Creamy Vegan White Bean Chili with Green Chiles, Corn, and Greens

Prep: 10 minutes • Cook: 20 minutes

A silky, cashew-creamy white bean chili layered with bright green chiles, sweet corn, and tender leafy greens. Subtly spiced, comforting, and weeknight-easy in 30 minutes.

Ingredients

- 2 cups water
- 2/3 cup raw cashews (raw)
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 cup white or yellow onion (diced)
- 4 cloves garlic (minced)
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 3/4-1 tsp sea salt
- 1/4 tsp black pepper
- 1 pinch cayenne
- 2 (4-oz.) cans diced green chiles (canned, diced)
- 3 (15-oz.) cans white beans (drained and rinsed)
- 1 cup corn (frozen)
- 2 cups baby spinach or kale (baby spinach, baby kale, or chopped kale)
- to serve cornbread (optional)
- to serve cilantro (freshly chopped, optional)
- to serve green onion (thinly sliced, optional)
- to serve hot sauce (optional)

Instructions

- 1. Make the cashew milk: In a high-speed blender, combine the water and raw cashews and blend until completely smooth and creamy, about 1–2 minutes. Set aside.
- 2. Heat a large pot over medium heat. Add the olive oil, diced onion, and minced garlic. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the onions are soft and translucent, about 5 minutes.
- 3. Add the ground cumin, sea salt (start with the lesser amount), black pepper, and cayenne. Cook for 1 minute until fragrant.
- 4. Stir in the diced green chiles, drained and rinsed white beans, and corn until combined.

- 5. Pour in the cashew milk and bring to a light boil. Reduce heat to low and simmer for about 10 minutes, stirring occasionally, until slightly thickened. If too thick, add a splash of water or dairy-free milk to thin.
- 6. Taste and adjust seasoning, adding more salt for overall flavor and more cayenne for heat as desired.
- 7. Remove from heat and stir in the spinach or kale until just wilted.
- 8. Serve warm with cornbread, cilantro, green onion, and hot sauce, if desired.

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