

Ingredients

1 (15-ounce) can no-salt-added chickpeas (garbanzo beans)

2 garlic cloves, peeled and smashed

2 tablespoons lemon juice (about ½ lemon), plus more to taste if desired

2 tablespoons tahini (sesame seed paste)

1 teaspoon extra-virgin olive oil

¼ teaspoon ground black pepper

¼ teaspoon salt

Pinch sweet or smoked paprika

Directions

- 1. Drain the chickpeas. Reserve the canning liquid and set aside.
- 2. Put the chickpeas in a food processor or blender.
- Add the garlic, lemon juice, tahini, oil, black pepper, salt, and half of the reserved chickpea canning liquid (about ½ cup).
- 4. Puree the until very smooth, about 2-3 minutes, adding additional canning liquid as necessary to produce a thick dip.
- 5. Add additional lemon juice to taste, if desired.
- 6. Transfer to a serving dish (or a storage container if you're not eating it right away). Garnish with paprika.
- 7. Serve right away, or store in an air-tight container in the refrigerator for up to 7 days. Can be frozen if desired.

Recipe Notes

- Try substituting unsweetened peanut butter for the tahini, if desired.
- For additional flavor, consider adding 2-3 tablespoons of diced olives, roasted red peppers, or caramelized onions in step 3 or as a garnish.
- For a smoother dip, toss the chickpeas with the oil and microwave before blending, about 1-2 minutes.

Nutrition Facts Per Serving: Calories: 90 | Total Fat: 3.5 g | Saturated Fat: 0.5 g Sodium: 80 mg | Total Carbohydrate: 11 g | Dietary Fiber: 3 g | Protein: 4 g

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