Santa Fe Clam Chowder



From the Sensenig's Recipe Book

Ingredients

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

4 ounces Spanish chorizo or andouille sausage, cut into 1/3-inch dice

12 ounces white-skinned potatoes, peeled, cut into 1/2-inch cubes

1 medium onion, chopped

1 celery stalk, chopped

1/3 cup canned diced green chilies

1 large jalapeño chili, seeded, chopped

1 garlic clove, minced

1 teaspoon dried oregano

1 teaspoon ground cumin

1 cup canned crushed tomatoes with added puree

1 cup frozen white corn kernels

3 8-ounce bottles clam juice

24 little neck clams,, scrubbed

6 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro

Preparation

Heat oil in heavy large pot over medium-high heat. Add chorizo; sauté until fat is rendered, about 3 minutes. Add next 6 ingredients; sauté until onion begins to soften, about 5 minutes. Mix in oregano and cumin, then tomatoes, corn, and bottled clam juice. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to medium-low. Cover and simmer until potatoes are almost tender, about 12 minutes. (Can be made 1 day ahead. Refrigerate uncovered until cool, then cover and chill. Bring to simmer before continuing.)

Add clams to mixture in pot; cover and cook over mediumhigh heat until clams open and potatoes are tender, about 7 minutes (discard any clams that do not open). Mix in 4 tablespoons cilantro. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Divide clams among 6 shallow soup bowls. Ladle chowder over. Sprinkle with remaining cilantro and serve.

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