

Moroccan Chickpea Stew with Polenta

Preparation time	10 minutes
Cooking time	
Servings	4
Cost per serving	
Storage	3 days in the fridge. Can be frozen.
Kitchen tools	Cutting board, sharp knife, measuring cups and spoons, small bowl, can opener, colander, large frying pan, wooden spoon, small pot, whisk



Ingredients



15 ml (1 tbsp) canola oil



1 large or 2 small **yellow onions**, peeled and chopped



4 **garlic** cloves, peeled and minced



10 ml (2 tsp) ground cumin





6 **frozen spinach** nuggets (about 250 ml [1 cup]), thawed and drained



1 can (156 ml) tomato paste



1 can (540 ml) **chickpeas**, drained and rinsed



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1 litre (4 cups) **chicken broth** (divided: 60 ml [¼ cup] + 940 ml [3¾ cups])

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Salt, **pepper** and Tabasco-style **hot sauce**, to taste



250 ml (1 cup) quick cooking polenta (#250)



15 ml (1 tbsp) **butter** or non-hydrogenated margarine





Balanced plate

Serve with:

- Yegetables (salad or cooked vegetables, for example) to round out the serving, and a fruit
- ? A glass of milk or fortified soy beverage



Directions

In a large frying pan, heat the oil over medium-high heat, add the onions and cook for about 2 minutes.



Add the garlic and cumin. Stir and cook for 1 minute.



3 Add the **tomato paste**. Stir and cook for 1 minute.



Add the spinach, chickpeas, 60 ml (¼ cup) of broth, salt, pepper and hot sauce. Stir and cook for 5 minutes.



Meanwhile, in a small pot, bring the rest of the chicken broth to a boil over high heat.



Tip: Use the cooking time to prepare your side dishes.



Gradually add the **polenta** to the broth and whisk vigorously. Reduce heat to medium-low and cook for 4 minutes, stirring continuously.



Add the butter, mix and season with salt and pepper.



Immediately serve the chickpea stew over the polenta. Adjust hot sauce to taste.

Variation: This Moroccan-style stew can also be served over couscous or rice.

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