## **Aztec Soup**

SERVINGS PREP TIME COOK TIME TOTAL TIME 3-4 5 MIN 30 MIN 35 MIN

A take on the traditional Mexican Tortilla Soup made with a flavorful garlic and onion filled broth combined with the heartiness of black beans and sweet crispy corn





Ingredients	Directions a Plant Based Life.com
•6 Corn Tortillas •Oil Cooking Spray •Salt	PREPARE TORTILLA STRIPS  ■ Preheat Oven OR Air Fryer to 400° ■ Stack tortillas one on top of another and slice in half with a serrated knife. Then going the other way, slice again several times to create strips. ■ For Oven: Spread out strips onto a parchment lined cookie sheet. Spray lightly with cooking oil, season with salt, and cook for about 10-15 minutes until crispy, stirring as needed. Set aside after cooking. ■ OR For Air Fryer: Spray strips lightly with cooking spray, season with salt, and add to air fryer. We put them in an insert within the air fryer, but it's not necessary. Cook for about 8 minutes, shaking pan to move the strips around a few times in the last several minutes of cooking. Set aside after cooking.
•Olive Oil •1 Medium Onion •4 Stalks Celery	PREPARE SOUP  ■ In a 5 quart stockpot (or larger) heat a generous drizzle of olive oil.  ■ Dice onion & celery and add to pot. Mix well.
•2 T Minced Garlic •1 tsp Cumin •1 tsp Paprika •1 tsp Salt •¼ tsp Cayenne Pepper •Juice of 1 Lime	<ul> <li>Add garlic and cook down about 5 minutes until onions are translucent, stirring often.</li> <li>Add spices and lime juice, mix well.</li> <li>This amount of cayenne pepper adds a little heat to the soup. Increase or decrease according to preference.</li> </ul>
•2 Cans Black Beans •1 Can Corn •1 (32oz) Carton Vegetable Broth	<ul> <li>■ Drain cans of beans &amp; corn and rinse lightly. Add to pot.</li> <li>■ Add broth, mix well.</li> <li>■ Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to simmer and cook for about 15-20 minutes.</li> </ul>
•1 Avocado •Handful Cherry Tomatoes •Cilantro (if desired)	PREPARE TOPPING  ■ Dice avocado & tomato and chop fresh cilantro. ■ Combine (with dash of lemon juice if desired) in bowl and set aside.
	SERVE

Add soup to individual bowls, add avocado & tomato mixture, and top with

tortilla strips. Season with salt & pepper to taste.