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Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Muffins

Makes 12 standard-sized muffins

These muffins are a fall favorite of ours that we look forward to making (and eating!) whenever autumn rolls around. They satisfy any craving for pumpkin spice and quell any hunger. We've added a few chocolate chips for added deliciousness and guaranteed crowd-pleasing results.

Ingredients:

2 cups all-purpose flour
3/4 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
1-1/2 teaspoons salt
1-1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 cup melted unsalted butter, cooled slightly
3 large eggs
1-1/2 cups canned pumpkin puree (one 15-oz. can)
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1-1/2 cups sugar
1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

Directions:

- 1. Preheat the oven to 375°F. Lightly grease each well of a 12-cup muffin pan, or line each well with a paper cupcake liner. Set aside.
- 2. In a medium bowl, mix together the dry ingredients, (flour, spices, salt, and baking powder).
- 3. In another larger bowl, mix together the liquid ingredients, (melted butter, eggs, pumpkin, and vanilla). Add the sugar to the wet ingredients and whisk to combine evenly.
- 4. Mix the muffin batter by adding the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients and stir until just combined; do not over mix. Stir in the chocolate chips. Spoon the batter into the prepared muffin tins evenly distributing the batter.
- 5. Bake for 20-24 minutes or until the muffin springs back from a finger touch, or until a toothpick in the muffin portion returns cleanly. Cool the muffins in the pan for 3-4 minutes before removing from the pan, then remove and place on cooling rack to finishing cooling, (or eat while still warm!).