YELLOW SPLIT PEA ZUCCHINI DAHL

Recipe and notes from Swati dasi



Servings: Approx. 4-6 people

Time: 50 minutes

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups yellow split pea dahl
- 6 cups water
- 2 medium zucchinis lightly peeled and cut into 1-inch chunks
- 3 tomatoes cut into dices (discard seeds and pulp)
- 1 green chili & 1-inch ginger (chopped finely together)
- 2 teaspoons panch phoron (spice blend)
- 3/4 teaspoon turmeric powder
- 1/4 teaspoon hing (asafoetida)
- 1 teaspoon salt (adjust to taste)
- 1 handful cilantro roughly chopped

PREPARATION

- 1. After washing, add the yellow split peas, water and salt in a large pot and bring to a boil on high heat.
- 2. Turn heat down to medium-low and allow to simmer for 45 minutes without the lid until very soft. You will need to skim off the froth a couple of times. When cooled a little, blend smoothly using electric blender or hand whisk (add more water if necessary).
- 3. In a frypan/skillet over med-high heat, add 1-2 tablespoons ghee. Fry chilies and ginger until they just start browning on the edges and then add panch phoron spice blend.
- 4. When spices sputter (mustard seeds will turn grey), add hing, then the tomatoes. Stir for a minute or two, then add turmeric.
- 5. Add chunks of zucchini, cover with a lid and cook until just soft.
- 6. Transfer the cooked zucchini and tomatoes into the smooth dal mixture and stir in gently, then add cilantro.
- 7. Note: As the dal cools down, it will thicken up considerably, so add more water and a little more salt if desired.