113 g ) unsalted butter*
- $111 / 4$ cups ( 250 g ) granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tablespoon (13g) pure vanilla extract
- 1 cup $(170 \mathrm{~g})$ chocolate chips (or as many as your heart says you need)
- about $1 \frac{1}{2}$ cups ( 340 g ) mini marshmallows


## Instructions

1. Preheat oven to $350 \mathrm{~F} / 175$ C. Grease an $8 \times 8$ square pan with butter and flour or baking spray.
2. Place graham crackers and sugar in a food processor or blender. Grind until the size of cornmeal (ish-there's a point where it just doesn't get finer unless you grind it for a few minutes).
3. Add the melted butter. You can combine both in a mixing bowl or save some dishes and just add the butter to the processor or blender and pulse a few times, stir as best you can, then pulse a few more times. You'll also want to stir it a bit when you turn it out into the baking pan if you use this method.
4. Pour crust into prepared pan. Spread evenly then press crust into pan with a spatula or the bottom of a cup. Note: you don't have to use all of the crust-it's up to personal preference.
5. Next, make the brownie batter. Using a fine mesh sieve set over a small mixing bowl, sift then whisk together the flour, cocoa powder, baking powder, and salt. Set aside.
6. In a small saucepan, melt the butter until completely liquid. Immediately combine it with the sugar in a large mixing bowl and whisk for about a minute, until it comes together and the sugar begins to dissolve.
7. Add the eggs, one at a time, whisking for about a minute after each egg. Add the vanilla and whisk well again (half a minute should do this time).
8. Add the dry ingredients in and gently fold in with a wooden spoon or rubber spatula, until almost blended some streaks of flour remain.
9. Gently fold in the chocolate chips.
10. Pour gently on top of graham cracker crust, smoothing the top and getting the batter mostly into the corners (I like to leave a $1 / 2$ inch gap that will absolutely fill in during baking but prevent an overly crunchy corner).
11. Bake for 20-25 minutes, or until the top is no longer shiny/raw looking and the middle is slightly jiggly but not liquidy. A toothpick should actually come out with some matte-looking batter (not quite raw dough, not quite crumbly brownies). If you prefer fully cooked, non-fudgy-middle brownies, cook a little longer until a toothpick comes out with several brownie crumbs rather than a smear of almost-cooked batter.
12. Immediately** add marshmallows on top of brownies. Spread in an even layer. Either brown with a kitchen torch, return to the oven on the top rack for 3-4 minutes, or broil for 1-2 minutes, until marshmallows puff up and turn golden.
13. Let cool in pan at least 30 minutes (or serve right away with a fork!).

Enjoy!
Brownies will last in an airtight container at room temperature for 3-5 days, if you can resist eating them all before then!
*European butter is best! It has less water and makes a better brownie, in my opinion.
**You can optionally wait until serving to toast the marshmallows, but they may not adhere as well to the cooled brownies.

