

THREE BEAN BAKED BEANS

Using three types of beans adds color and flavor to this baked bean dish. Add a can of pork or a package of frozen pulled pork for meaty flavor.

Yield: 10 servings Serving Size: 3/4 cup

Ingredients:

1 cup chopped sweet onion

- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoon oil, any kind
- 1 can (14.5 oz.) diced tomatoes (do not drain)
- 8 ounces tomato sauce
- ¼ cup firmly packed brown sugar
- ¼ cup molasses
- 1 tablespoon yellow mustard
- ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 (15 oz.) cans Great Northern beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 (15 oz.) can black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 (15 oz.) can kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 bay leaf (optional)

Instructions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 350F. Heat oil in a skillet over medium heat.
- 2. Add onions and cook until tender, about 5 minutes.
- 3. Add garlic to onions and cook until fragrant, about 30 sec., stirring occasionally.
- 4. In a 3-quart covered baking dish, mix together the diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, brown sugar, molasses, mustard, and black pepper.
- 5. Add the beans and bay leaf (if using) to the tomato mixture.
- 6. Bake, covered, stirring occasionally (about once every 20 min.) for 60-70 min. Remove the cover and bake an additional 15-30 min until sauce is thick. Remove bay leaf and serve.

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