Chili-Award Winning & Vegan

This recipe makes about 11 cups



Ingredients

1 bell pepper, chopped **1** large onion, chopped 2 cups broth of choice 1-15 oz can of kidney beans 1-15 oz can pinto beans 1-15 oz can black beans 1-15 oz can diced fire-roasted tomatoes **1-6 oz** can tomato paste 1 jalapeno, diced (optional) 1 tbsp dried oregano 2 tsp cumin 1 tsp smoked paprika 2 tbsp chili powder **1 tbsp** minced garlic 1 tbsp Worcestershire 2 tsp salt 1 tsp pepper

Tofu crumbles:

2-16 oz packages of firm tofu 2 tbsp olive oil,
2 tbsp smoked paprika, 1 tbsp chili powder, 1
tsp salt, & 1 tbsp garlic powder

Directions:

- 1. Crumble the tofu into a large bowl. Add all the ingredients for the crumbled tofu. MIx well and spread on a baking sheet. Bake at 400 for 20 minutes. Stirring halfway through.
- 2. In a frying pan or Instant Pot, sauté the chopped onion and bell pepper. (If using an Instant Pot, select the "Sauté" function)
- **3**. If using a slow cooker, transfer the sautéed onions and peppers to the crock pot. Add the tofu, broth, fire-roasted tomatoes, jalapeno (if using), and tomato paste
- 4. Drain and rinse all beans thoroughly, then add them to the pot
- 5. Add oregano, cumin, smoked paprika, chili powder, minced garlic, Worcestershire sauce, salt, and pepper and stir well to combine
- 6. Instant Pot: Secure the lid and select the "Bean" or "Chili" setting. Cook for 20 minutes
- 7. Slow Cooker: Cover and cook on low for 3–4 hours
- 8. Stir and adjust seasoning if needed.
- 9. Add parchment paper to your trays
- 10. Pour chili onto trays
- 11. Add dividers if using. We like the 10-portion setting for this recipe
- 12. Pre Freeze when possible
- 13. Freeze dry (my cycle time was 36 hours)
- 14. Store in jars for short-term use or in mylar bags for long-term storage

Rehydration:

Add 2 divider portions or about 1¹/₃ cups of freeze-dried chili to a bowl with 1 cup of hot water. Cover and let it sit for 3-4 minutes. Stir and enjoy

Nutritional Value Per 1 cup pre-freeze-dried

Calories: 207 Protein: 16 g Fat: 5 g Carbohydrates: 28 g Sugar: 4 g Fiber: 7 g

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