

Sour Cream and Chocolate Chip Nut Loaf

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Butter, for greasing the pan

Cinnamon Sugar

¼ cup sugar

¾ teaspoon ground cinnamon

Batter

2 eggs

²∕₃ cup sugar

½ teaspoon pure vanilla extract

- 1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 ¼ teaspoons baking powder
- 1 1/4 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt

½ cup butter, melted

 $1\frac{1}{3}$ cups sour cream

34 cup semisweet chocolate chips

1/₃ cup roughly chopped walnuts

Preheat the oven to 375°F. Butter a 9-by 5-inch standard loaf pan. Make the cinnamon sugar: In a small bowl, mix together the sugar and cinnamon.

Make the batter: In a large bowl, using an electric mixer at medium speed, beat the eggs until frothy, about 3 minutes. Add the sugar and vanilla, beating until smooth. In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt.

Add the melted butter and the sour cream to the egg-and-sugar mixture; beat until well combined. At low speed, add the dry mixture to the wet mixture a spoonful at a time, beating just until smooth. Fold in the chocolate chips.

Spread half of the batter in the prepared pan and sprinkle evenly with about two-thirds of the cinnamon sugar. Sprinkle with the walnuts. Top with the remaining batter, spreading evenly. (This cake rises considerably, so be sure the batter is at least ¾ inch below the rim of the pan.) Sprinkle with the remaining cinnamon sugar. Bake for 45 to 50 minutes or until a knife or skewer inserted in the center comes out clean.