Buffalo Chickpeas

This recipe makes about 5 cups of food



Ingredients

- **2 150z cans** chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- ½ **cup** crumbled blue cheese or feta
- ½ **cup** Buffalo-style hot sauce
- ½ cup chopped dill pickles
- 4 green onions, finely chopped
- 2 celery stalks, diced
- ½ **cup** ranch dressing

Directions:

- 1. Place the chickpeas in a large bowl.
- 2. Mash them with a fork or potato masher until creamy but still a little chunky.
- 3. Add the blue cheese, hot sauce, pickles, green onions, celery, and ¼ cup ranch dressing.
- 4. Gently fold everything together until well mixed.
- 5. Line a freeze drying tray with parchment paper.
- 6. Spread the mixture evenly across the tray.
- 7. Place dividers in the 40-portion configuration to help with even freeze drying and portioning.
- 8. Freeze until frozen solid.
- 9. Freeze dry (my cycle time was 36 hours)

Rehydration:

Place 5 portions of the buffalo chickpeas in a bowl. Add about ½ to ¾ cup of warm (not hot) water, stirring gently as the mixture absorbs the liquid. Let it sit for a few minutes, then add more water in small amounts until the chickpeas reach their original creamy, chunky texture.

Notes:

This recipe makes excellent sandwiches, or can be used as dip on pita chips. This recipe makes 8 servings of Buffalo Chickpea Spread about ½ cup per serving, or 5 portions if using dividers.