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Roast Pumpkin Seeds For Homemade Treat

Not only does the ver-satile pumpkin make its way into vegetable dishes, breads and desserts, but it's often-overlooked seeds are as high in phosphorus and potassium as its more popular snacking cou the sunflower seed. Roasted pum

seeds are son found in gourmet shops but can easily be made at home, says Ms. Rachel Kinlaw, extension food specialist at North Carolina State Universi-

Just follow these easy directions:

Bring to a boil 11/5 cups of water and 3 tablespoons of salt, stirr-ing until salt is complete-ly dissolved. Pour over 1% cups of raw pumpkin seeds placed in a bowl. Cover and let stand at

room temperature for 12 to 24 hours. Drain liquid

From seeds.

Spread seeds evenly over a 10 x 15 baking dish. Bake in a 350 degree oven for 25 to 35 minutes or until seeds are dry and puffed; when done the kernel will separate in the center. If seeds were soaked for 24 hours, maximum baking time is 25 minutes.

Stir frequently during roasting; stir occasionally while cooling.

Store pumpkin seeds in an airtight container. The roasted seeds will stay fresh up to ten days.

For flavored pumpkin seeds: Follow the same instructions but omit salt. instructions but omit salt

from the boiling water.

After draining the soaked seeds, sprinkle with two teaspoons of either onion salt, garlic salt or ¼ teaspoon each of chili powder and salt.

Mix until well distributed and bake as in first recipe.

## Gifts That Help A Person Grow

Not many gifts offer a lifetime guarantee. But there are some presents that help a person grow and, in that sense. they last a lifetime.

These could be known as "becoming gifts," notes Dr. Leo Hawkins, extension human development specialist at North Carolina State University.

Before you rush out and buy a birthday or other special occasion gift for someone in your family, think about some of these "becoming gifts" as a possible

Has someone in your family talked about wanting to learn to paint? Then give that budding artist a box of acrylics and a simple instruction book. With supplies in hand, there'll be less ex-cuse for not getting started.

Some gifts" person's viewpoint These include books magazine subscriptions. records, or maybe season ticket to a nearby

It's even better when a gift lets the receiver use his own imagination. few yards of fabric to a seamstress means the beginning of a new idea. An unusual cookbook inspires a would-be chef to try something new.
"Becoming gifts" are the best kind, Dr.

Hawkins believes. For everyone, from the child who would be delighted with a pack of construc-tion paper and some marking pens, to the oldest family member who might like a ticket for a travel tour, gifts that help a person grow are gifts that last a

Rome Beauty apples are a good choice for baked apples because they retain their shape when cooked. For "eating out of hand", Red Delicious are good.

Canned hams and pic-cs should be refrigerated unless directions on the label specify that refrigeration is not necessary.