BEAN-LESS SUNFLOWER SEED & BLACK GARLIC HUMMUS

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• black garlic can be hard to come by. if you can't find it, and you don't mind another step, roast a head of garlic and use 2-3 cloves. and if you don't want another step, simply use 1 clove regular garlic.

| makes just over 2 cups hummus |

- 1 cup raw sunflower seeds, soaked overnight (or at least 4 hours), drained and rinsed
- 1/2 cup tahini
- 2-3 tablespoons lemon juice (from 1 large lemon, or 2 small lemons)
- 4 cloves black garlic (1-2 cloves regular garlic, roughly chopped)
- fine sea salt
- fresh ground pepper
- filtered water, to thin

optional garnishes:

- za'atar
- extra virgin olive oil
- a pinch of flaky sea salt
- herb flowers

method

- 1. combine the seeds, tahini, 2 tablespoons lemon juice, garlic, salt (i start with about 1 teaspoon, and add more later if needed), a couple grinds of pepper, and 1/2 cup water in the container of a high-speed blender (if you don't have a blender, a food processor will do, but the hummus will not have a silky smooth texture). whiz everything together on high, scraping down the sides of the blender as you go. add more water as needed to get everything blended and smooth.
- 2. once it's blended to your desired consistency (i tend to like it a bit on the thinner, silkier side), taste and adjust the salt, and lemon juice, if needed.
- 3. scrape the hummus into an air-tight container and store in the refrigerator for up to 3-4 days.
- 4. serve with a sprinkle of za'atar, a swirl of olive oil, a pinch of flaky sea salt, and herb flowers to garnish. grilled or toasted bread is optional, but very much preferred;)