

Mexican Baked Potatoes with Bean-and-Corn Salsa

INGREDIENTS

6-8 large baking potatoes cheese or cheese sauce

BEAN-AND-CORN-SALSA

- 1--16 ounce can kidney or pinto beans, rinsed and drained
- 1—15.5 oz can cannellini beans, rinsed and drained
- 1—15 ounce can corn, drained
- ¹/₂ cup red bell pepper, chopped
- ³/₄ cup fresh cilantro or parsley, chopped
- 1--15 ounce can diced tomatoes, or 2 cups fresh
- 1—4 ounce canned green chilies, chopped
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 3-4 scallions, chopped or minced
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2-1 teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon chili powder (optional)

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Bake potatoes until tender.
- 2. While potatoes bake, in medium bowl mix salsa ingredients. (Best if refrigerated for at least an hour to enhance flavor.)
- 3. When potatoes are ready, split them in half lengthwise. Top with bean-and-corn salsa, and cheese sauce.

Servings: 6-8

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Cheese Sauce

INGREDIENTS

1 cup water

1/2 cup raw cashews

- 4 ounces pimentos, drained, or $\ensuremath{^{\prime\!\!\!\!\!\!\!\!}}$ red or
- orange bell pepper

¼ cup oatmeal

to 1½ teaspoons salt
tablespoons oil
% cup nutritional yeast flakes
teaspoon onion powder
tablespoon lemon juice
⅓ cup Daiya cheese shreds (optional)

1½ cups boiling water

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Blend first four ingredients well.
- 2. After blending add all but boiling water.
- 3. Add boiling water and reblend.
- 4. Pour in pot and boil for 2 minutes.

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