TOFU TINGA TACOS

INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound firm tofu
- 17.5 ounce can chipotle in adobo sauce
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1 white or red onion, thinly sliced
- 5-6 garlic cloves, smashed and chopped
- 1 pound brown, green or red lentils, picked through and rinsed
- 2 15-ounce cans diced tomatoes (preferably fire roasted)
- 16-ounce can tomato paste (no salt added)
- 1 fresh or dried bay leaf
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 quart water or low-sodium vegetable stock
- 10 ounces frozen corn, (or fresh equivalent)



- 1. Drain liquid from **tofu**, pat tofu with paper towels and place in a small mixing bowl. Mash with a fork until well crumbled. Set aside.
- 2. Pour **chipotles** onto a cutting board and chop well. (Alternatively, mash in a bowl with a fork). Set aside.
- 3. Heat a large soup pot or Dutch oven over medium heat.
 Add canola oil and heat until shimmering. Add onion and garlic and sauté until onions are wilted and mixture is fragrant.
- 4. Add tofu, **lentils, canned tomatoes** and **paste, herbs** and **spices,** and **water or stock.** Bring mixture to a bubble, turn heat to low, cover with a lid and allow to cook 25-30 minutes or until lentils are soft. If mixture is too thin, simmer uncovered until mixture becomes desired thickness.
- 5. Stir in **corn** and heat through.
- 6. Serve tinga as you would a bowl of chili or as a taco or burrito. Top with Mexican-style crema or sour cream and sliced avocado.

SERVES 👨

TOOLS & EQUIPMENT

Paper towels, mixing bowl, fork, cutting board, knife, large soup pot or Dutch oven

GREAT ADDITIONS/SUBSTITUTIONS

Try topping with salsa, shredded lettuce, guacamole, or fresh lime juice.

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- 1 pound very firm tofu, pressed then cubed
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 8 ounces mushrooms, sliced
- 1/2 onion, finely chopped
- 1-2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 red bell pepper, finely chopped
- 110-ounce package frozen kale, thawed and squeezed dry • 1 avocado, sliced

- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon turmeric
- 3 tablespoons nutritional yeast
- 114-ounce can black or navy beans
- 1/4 cup finely chopped parsley
- 2 large tomatoes, sliced into 6 slices each

DIRECTIONS

- 1. To press tofu, wrap tofu in 2 layers of paper towels and place between 2 plates or sheet pans weighted with cans of food or bag of flour, etc. Change paper towels 3 times during pressing. Set aside.
- 2. In a medium sauté pan, heat **olive oil** on medium-high heat. Sauté **mushrooms.** Then add **onions** and **garlic** and cook until onion is translucent. Add red peppers and kale. Sauté for 2 minutes.
- 3. Season with pepper.
- 4. Meanwhile, place tofu, turmeric and nutritional yeast in a bowl. Use a fork to break it apart so the consistency resembles scrambled eggs and turmeric is well distributed.
- 5. Add tofu to vegetable mixture and heat through.
- 6. Stir in **beans.**
- 7. Add **parsley.** Remove from heat.
- 8. Serve on whole grain toast, wrapped in a burrito, or just like you would serve scrambled eggs.

SERVES 6

GREAT ADDITIONS/SUBSTITUTIONS

Try other beans, such as pinto or cannellini.

TOOLS & EQUIPMENT

Paper towels, sauté pan, cutting board, knife, stirring utensil, mixing bowl, fork

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INGREDIENTS

• 1 (15-ounce) can chickpeas (reserve the bean liquid)

• 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice, about 1 large lemon

- 1/4 cup tahini
- 2 cloves garlic, peeled
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- Pinch cayenne pepper (optional)
- 2 to 3 tablespoons water or juice from beans
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup roasted red peppers, well drained



DIRECTIONS

- 1. In the bowl of a food processor, combine all ingredients except peppers. Pulse until mixture is combined. Scrape down the sides and process until very smooth, stopping to scrape down the sides as needed. You may need to add a bit more of the reserved bean liquid to achieve the desired consistency. Process until smooth and creamy.
- 2. Add in **roasted peppers** and pulse to desired consistency. You might like them completely incorporated or left slightly chunky.
- 3. To serve, use hummus as a dip with veggies, crackers and pita chips or use as a spread on a sandwich or wrap instead of mayonnaise.

MAKES 1.5 CUPS

GREAT ADDITIONS/SUBSTITUTIONS

TOOLS & EQUIPMENT

Food processor, spoon or baking spatula

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PASTA E FAGIOLI SOUP

INGREDIENTS

- 2 tablespoons olive or canola oil
- 1 yellow or white onion, finely diced
- 2 carrots, finely diced
- 1 stalk celery, finely diced
- 3-4 cloves garlic, crushed and minced
- 1/2 pound cremini mushrooms, minced
- 1 19-ounce can cannellini beans (white kidney beans), drained and rinsed
- 119-ounce can red kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 2 15-ounce can petite diced tomatoes (no salt added)
- 6 cups low-sodium vegetable broth
- 1 tablespoon dry Italian herb seasoning blend
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1.5 cups whole wheat pasta of your choice (ditali or ditalini is traditional)



DIRECTIONS

- 1. In a large soup pot or Dutch oven, heat **oil** over medium heat until shimmering.
- 2. Add **onion, carrots, celery, garlic** and **mushrooms.**Sauté until onions are translucent and mixture is fragrant.
- 3. Add beans, tomatoes, broth, herbs and black pepper. Bring to a boil.
- 4. When mixture has come to a boil, add pasta and cook according to time on pasta package, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat and serve with chopped parsley and nutritional yeast.

SERVES 8-10

TOOLS & EQUIPMENT

Large soup pot or Dutch oven, cutting board, knife, stirring utensil

GREAT ADDITIONS/SUBSTITUTIONS

Try tomato sauce or canned crushed tomatoes instead of the petite diced tomatoes.

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NO-BAKE PEANUT BUTTER CHOCOLATE BITES

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup natural creamy peanut butter (or *Sunbutter)
- 1/4 cup honey
- 11/3 cups old-fashioned rolled oats
- 1/3 cup natural creamy peanut butter
- 3/4 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips



DIRECTIONS

- 1. Line an 8 or 9-inch square baking pan with parchment paper or wax paper. Set aside.
- 2. In a small saucepan, heat together 1 cup **peanut butter** and the **honey.** Stir until well combined.
- 3. Stir in **oats** and pour into prepared pan. Spread into a thin layer. Set aside.
- 4. In the same pan, heat remaining **peanut butter** and **chocolate chips.** Pour mixture over peanut butter/honey mixture in pan and spread evenly.
- 5. Place pan in the freezer and allow to cool for about 45 minutes. Cut into squares and enjoy!

SERVES 6

TOOLS & EQUIPMENT

8 or 9-inch baking pan, parchment paper, saucepan, measuring cups, freezer

GREAT ADDITIONS/SUBSTITUTIONS

Try other nut butters, such as sunflower seed butter (Sunbutter).

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