

Ingredients

2 Tbsp. Olive Oil

2 medium Yellow Onions (chopped)

3 stalks Celery (chopped)

1 large Carrot (peeled & sliced or chopped)

6 cloves Garlic (minced)

4 ½ tsp. Ground Cumin

½ **tsp.** Red Pepper Flakes (use less if sensitive to spice)

4 (15oz) cans Black Beans (rinsed & drained)

4 cups Low Sodium Vegetable Broth

1/4 cup Cilantro (optional)

1-2 Tbsp. Sherry Vinegar or Fresh Lime Juice ½ tsp. each or to taste Sea Salt & Ground Pepper Optional Garnishes: avocado, cilantro, radish, tortilla

Directions

 Heat the olive oil in a large Dutch oven or soup pot over medium heat until shimmering. Add the onions, celery and carrot and a light sprinkle of salt. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the vegetable are soft, about 10 to 15 minutes.

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- Stir in the garlic, cumin and red pepper flakes and cook until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Pour in the beans and broth and bring to a simmer over medium-high heat. Cook, reducing heat as necessary to maintain a gentle simmer, until the broth is flavorful and the beans are very tender, about 30 minutes.
- Puree about 4 cups of the soup in a blender until smooth (beware the steam that escapes from the top of the blender, it's very hot). Return the pureed soup to the pot, stir in the cilantro, vinegar/lime juice and salt and pepper, to taste. Serve.