

Cowboy Caviar

Prep: 20 minutes • Serves: 16

- 2 cans (15 ounces each) black-eyed peas, rinsed and drained
- 1 can (15 ounces) black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 can (11 ounces) white shoepeg corn, rinsed and drained or 1 ear fresh corn, kernels cut from cob (about 1 cup)
- 4 garlic cloves, minced (4 teaspoons)
- 2 red and/or yellow bell peppers, finely chopped (about 2 cups)
- small jalapeño chile pepper, seeded if desired, and finely chopped (about 3 tablespoons)
- ½ large red onion, chopped (about ½ cup)
- 1/4 cup coarsely chopped fresh cilantro leaves
- 34 cup apple cider vinegar
- ½ cup olive oil
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

- **1.** In large bowl, toss black-eyed peas, black beans, corn, garlic, bell peppers, jalapeño, onion and cilantro until well combined.
- 2. In medium bowl, whisk together vinegar, oil, salt and black pepper.
- **3.** Pour vinegar mixture over black-eyed pea mixture and toss to combine. Cover and refrigerate at least 6 hours or up to 1 day. Toss just before serving. Serve with scoop-style tortilla chips or as a side dish. Makes about 8 cups.

Approximate nutritional values per serving: 145 Calories, 7g Fat (1g Saturated), 0mg Cholesterol, 411mg Sodium, 17g Carbohydrates, 4g Fiber, 5g Protein

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Include the seeds and veins of the jalapeño chile pepper to add more heat to the mix.