

## **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.
- 3. 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 to 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 to 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 to 2 minutes.

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

