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## Quick Black Bean and Sweet Potato Chili



Makes 6 Servings

2 medium-large sweet potatoes

2 Tbsp olive oil

1 cup chopped onion

2 to 3 garlic cloves, minced

1 medium red bell pepper, diced

1 can (32 oz) black beans, drained and rinsed

1 can (28 oz) diced tomatoes

1 to 2 small fresh hot chilies, minced

OR

1 can (4 oz) chopped mild green chilies

2 tsp ground cumin

½ tsp dried oregano

- 1. Microwave the sweet potatoes on high 3-4 minutes per potato. When cool enough to handle, peel and cut into ¾-inch dice. Set aside.
- 2. Heat the oil in a large soup pot. Add the onion and garlic and sauté over medium heat until golden. Add the bell pepper, beans, tomatoes, chilies, cumin, and oregano. Bring to a simmer. Cover and gently simmer for 15 minutes. Add the sweet potatoes and continue to simmer until tender.
- 3. Sprinkle with chopped fresh cilantro over the top of individual portions. For an easy meal, serve with cornbread or other hearty whole grain bread and a bountiful tossed salad.

Nutrition info per serving: 202 calories, 5 g total fat, 8 g protein, 8.5 g dietary fiber, 33 g carbohydrates, 222 mg sodium.

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