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Black Bean and Sweet Potato Chili (slow cooker)

Ingredients (serves 6)

1 ½ lbs. sweet potatoes (4 to 5 small-medium or about 2 large), scrubbed and cut into 1/2-inch pieces

2 (15 oz.) cans black beans, drained

1 (28 oz.) can fire-roasted tomatoes, crushed or diced

34 cup orange juice

1/4 cup coconut oil or vegetable oil

2 to 4 fresh or frozen chilies, finely chopped

2 Tbsp. light brown sugar

Juice of 1 lime (about 1 ½ Tbsp.)

6 garlic cloves, smashed and roughly chopped

1 teasp. smoked paprika

2 teasp. ground cumin

2 teasp. garlic powder

2 teasp. onion powder

2 teasp. kosher salt

½ teasp. black pepper

1 cup water



1 lb. ground beef (optional, if you want to make it vegan)

for toppings: avocado red onion green onion cilantro

Directions

Pre-cook the sweet potatoes in boiling water for 5 minutes.

In a 6- to 8-quart slow cooker, combine the sweet potatoes, black beans, tomatoes, orange juice, oil, chilies, brown sugar, lime juice, garlic cloves, and dried spices. Stir in 2 teaspoons salt, a generous amount of pepper and 1 cup water. Cook on low (Medium on InstantPot) until the sweet potatoes are tender, about 4 hours. The chili holds well on the warm setting.

Cook the meat in a frying pan and break it up.

Just before serving the chili, stir in the meat and let it warm through, about 5 minutes. Taste and add more salt and pepper if necessary. Top with avocado, red onions, green onions, and/or cilantro.