

Bar cookies Chocolate PB&J Bars

Cooking spray

Crust

- 1 (9-oz) pkg chocolate wafer cookies
- ½ cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, melted
- ²/₃ cup seedless red-raspberry jam Filling
 - 3/4 lb cream cheese, softened
- 2/3 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 Tbsp all-purpose flour

Glaze

- 1½ cups semisweet-chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1 Tbsp + 1 tsp light corn syrup
- **1.** Line 2 (8-in.) square baking pans with foil, extending foil by 2 in. on opposite ends; coat with cooking spray.
- 2. Crust: Preheat oven to 325°F. Process cookies in food processor until fine crumbs form. Add butter; pulse until evenly moistened and crumbly. Divide in half; press onto bottom of prepared pans. Bake 10 minutes, until set. Let cool completely on wire rack. Spread ½ cup jam evenly over each crust.

3. Increase oven temperature to 350°F. Filling: In bowl, on high speed, beat cream cheese, peanut butter and sugar until smooth. Beat in eggs, 1 at a time, then vanilla and flour until smooth. Divide in half; spread over jam. Bake 18 to 20 minutes, until top looks dry and set. Cool in pan on rack until warm. 4. Glaze: In glass measure, in microwave, heat all ingredients on HIGH 11/2 minutes; whisk until smooth. Spread half over each peanut-butter-mixture layer. Let cool to room temperature. Refrigerate at least 4 hours or overnight. 5. To cut, lift cookie squares out of pans. Cut each into 4 strips; cut each strip into 4 bars. Halve bars diagonally to form triangles. Store in airtight con-

■ Makes 64 cookies.

Orange Fig-Bar Slices

Dough

½ cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, softened

tainer in refrigerator up to 2 weeks.

- 1/4 cup solid vegetable shortening
- 3/4 cup packed light-brown sugar
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 Tbsp vanilla extract
- 1 tsp baking powder