## Discovering COOKING

Gowrie. New South Wales

Cooking provides children learning opportunities across many domains, including numeracy skills such as measurement and counting. Enhancing thinking and language skills, following a sequence, and experiencing cause and effect.

## EXPERIENCE Apple and Zucchini Mini Muffin

METHOD

- Preheat oven to 180°C (160°C fan-forced). Spray a 12-cup muffin tin with cooking spray.
- In a bowl, combine the flour, brown sugar and cinnamon.
- In a separate bowl, mix the eggs, oil, vanilla, apple and zucchini.
- Pour the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients and use a spatula to turn the mixture until all ingredients are just moist.
- Spoon mixture evenly into muffin tin and bake for 20-25 minutes.

Age Group 3-5 YEARS

## TIPS Including your child in cooking

## RESOURCES What do I need?

- Children can add other ingredients such raisin or walnuts of choice
- Encourage children to contribute to the process allowing them to practise their fine motor skills such as peeling, grating and mixing.
- You can replace brown sugar with maple syrup for healthier choice.

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• Be careful not to over mix the batter to avoid making the muffins heavy.

2 cups self-raising flour 1/2 cup brown sugar 1 tsp cinnamon 2 eggs (lightly beaten) 1/2 cup vegetable oil 1 tsp vanilla essence 1 cup apple (grated, peeled) 1 cup zucchini (grated, peeled)