

Chana Dal with Prawns

Perfect joyful Ayurvedic dish!

SERVINGS: 4

PREPPING TIME: 5 MIN COOKING TIME: 30 MIN

INGREDIENTS

250g Chana dal (split chickpeas) 1 tps ground turmeric 1 tps ground cumin 1 tps chilli flakes 2 tbs olive oil (or ghee) 4 cardamom pods 1 tps ground cinnamon 1 tbs fresh root ginger, grated 1 large onion sliced 1 garlic clove chopped 2 tbs passata (or tomato puree) 250g cooked prawns salt, basil leaves, lemon wedge to serve

DIRECTIONS

- Toast the dal in a heavy saucepan without oil until nutty aroma arises
- Pour 700ml of water into saucepan with the dal and bring to boil
- Reduce heat, add turmeric, cumin & chilli. Lid on and simmer for 20-30mins. Add water if necessary.
- Put olive oil or ghee into frying pan. Add onions and cook until translucent (10mins).
- 5. Add crushed cardamom pods, cinnamon, ginger, garlic, passata & prawns. Cook for further 5 mins
- 6. Tip mixture into the pan of cooked dal & stir.
- 7. Add salt, basil & lemon to taste.
- 8. Serve with rice, bread or have as it is.

Note: In Indian cuisine, ghee and coriander are traditionally used, but residing in Italy, I've adapted this recipe by opting for locally sourced olive oil, basil & passata. Embracing locally grown and seasonal ingredients aligns with the principles of Ayurveda. Adjust according to your location.