

HEALTHY HOMEMADE CHOCOLATE HUMMUS

Vata↓↑, Pitta↓, Kapha↓ (Vata can enjoy in moderation)

Makes: about 21/2 cups

Prep Time: 10 to 15 minutes

INGREDIENTS

• 1½ cups cooked chickpeas (¾ cup uncooked beans) or 15 oz can chickpeas

- 3 medjool dates pitted and chopped (use 1 to 2 dates for Kapha)
- 3/4 to 1 cup raw coconut water (add more as needed, especially when using a blender)
- 1 to 2 tablespoons honey (use maple syrup for Pitta)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon Ayurvedic Breakfast Spices*
- 1/8 teaspoon pink Himalayan salt
- 2 to 4 tablespoons raw tahini
- 3 tablespoons raw cacao powder

DIRECTIONS

NOTE: If you are cooking the chickpeas from scratch, cook them the day before or earlier in the day if possible. This way they will be cooled when making this recipe. A pressure cooker generally takes 25 to 30 minutes and a crockpot takes about 8 hours (or leave on overnight). No matter your cooking method, strain and cool (to at least room temperature) the chickpeas before making this recipe.

- 1. Soak the chopped and pitted dates in the coconut water for at least 15 to 30 minutes.
- 2. Add the chickpeas, coconut water, soaked dates, honey, vanilla, cinnamon, Breakfast Spices, salt, tahini, and cacao to a blender or food processor.
- 3. Blend or process on high for 2 to 5 minutes or until a thick, smooth, creamy consistency has been reached. Add more coconut water in small amounts as needed.
- 4. Taste the batch and add more cacao powder, spices, tahini, coconut water, or honey as you desire.
- 5. Serve in small bowls as a decadent snack, mid-day pick-me-up, or healthy dessert to satisfy your sweet tooth and chocolate cravings. It is best for Kapha and Pitta types but can be enjoyed by Vata in moderation.
- 6. Store extra in an airtight glass container in the refrigerator for up to 5 days.

^{*}If needed, substitute with 1/4 teaspoon of ginger, cardamom, and turmeric powder.