#### **BLENDED RED SALSA**

Prep time	Cook time	Total time
10 mins	20 mins	30 mins

Simple blended red salsa in just 30 minutes! Carrots add natural sweetness and a pop of color, while chipotle peppers bring a touch of heat.

Author: Minimalist Baker Recipe type: Dip, Appetizer Cuisine: Mexican, Vegan Serves: ~2 1/2 cups



## **Ingredients**

- 1 Tbsp avocado or grape seed oil (or any neutral oil with a high smoke point)
- 1/2 white onion, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 cup (140 g) diced carrots (or sub orange or yellow bell pepper!)
- Pinch each salt + pepper (plus more to taste)
- 1 14.5 ounce (411 g) can diced tomatoes (no salt added)
- 1/2 tsp cumin
- 1/2 tsp chili powder
- 1 chipotle pepper in adobo sauce (add 1/2 tsp adobo sauce for more heat!)\*
- 1/3 cup vegetable stock (or water)
- 1-2 Tbsp sweetener of choice (coconut sugar or maple syrup | optional)
- 1 lime, juiced

### Instructions

- 1. Heat a large skillet (cast iron is preferable) over medium heat and prep onion, garlic and carrot.
- 2. Once hot, add oil, onion, garlic, carrot and season with a healthy pinch each salt and pepper.
- 3. Stir to coat and cover cook for 4 minutes, stirring occasionally.
- 4. Remove cover and add diced tomatoes, cumin, chili powder and a healthy pinch more salt and pepper. Stir, reduce heat to low, and simmer for 2-3 minutes, stirring occasionally.
- 5. Transfer mixture to a food processor or high speed blender and add chipotle pepper, vegetable stock, sweetener, and lime juice. Blend until creamy and smooth. Taste and adjust seasonings as needed.
- 6. Serve warm, at room temperature, or as I prefer it refrigerated. Keeps in the fridge for at least 7-10 days.

## Notes

# **Nutrition Information**

Serving size: 1/4 cup Calories: 25 Fat: 0.3g Saturated fat: 0g Carbohydrates: 5.5g Sugar: 3.3g Sodium: 169mg Fiber: 1.1g Protein: 0.8g

Recipe by Minimalist Baker at http://minimalistbaker.com/chipotle-red-salsa/

<sup>\*</sup>Nutrition information is a rough estimate for one of ten 1/4-cup servings.

<sup>\*</sup>Chipotle peppers in adobo sauce can be found in the Mexican sections of most grocery stores, and virtually all Mexican grocery stores. Look for a short can with a picture of dark red peppers!