Double Chocolate Banana Bread

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup ripe bananas mashed with a fork (about 2 bananas)
- 1/4 cup milk 3/4 cup chocolate chips
- 1/4 cup roasted and salted peanuts or walnuts/pecans coarsely chopped (Optional)

PREPARATION

- 1. With the rack in the middle position, preheat the oven to 350 °).
- 2. Line loaf pan with a strip of parchment paper, letting it hang over both sides. Butter the other two sides.
- 3. In a bowl, combine the flour, baking powder, and baking soda. Set aside.
- 4. In another bowl, cream the butter with the brown sugar, cocoa powder, and vanilla with an electric mixer. Add the eggs, one at a time, and beat until smooth.
- On low speed, add the bananas and dry ingredients alternately with the milk. Add the chocolate and combine. Pour into the prepared pan and sprinkle with the peanuts (optional).
- 6. Bake for about 1 hour or until a toothpick inserted in the centre comes out clean. Let cool for at least 1 hour and unmould. Serve warm or cold.
- 7. It is easier to slice this bread if you put it in the the fridge for an hour or so as it is a very moist bread.