

## Chocolate Pumpkin Nut Bread or Mini Muffins

1  $\frac{2}{3}$  cups all-purpose flour  
1 tbsp pumpkin pie spice  
1 tsp baking soda  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  tsp salt  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  tsp baking powder  
1  $\frac{1}{2}$  cups granulated sugar  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup vegetable oil  
2 large eggs  
1 cup canned plain pumpkin (half a one pound can)  
1 cup semisweet chocolate chips  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup toasted chopped almonds (optional)

Heat oven to 350 for bread or 375 for muffins. Butter a 9x5x3 inch loaf pan or use mini muffin cups. Mix flour, spice, baking soda, salt and baking powder. Beat sugar, oil and eggs in a large bowl. When well blended, beat in pumpkin and  $\frac{1}{3}$  cup water. Stir in flour mixture, then chocolate chips and almonds. Scrape into prepared pan. Bake about 1 hour 10 minutes for bread/ 10-12 minutes for muffins, or until a wooden pick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool in pan 15 minutes. Turn out onto a wire rack and cool completely.

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1 tbsp pumpkin pie spice  
1 tsp baking soda  
3/4 tsp salt  
1/4 tsp baking powder  
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