## Ranchero Beans

Recipe courtesy Ingrid Hoffmann, 2008

Prep Time:10 minLevel:Serves:Inactive Prep Time:--Easy4 to 6 servings

Cook Time: 30 min

## **Ingredients**

1/2 pound sliced bacon, cut crosswise in 1/2-inch pieces

2 bay leaves

1 teaspoon dried oregano

2 teaspoons ground cumin

1 medium yellow onion, finely chopped

1 jalapeno chile one seeded, ribbed and chopped

1 (14-ounce) can chopped tomatoes with liquid

1 (12-ounce) can pinto beans, washed and drained

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/8 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper

## **Directions**

Heat a large skillet over high heat for 2 minutes. Add the bacon and fry until crispy, about 6 minutes, stirring frequently. Transfer the bacon to a paper towel-lined plate to drain, discard all but 1 tablespoon of bacon fat. Add the bay leaves, oregano, cumin, onions, chile, tomatoes and beans to the skillet. Cook the beans on a low flame for about 20 to 30 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Serve hot in bowls.

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