Green Chili with Pork

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Active Time 20 min Total Time 30 min

Ingredients

Makes 4 servings

1 medium white onion, quartered

- 2 (3- to 4-inch) fresh jalapeño chiles, stemmed and quartered, including seeds
- 2 garlic cloves, peeled and smashed
- 1 3/4 cups reduced-sodium chicken broth (14 fl oz)
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 lb ground pork
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 (14- to 15-oz) can white hominy (also called pozole), rinsed and drained
- 1/3 cup finely chopped fresh cilantro

Accompaniments: toasted hulled (green) pumpkin seeds; crumbled queso fresco or ricotta salata

Step 1

Purée onion, chiles, and garlic with 1/2 cup chicken broth in a blender.

Step 2

Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a 4-quart heavy pot over moderately high heat until hot but not

smoking, then brown pork, stirring and breaking up clumps with a fork, just until no longer pink, about 4 minutes. Transfer to a bowl with a slotted spoon. Pour off all but 1 tablespoon fat from pot.

Step 3

Add remaining 3 tablespoons oil to pot and heat over moderately high heat until hot, then carefully add purée (it will spatter), cumin, and salt. Cook, stirring frequently, until mixture is thickened and most of liquid is evaporated, about 10 minutes.

Step 4

Add pork, hominy, cilantro, and remaining 1 1/4 cups broth and simmer gently, uncovered, stirring occasionally, 10 minutes. Serve chili sprinkled with pumpkin seeds and cheese.