bilagaana's MOCHA GRANOLA

Overview: You're going to make three separate mixtures: The oats/nuts mixture, the cocoa/sugar mixture and the oil/vanilla mixture. Then, all three will be combined prior to baking.

1. Mix together and set aside:

1 1/2 cups old fashioned oats 1/4 cup sliced almonds 1/4 cup chopped pecans

2. In a separate large mixing bowl whisk together and set aside:

3 Tbsp cocoa 2 Tbsp brown sugar packed 1 Tbsp espresso powder 1/4 tsp salt 3/4 tsp cinnamon

3. In another cup mix together:

3 Tbsp oil 1 tsp vanilla

- **4.** Add the oil/vanilla mixture to the cocoa mixture in the large mixing bowl and whisk thoroughly, creating a paste.
- 5. Whisk in the oats/nuts mixture to the cocoa/oil mixture in the large mixing bowl until well-coated.
- 6. Spread the uncooked granola mixture evenly on a rimmed baking (cookie) sheet.
- **7.** Preheat the oven to 325 degrees and bake the granola for 10 minutes on an **upper** rack, then turn/stir and bake another 10 minutes.
- 8. Remove from the oven promptly and set aside to cool.
- **9.** Store in a cool/dry place or the refrigerator.

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