

# Classic Chewy Vegan Nips

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## Ingredients

#### For the Chewy Center:

- 1 cup full-fat coconut milk (or canned coconut cream + water)
- 1 cup organic cane sugar
- ¼ cup light corn syrup or maple syrup
- 3 tbsp vegan butter
- ½ tsp salt
- ½ tsp vanilla extract

### For the Chocolate Coating:

- 1 ½ cups vegan chocolate chips (semi-sweet or dark)
- 1 tbsp coconut oil

#### Instructions

#### 1. Make the Chewy Candy Base

- 1. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
- 2. In a medium saucepan over medium heat, combine coconut milk, sugar, corn syrup, vegan butter, and salt.
- 3. Stir constantly until the sugar dissolves.
- 4. Increase heat and bring to a gentle boil, stirring often. Cook until mixture reaches **240°F (soft-ball stage)** on a candy thermometer (approx. 10–12 minutes).
- 5. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla extract.
- 6. Let cool slightly until thick but still scoopable.

#### 2. Shape the Candies

- 1. Using a small spoon or melon baller, scoop small dollops onto the prepared parchment.
- 2. Let them **set at room temperature** for 10–15 minutes so they firm up slightly.

#### 3. Coat with Chocolate

- 1. Melt chocolate chips + coconut oil in a microwave or double boiler until smooth.
- 2. Dip each chewy candy into the melted chocolate, using a fork to coat fully.
- 3. Place back on parchment to set. Chill briefly in the fridge if needed.

## **Tips & Variations**

- Add ¼ tsp peppermint extract for **minty Nips**.
- Use coconut cream for an extra creamy center.
- Sprinkle finely chopped nuts or shredded coconut on top before chocolate sets for texture.
- → Store in an airtight container at room temperature for 1–2 weeks or refrigerate for longer shelf life.