Kidney Bean Chili with Pumpkin

Servings: 4

This is a modified version of a chili recipe from Whole Foods that originally included ground turkey. If you are in a hurry, using canned kidney beans can be a great time saver.

Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 small yellow onion, chopped
- 1 green bell pepper, seeded, chopped
- 2 jalapenos, seeded and finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1 large tomato, diced, with its liquid
- 1 ½ cups pureed pumpkin
- 1 cup water
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- $\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon sea salt
- Pepper to taste
- 1½ cups kidney beans, cooked, rinsed and drained (or canned)
- 1 slice whole grain bread



Directions:

- 1. To yield $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups cooked kidney beans, use $\frac{1}{2}$ cup dried kidney beans. Soak for 6-8 hours, rinse. In a small pot bring beans to a boil in $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups water. Lower heat and simmer for $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours or until tender.
- 2. In a large soup pot, heat oil over medium-high heat.
- 3. Add onion, bell pepper, jalapenos, and garlic. Cook, stirring frequently until tender.
- 4. Add tomatoes, pumpkin, water, chili powder, cumin, salt and pepper and bring to a boil.
- 5. Reduce heat to medium-low then add beans.
- 6. Cover and simmer, stirring occasionally for 30 minutes.
- 7. Ladle chili into bowls, top with cilantro and serve.

Nutrition: (Serving size: 1/4th recipe)

calories: 263 protein: 11g total carbohydrate: 42g total fat: 8g sugars: 7g sodium: 762mg dietary fiber: 15g saturated fat: 1g

