# Sweet & Spicy Trail Mix



This recipe can be used as a blueprint to create a flavorful snack mix that is customizable with different nuts, seeds, dried fruit and seasonings!

YIELD	PREP TIME	TOTAL TIME
6 SERVINGS	5 MIN	20 MIN

### **INGREDIENTS**

For the Spiced Nuts & Seeds:

1/4 cup Pecans, chopped 1/4 cup Pumpkin Seeds 1 Tbsp + 1tsp Maple Syrup

1/4 tsp1/8 tsp1/8 tsp1/8 tspCayenne Pepper

1/8 tsp Kosher Salt

## For the Popcorn:

1/4 cup1 TbspPopcorn KernelsOlive or Canola Oil

1/8 tsp Kosher Salt

### For the Trail Mix:

1/4 cup Chocolate Chips, semi-sweet

1/4 cup Dried Fruit such as Raisins or Cherries

#### **CHEF'S NOTES**

The popcorn can be popped and made with different flavoring options added to the oil and salt. We like the following combinations:

- Garlic powder, onion powder, oregano & parmesan cheese
- Garlic powder, dried dill, and nutritional yeast
- Cinnamon and nutmeg

Popcorn is a whole grain which makes it a perfectly healthy, crunchy snack when you pop it at home. We make it easy with a paper lunch bag and a quick trip in the microwave!

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Gather all necessary equipment and ingredients.
- 2. <u>Make the spiced nuts & seeds</u>: Combine the pecans, pumpkin seeds, maple syrup, cinnamon, nutmeg, cayenne and salt in a small skillet over medium-low heat. Use a spatula to toss until evenly coated.
- 3. Cook until mixture reaches a low simmer, stirring occasionally. Simmer for about 10 minutes, stirring often until the liquid in the maple syrup has evaporated and the sugars have crystallized.
- 4. Pour the nuts and seeds onto a small sheet pan or plate lined with parchment paper. Break apart any large clumps with a spatula and allow to cool to room temperature.
- 5. <u>Make the popcorn</u>: Place the popcorn kernels in a brown paper lunch bag and fold the top tightly, then place in the microwave and cook for 2 minutes or until the popcorn kernels stop popping.
- 6. Pour the popcorn into a medium bowl, add the oil and salt and stir to combine.

7. <u>Make the trail mix</u>: Add the chocolate chips and raisins to the popcorn along with the spiced nuts and seeds. Stir to combine and enjoy!

<b>Nutrition Facts</b>		
6 servings per container		
Serving Size	about 1 cup (38 g)	
Amount per serving	_	
Calories	180	
	% Daily Value *	
Total Fat 11g	14%	
Saturated Fat 2.5g	13%	
Trans Fat 0g		
Cholesterol 0mg	0%	
Sodium 85mg	4%	
<b>Total Carbohydrate 20g</b>	7%	
Dietary Fiber 2g	8%	
Total Sugars 8g		
Includes 0g Added Su	igars 0%	
Protein 3g	6%	
Vitamin D 0mcg	0%	
Calcium 10mg	0%	
Iron 1mg	7%	
Potassium 100mg	3%	
*The % Daily Value (DV) tells you how much contributes to a daily diet. 2,000 calories a cadvice.	•	





