Ferraro's Cucina

Lentil Veggie Burgers

Ingredients

1/2 cup Dried Lentils (rinsed and drained)

1 cup Water

1 dried Bay Leaf

Coarse Kosher Salt

1/4 cup Walnuts

1/4 cup Sunflower Seeds

1/2 cup Carrot (finely chopped) (1 - 2 medium carrots)

1/2 cup Onion (finely chopped) (about 1 medium onion)

2 cloves Garlic (minced)

1/2 cup Panko Bread Crumbs

1 tsp Dried Thyme

1 tsp Dried Oregano

1/2 tsp Coarse Kosher Salt

1 Egg

1 tbsp Tomato Paste

1 tbsp Worcestershire Sauce

1/4 cup Flour

1 tbsp Olive Oil

Hamburger Buns

Lettuce

Tomato Slices

Onion

BBQ Sauce



Preparation

- Combine lentils, water and bay leaf in a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, for 20 - 30 minutes. Add more water as needed to keep the lentils just barely covered. The lentils are done when they are tender. Drain any excess water and season with salt.
- In a food processor, process walnuts and sunflower seeds until finely chopped. Transfer to a large mixing bowl and set aside.
- In the same food processor, process the carrots until finely chopped. Add the carrots to the walnut mixture and do the same with the onion.
- With a wooden spoon or spatula, mix together walnuts, sunflower seeds, carrot, onion, garlic, breadcrumbs, thyme, oregano, 1/2 teaspoon salt and cooked lentils.
- In a separate small bowl, stir together egg, tomato paste and worcestershire sauce. Add to the lentil mixture and stir to combine. Add the flour and stir until just incorporated.
- Cover the mixture and refrigerate 30 minutes or up to overnight. Using your hands, form into six equal patties.
- Heat 1 tablespoon olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Working in batches as necessary so as not to overcrowd the pan, cook the patties in the hot oil for 8 - 10 minutes, flipping once, until lightly browned and heated through.
- Serve lentil burgers with lettuce, tomato and onion slices on hamburger buns. Top with barbecue sauce, ketchup and mustard or whatever your favourite burger toppings are!



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