Cherry Apple Blondies

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Forget the chocolate brownies; these blondies burst with sweet, fruity flavors. Fresh apples and cherries make for a tart and tangy dessert bar that will have the whole neighborhood over for samples.

Ingredients:

- 1 cup butter, melted
- 1 cup white sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 apples, peeled, cored, finely chopped
- 1 cup pitted, halved cherries
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Directions:

1) Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease two 9-by-9-inch baking dishes.

2) In a large bowl, beat together melted butter, sugar, and eggs until fluffy. Fold in apples, cherries, and pecans.

3) In a separate bowl, sift together flour, cinnamon, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. Stir flour mixture into wet mixture until just blended.

4) Spread batter evenly into prepared dishes. Bake 40 to 50 minutes, until a toothpick inserted in the center of each dish comes out clean.

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