

Active 30 min Total 30 min

#### **Taco Soup**

- Carrots 16 oz, diced
- Shallots 6 cloves
- Garlic 8 cloves
- Corn kernels, fresh or frozen 2 cups
- Oil, cooking 2 Tbsp
- Tomatoes, diced and preferably fire-roasted (14 oz / 397 g) 2 cans
- Green chilies, diced (4 oz / 113 g) (opt) - 2 cans
- Stock, any type 7 cups
- Cilantro 1/2 cup, chopped
- Lime juice 4 tsp
- Cheese, any shredded white blend - 4 oz
- Yogurt, plain or Greek 8 Tbsp
- Tortilla chips, gluten-free 2 cups

## Mexican Ground Beef (for 2 nights)

- Cumin 8 tsp
- Salt 4 tsp
- Garlic powder 4 tsp
- Coriander, ground 4 tsp
- Paprika 4 tsp
- Chili powder 2 tsp
- Beef, ground and lean 4 lbs
- Oil, cooking 2 Tbsp

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#### Gluten free, 8 servings

This flavorful, satisfying soup has all the great flavors of beef tacos in a lighter dish. We couldn't resist topping the soup with taco favorites though, so finish your bowls with cheese, sour cream and crumbled tortilla chips for crunch. Smarts: Cook a double batch of seasoned ground beef in the first two steps of this recipe to have leftovers for Thursday's meal. Just remember to reserve half the beef (Make step #1) before continuing with tonight's soup.

#### Prep

- 1. Carrots / Shallots/ Garlic Prep as directed. Combine carrots and shallots. Store garlic separately. (Can be done up to 5 days ahead)
- 2. Season beef Combine cumin, salt, garlic powder, coriander, paprika and chili powder. Stir into ground beef. (Can be done 1 day ahead)
- 3. Corn If using frozen corn, defrost in the microwave first. If using fresh, slice kernels off cobs.

#### Make

- 1. Heat a large saucepan or Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Add oil (portion for the beef) and then seasoned beef. Saute, breaking apart with a spoon, until beef is cooked through, 5 to 8 minutes. Divide the cooked ground beef mixture in half. Return the pan to medium-high heat.
- To heated pan, add oil (portion for the soup) and then carrots and shallots. Cook until translucent and aromatic, 3 to 4 minutes. Add garlic and saute for 1 minute more.
- Add the portion of the beef for tonight's meal (reserve the other half for Thursday), tomatoes (including liquid), green chilis and stock. Bring to a simmer. Simmer for 5 minutes to let the flavors come together.
- 4. While soup simmers, chop cilantro.
- 5. To soup, add corn and continue cooking just until heated through. Remove soup from heat and stir in lime juice. Season with some salt and pepper.
- 6. Ladle soup into bowls. Set out cilantro, cheese, yogurt and tortilla chips at the table so that everyone can add toppings to their soup.

# **COOKSMARTS**