

Spicy Beef Chili with Steel Cut Oats

SERVINGS

© COOKING TIME

10 45 min

Kick up the heat with a zesty twist on classic beef chili, infusing tender chunks of beef with the hearty texture of steel-cut oats for a satisfying and spicy comfort meal.

Ingredients

- 1 cup, cooked (1/2 cup dry) Quaker® Steel Cut Oats Traditional
- 1/2 lb ground beef (97/3)
- 2 oz (separated) oil, vegetable
- 1 cup red onions, medium diced
- 2 tbsp tomato paste
- 1/2 cup red peppers; small dice
- 1 pepper canned chipotle peppers
- 1 cup red kidney beans
- 1 ½ qt vegetable stock, reduced sodium
- 1/2 cup fresh tomatoes

Spice Mixture

- 1 tsp cumin
- 1/2 tbsp smoked paprika
- 2 tbsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 2 tbsp chili powder
- 1/2 tbsp chipotle powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp black pepper

Toppings

- 1 tsp chives
- 1 tbsp sour cream / unsweetened, plain, low-fat yogurt
- 1 tbsp small diced white onions

Cooking Instructions

- 1. Heat a 3 qt pot over medium-high heat, add oil and ground beef and cook until crumbly and brown. Then remove from pot and set aside. (5 minutes)
- 2. Reduce heat to medium-low, add onions, and sweat for 3-4 minutes.
- 3. Add your spices and cook with onions for 1 minute, stirring frequently. Add your preferred spice mixture or use our simple recipe below.
- 4. Add tomato paste and cook down for 2-3 minutes, stirring frequently.
- 5. Add the rinsed oats to the onion and tomato mixture and bring them together, allowing the oats to be coated in the flavorful mixture.
- 6. At this point, add the red peppers, chipotle pepper (add less to reduce spice level), and beans.
- 7. Stir well, add the liquid, and heat up to a boil on high.
- 8. Allow the mixture to boil, then lower it to a simmer and reduce it for 30-45 min.
- 9. Taste chili and adjust the salt and spice amount or reduce if you want to concentrate flavors further.
- 10. Serve and enjoy.

Preparation:

- 11. Pour chili into your favorite bowl.
- 12. Spoon 1 thsp or preferred amount of sour cream or plain low-fat, unsweetened yogurt.
- 13. Sprinkle white onions and chive.
- 14. Enjoy.