## Chai Spiced Hot Chocolate

A warm and spicy hot chocolate with the rich flavors of chai tea.

2 C whole milk tea bags for ease of removal 1/2 C heavy cream 4 oz dark chocolate, chopped

1/4 C granulated sugar 1 t vanilla extract

1/4 C unsweetened cocoa powder Whipped cream and a sprinkle of

1 t Masala Chai tea leaves, placed into cinnamon for garnish

**HEAT THE MILK AND CREAM:** In a medium saucepan, combine the milk and heavy cream. Heat over medium heat until just simmering.

**STEEP THE TEA:** Add the Masala Chai tea bags and let it steep for 5 minutes. Remove the tea bags and discard after squeezing out as much cream mixture as possible.

MIX IN THE DRY INGREDIENTS: Whisk in the sugar and cocoa powder until smooth.

**ADD THE CHOCOLATE:** Stir in the chopped dark chocolate until melted and smooth.

FINISH WITH VANILLA: Remove from heat and stir in the vanilla extract.

**SERVE:** Pour into mugs and top with whipped cream and a sprinkle of cinnamon.