



Ultimate Beef Chili



12 servings, 1 cup each | Active Time: **1 hour** | Total Time: **3 1/4 hours**

Ingredients

- 1 pound beef round, trimmed and cut into 1/2-inch chunks
- Salt & freshly ground pepper, to taste
- 1 1/2 tablespoons canola oil, divided
- 3 onions, chopped
- 1 green bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- 6 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 jalapeno peppers, seeded and finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons ground cumin
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 1 tablespoon paprika
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 12 ounces dark or light beer
- 1 28-ounce can diced tomatoes
- 8 sun-dried tomatoes, (not packed in oil), snipped into small pieces
- 2 bay leaves
- 3 19-ounce cans dark kidney beans, rinsed
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 tablespoons lime juice

Preparation

1. Season beef with salt and pepper. Heat 1 1/2 teaspoons oil in a Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Add half the beef and cook, stirring occasionally, until browned on all sides, 2 to 5 minutes. Transfer to a plate lined with paper towels. Repeat with another 1 1/2 teaspoons oil and remaining beef.

Nutritional Information Amount per serving

235 Calories; 5 g Fat; 1 g Sat; 2 g Mono; 24 mg Cholesterol; 31 g Carbohydrates; 17 g Protein; 11 g Fiber; 496 mg Sodium; 582 mg Potassium



2. Reduce heat to medium and add remaining 1 1/2 teaspoons oil to the pot. Add onions and bell peppers; cook, stirring frequently, until onions are golden brown, 10 to 20 minutes. Add garlic, jalapenos, cumin, chili powder, paprika and oregano. Stir until aromatic, about 2 minutes.
3. Add beer and simmer, scraping up any browned bits, for about 3 minutes. Add diced tomatoes, sun-dried tomatoes, bay leaves and reserved beef. Cover and simmer, stirring occasionally, until beef is very tender, 1 1/2 to 2 hours.
4. Add beans; cook, covered, stirring occasionally, until chili has thickened, 30 to 45 minutes. Remove bay leaves. Stir in cilantro and lime juice. Adjust seasoning with salt and pepper.

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Tips & Notes

- **Make Ahead Tip:** Cover and refrigerate for up to 2 days or freeze for up to 2 months.
- For a hot, smoky chili, add 1 tablespoon chopped chipotle pepper in adobo sauce.
- Offer garnishes, such as reduced-fat sour cream and grated Cheddar cheese (about 1 tablespoon each per person), chopped scallions and chopped fresh tomatoes. Serve with warmed corn tortillas and a green salad topped with orange slices.