Chipotle-Roasted Almonds

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Recipe source: Rick Bayless, Fiesta at Rick's cookbook

Ingredients:

- 2 canned chipotle chiles en adobo Cook's note:
 Depending on how much heat you like, you can deseed one or both of the chiles
- 1 tablespoon adobo (tomato-y sauce in the can of chiles)
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 2 tablespoons ketchup
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- 1 scant teaspoon salt
- 4 cups (about 1 ¼ lbs) toasted blanched almonds

Directions:

- Heat the oven to 350 degrees.
- Scoop the chipotle chiles, adobo, lime juice, ketchup, sugar and salt into a blender and process to a smooth puree.
- Pour into a large bowl along with the peanuts and toss until the nuts are evenly coated.
- Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper and evenly spread the nuts on it.
- Bake until they are fragrant and no longer moist, 25 to 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Cook's note: In my case it took longer for the nuts to "dry out" probably 40 minutes overall. Just pay attention.

Cool the nuts on the sheet pan. They will crisp up as they cool.

This recipe can be made using any kind of nuts. Here's another Rick Bayless recipe using peanuts.

