



Cost: (\$

Ease:



Health Benefit: This dish is action-packed with TONS of protein and fiber to help keep us fuller for longer. Beans are also a great heart-healthy food that can help lower LDL (or the "bad" cholesterol).

Kid-Friendly Veggie Chili

Ingredients:

1 onion, chopped

1 green bell pepper, chopped

1 green or yellow squash, chopped

1 TBSP olive oil

1.5 cups dried (raw) lentils

1 can (15 oz) black beans

1 can (15 oz) kidney beans

1 can (28 oz) diced or crushed tomatoes

1 can (8 oz) tomato sauce

2 cups water

4 tsp of chili powder (this will yield a mild chili - if you like

it spicier, add more!

¼ tsp salt

1/4 tsp pepper

Directions:

- 1. Heat oil in pot over medium heat; add in onion and cook until soft; add in green pepper and squash; cook another 3-4 minutes
- 2. Add in lentils and toast for 1-2 minutes; add in all other ingredients and bring to a boil
- 3. Reduce to a simmer and cover for about 2 hours; If too thick, add ¼ cup of water at a time until at consistency of choice
- 4. Top with cheese, sour cream, cilantro, avocado or any other favorites!
- 5. Enjoy!

Cookware needed:

1 medium pot

1 wooden spoon or spatula

