

homemade chai

Ingredients

- 2 1/4 cups water
- 1 3-inch cinnamon stick
- 3 whole cloves
- 4 green cardamom pods, cracked open and deseeded (I throw seeds & pods in)
- 3 black peppercorns
- 1/2 tsp fennel seeds, optional
- 1/2- inch fresh ginger, peeled and thinly sliced
- 3 black tea bags or 3 teaspoons loose leaf black tea
- 1 cup milk of choice
- 4 teaspoons sugar (more or less to taste)

Instructions

- 1. Heat a medium saucepan over high heat. Add water and spices. Bring to a boil and add the tea bags or leaves.
- Reduce the heat to medium-low and simmer gently for 7-10 minutes, depending on how strong you'd like the tea and spices.
- 3. Add milk and sugar and stir. Raise the heat to high just to let milk boil. Reduce the heat to medium and simmer for another 5 minutes.
- 4. Pour into cups through a strainer and add more sweetener, if desired.

Adapted from the blog Tea For Turmeric. Makes 2 cups.