Fiesta Bean Dip



Makes:

14 servings, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup (95 g) each

Utensil:

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Recipe Description:

This dip recipe will be the hit of the party and, in the unlikely event that there are leftovers, it will be the hit of dinner the next day too. A yummy, high-protein, low-fat and low-calorie appetizer or a delicious Mexican dinner, this versatile dish will have everyone asking for more.

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3 1/2 cups
       pinto beans, drained, reserve liquid
(840
g)
   1 1/2 teaspoons
       chili powder
(4
g)
     1/4 teaspoon
       cumin
(1
g)
     1/8 teaspoon
       paprika
(.5
g)
     1/2 teaspoon
       salt
(3
g)
     2 tablespoons
tomato paste
(33
g)
     ½ cup
       reserved bean juice
(60
mL)
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'/4 cup onion, strung, use Cone #2

(90
g)
2 cloves
garlic, minced
'/2 cup salsa

(130
g)
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Directions:

- Place 2 cups drained pinto beans in a medium bowl. Mash with a potato masher or fork until beans are the consistency of refried beans. Or blend in a food processor until smooth. Set aside.
- 2. In a large bowl, combine remaining $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups drained beans, chili powder, cumin, paprika, salt, tomato paste and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup reserved bean juice. Mash slightly in the manner stated above. Place previously mashed beans into this bowl, combine and set aside.
- Preheat electric skillet to 250°F/121°C. Sauté onion and garlic for approximately 3 minutes or until onions become translucent. Transfer sautéed onion and garlic to bean mixture. Add salsa and blend well.
- 4. Reduce heat to 225°F/107°C. Spread bean mixture evenly in skillet. Cover and cook 15 minutes or until heated through.
- 5. Uncover and sprinkle with cheese. Turn skillet off and cover. When cheese is melted garnish with cilantro and serve with baked chips or toasted pitas.

Tips:

- No time to prepare dry beans? Substitute 1 15-ounce (425g) refried beans and 1 15-ounce (425g) chili beans, slightly drained and lightly mashed.
- Use leftover bean dip as a filling for burritos or tostados. Or spread on a baked pizza crust, top with grated cheese and broil. Then top with shredded lettuce and chopped tomatoes.

Nutritional Information per

Calories: 72
Total Fat: 2g
Saturated Fat: 1g
Cholesterol: 4mg
Sodium: 450mg
Total 12g
Carbs:

Dietary Fiber: 3g Sugar: 1g Protein: 5g