## Chai

Use this basic Chai recipe adapted from "Cooking Light Annual Recipes 2008" as a starting point, then alter it to suit your preferences. You might add black peppercorns, vanilla bean seeds, or anise seeds, for instance.

Serves 2

1-1/2 c. water
7 cardamom pods, crushed
6 whole cloves
4 white peppercorns
1 (1/2" piece) peeled fresh ginger, coarsely chopped
1 cinnamon stick, broken
2 decaf Lipton or Tetley Black tea bags
1/4 c. honey

Combine in a medium saucepan water, cardamom, cloves, peppercorns, ginger and cinnamon stick; bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat, and simmer 15 minutes. Add tea bags and simmer 4 minutes (do not boil).

Strain through a fine sieve into a small container; discard solids. Add honey to tea mixture, stirring until well blended.