Chickpea Tikka Masala

PREP TIME **COOK TIME** SERVINGS TOTAL TIME 4-6 **30 MIN** 45 MIN 15 MIN

This Chickpea Tikka Masala combines tender zucchini, chickpeas, and fragrant spices, all simmered in a rich tomato-coconut sauce. Serve over basmati rice for a satisfying meal.

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Ingredients	Directions ORGANIZING a Plant Based Life.com
Olive Oil Olive Oil I Medium Onion Z tbsp Minced Garlic Medium Zucchini (or Favorite Veggies: Bell Peppers, Carrots, Broccoli, etc.)	 ■ Heat a drizzle of olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. ■ Dice the onion, add it to the pan, and stir. ■ Cook until the onion turns translucent, about 3–4 minutes. ■ Add the minced garlic and sauté for about 2 minutes, stirring often. ■ Dice the zucchini (or your chosen vegetables) and add to the pan. Stir and sauté for 1–2 minutes, until they just begin to soften.
SPICES •2 tsp Garam Masala Spice Blend (see note) •1 tsp Turmeric •1 tsp Salt •½ tsp Ground Ginger •½ tsp Cumin •½ tsp Black Pepper	NOTE ABOUT GARAM MASALA SPICE BLEND: Garam masala is a fragrant Indian spice blend that gives this dish its signature flavor. If you don't have it on hand, try making a quick substitute with equal parts cumin, paprika, ground ginger, and cinnamon. For the best flavor, though, we recommend picking up a garam masala blend once this becomes a regular craving. Add all spices and stir well. Cook for about 2 minutes to release their flavor.
•2 Cans Diced Tomatoes (15 oz each) •1 Can Unsweetened Coconut Milk (13 oz) •2 Can Chickpeas (Garbanzo Beans) (15 oz each)	 Add the tomatoes and coconut milk to the pan. Drain and rinse the chickpeas, then stir them in. Bring the mixture to a gentle boil, then reduce the heat and let it simmer for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally.
•1 Cup Basmati Rice	WHILE SIMMERING ■ Cook the rice according to the package instructions.
OPTIONAL •Sprinkle Cayenne Pepper	■ About 10 minutes into simmering, taste the masala and add more spices if needed, such as an extra teaspoon of garam masala and/or additional salt. ■ If you like a little heat, sprinkle in cayenne pepper to taste.
SERVE WITH OPTIONAL: • Vegan Naan Bread (or substitute pita bread if you	■ Serve the masala over a bed of rice with a side of vegan naan bread. Season with salt and pepper to taste.