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Black Bean Veggie Loaf with a Cherry Tomato Topping

INGREDIENTS

This recipe serves: 6

- 2 cans black bean, drained and rinsed well
- 1 1/2 cups oats
- 1/2 pepper, red or yellow
- 1 carrot
- 1 stalk of celery
- 1 small onion
- 1 cup chopped kale
- 1 clove garlic
- 3 tbsp organic ketchup
- 1 tsp basil
- 1 tsp oregano
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp black pepper
- oil for sautéing

Ingredients For the Glaze:

- 1 cup chopped cherry tomatoes, cut in half
- 1 tbsp maple syrup
- 1 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- dash of cayenne pepper

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Preheat oven to 350F
- 2. Using a food processor chop all veggies; peppers, carrot, celery, onion, garlic and kale until finely minced. You can do this with a knife but since you are already going to use the processor for the beans you may as well use if for the veggies too.
- 3. In a large saute pan, add oil and cook the veggies for about 5 or 6 minutes, or until soft. Set aside.

- 4. Process drained and rinsed black beans in the a food processor, (no need to clean processor from the veggies) until the beans are broken down but not mushy. I like to keep back about 1/2 cup of the beans to add after to give the loaf extra texture.
- 5. In a large bowl combine the black beans, oats, egg and all the seasoning. Add in the sauted veggies and mix well. You may want to use your hands.
- 6. Put mixture into a well oiled or parchment lined loaf pan.
- 7. Top will glaze.
- 8. Bake for 30 to 40 minutes.
- 9. Let rest before cutting.

Directions for the Glaze:

- 1. Place the cut cherry tomatoes, maple syrup, balsamic vinegar and cayenne pepper in a small bowl and mix.
- 2. Spoon on top of the prepared loaf.

COOKS NOTES

- Great for leftovers.
- Serve with spicy mustard or your favourite dipping sauce.