NO-GUILT GUACAMOLE

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MATERIALS

Medium-size bowl Rubber spatula Food processor (optional)

YIELD

Twenty 2-tablespoon servings

DISH: SIDE

FOOD GROUP(S): VEGETABLE

INGREDIENTS

- 3 avocados 1/2 cup frozen black-eyed peas, thawed 1/2 cup frozen peas, thawed 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 1 medium tomato, diced
- 1/2 cup onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 to 2 tablespoons fresh cilantro leaves, chopped (optional)
- 1 small jalapeño pepper, seeded and diced
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin Salt and pepper

NUTRITION FACTS PER SERVING

Calories: 40, Total fat: 3g, Sodium: 40mg, Cholesterol: 0mg, Total carbohydrates: 3g, Fiber: 2g, Protein: 1g

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Scoop avocado flesh into a bowl.
- 2. Add black-eyed peas, peas, lime juice, tomato, onion, garlic, cilantro, jalapeño, and cumin.
- 3. Add salt and pepper to taste.
- 4. Blend or process until smooth or desired consistency.

CHEF'S NOTES

- Avocados offer nearly 20 vitamins and minerals in every serving, including potassium (helps control blood pressure), lutein (good for your eyes), and folate (crucial for cell repair and during pregnancy).
- ▷ Avocados are a good source of B vitamins, which help you fight off disease and infection. Avocados also have vitamins C and E, plus natural plant chemicals that may help prevent cancer.
- Avocados are low in sugar and they contain fiber, which helps you feel full longer. In one study, people who added a fresh avocado half to their lunch were less interested in eating during the next 3 hours.
- Adding black-eyed peas and green peas to this recipe increases the fiber content and "bulks up" the recipe with lower-calorie nutritious food, reducing the overall calorie count per serving.
- ▷ Remember to practice portion control, even with healthy alternatives.

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