## Soft and Chewy Granola Bar Recipe

Compliments of Inspired Taste, by Joanne Gallagher

## Ingredients

$\frac{1}{2}$	tsp	vanilla extract
1/4	tsp	salt
2.5	$\mathbf{C}^{-}$	oats, rolled
$\frac{1}{2}$	C	chopped nuts (walnuts, sunflower seeds, peanuts)
1/3	C	brown rice syrup (or honey)
1/4	$\mathbf{C}$	butter, small slices
1/4	C	brown sugar
1/2	$\mathbf{C}$	raisins, dried cranberries
1/4	C	mini chocolate chips

## Directions

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Line 8 or 9" square baking pan with parchment.
- 2. Toast oats and chopped nuts for 5 mins in oven. Transfer to bowl.
- 3. Combine butter, honey/syrup, brown sugar, vanilla and salt into small pan over medium heat. Stir until sugar dissolves.
- 4. Mix toasted oats and nuts into mixture, mix well, cool some.
- 5. Stir in raisins and most of chocolate chips, mix well.
- 6. Press mixture into lined pan firmly, for several minutes.
- 7. Sprinkle 2 tablespoons chocolate chips over and gently press into mass.
- 8. Refrigerate, 2-hour minimum. Remove block from pan and separate parchment. Cut into bars.
- 9. Store, protected from air.