THIS VARIATION HAS NO MEAT AND ADDS A NICE FLAVOUR WITH SWEET POTATO.

PREP TIME: 10 MINUTES
COOK TIME: 30 MINUTES
TOTAL TIME: 40 MINUTES

| Ingredients | |
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| | □1-2 tablespoons olive oil |
| | □1 medium onion, diced small |
| | □2 garlic cloves, minced |
| | □1 large sweet potato, peeled and diced |
| | □2 tablespoons mild chili powder |
| | □2 teaspoons cumin |
| | □2 teaspoons smoked paprika |
| | □1 teaspoon salt |
| | □28 ounces diced tomatoes, with their juices, <i>OR fire roasted tomatoes</i> |
| | (2) 15-ounce cans black beans, drained and rinsed |



Instructions

□2 cups water

- 1. In a large pot over medium heat, add the olive oil. Saute the diced onion for 3-4 minutes, until translucent, then add in the garlic and sweet potato and cook about 2 more minutes.
- 2. Next add the chili powder, cumin, smoked paprika and salt. Stir into the vegetable mixture.
- 3. Pour in the diced tomatoes along with their juices, drained and rinsed black beans and the 2 cups of water. Stir to combine. Simmer the mixture, uncovered, for 20-25 minutes.
- 4. Use the back of a spoon to mash some of the sweet potatoes for a thicker texture, if desired.
- 5. Serve with avocado chunks, cilantro, chopped green onions, cornbread or sour cream.

Notes

- 1. For oil free, simply use water to saute instead of oil.
- 2. May substitute peeled/chopped butternut squash for the sweet potato, if desired. You could also add 2 cups of baby spinach or chopped kale.
- 3. **To make in an Instant Pot:** Use the saute feature and cook the onion, then the garlic and sweet potato, then the spices just like in the regular instructions. Turn off the Instant Pot for a moment and add the diced tomatoes, black beans and water. Stir, then seal and set the timer to 8 minutes at high pressure. Release pressure manually, and serve with desired toppings.
- 4. **To make in a Crock Pot:** Add all ingredients to a crock pot and cook on high for 4-5 hours or low for 7-8 hours.
- 5. The recipe can easily be doubled or even tripled to serve a large crowd.

6. The chili freezes well and will keep in the refrigerator for 4-5 days.

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