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Rich Nut & Chickpea Vegetarian Chili

Tip: For a creamier yogurt topping, spoon the yogurt into a fine-mesh sieve and let it drain while you cook the chili.

6 oz. (1 cup) raw cashews

4 tsp. chili powder

2 tsp. unsweetened cocoa powder

4 tsp. olive oil

2 medium onions, chopped

5 cloves garlic, minced

1 tsp. sugar

4 cups small broccoli florets (9 oz.)

3/4 tsp. salt

21/4 cups water

1 can (28 oz.) crushed tomatoes

1 can (19 oz.) chickpeas, rinsed and drained

12 oz. soy- or vegetable-protein crumbles (about 2 cups)



Garnishes

1 cup low-fat dairy or soy yogurt

2 tsp. grated lemon zest

½ tsp. coarsely ground pepper

3 plum tomatoes, chopped

2 tsp. lemon juice

1/3 cup minced cilantro

- 1. In a food processor, combine the cashews, chili powder and cocoa. Pulse the mix until it's the texture of coarse meal. Be careful not to turn it into a paste.
- 2. In a Dutch oven, heat the oil over medium heat. Add the onions and garlic. Sprinkle with the sugar and cook, stirring, until the onions are softened and begin to turn gold, 5 to 7 minutes.
- 3. Add the broccoli, salt and ¼ cup of the water. Cover and cook for 2 minutes. Stir in the cashew mixture, remaining 2 cups water and the crushed tomatoes.
- 4. Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce to a simmer, cover and cook for 10 minutes. Stir in the chickpeas and soy crumbles, and simmer, uncovered and stirring occasionally, for 10 minutes. Add more chili powder and salt if needed.
- 5. Meanwhile, in a small bowl, blend the yogurt, lemon zest and pepper. In another bowl, combine the chopped tomatoes, lemon juice and cilantro. Serve the chili topped with the garnishes.

Makes 6 servings Per serving: 448 calories, 18 g fat, 49 g carbohydrates (13 g fiber), 29 g protein, 895 mg sodium

