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# Cannellini Bean & Cauliflower Alfredo

### **INGREDIENTS**

8 cups cauliflower florets, roughly chopped (about 24 ounces or 1 head large head of cauliflower)

Salt and pepper to taste

3 tablespoons olive oil (divided)

2 small shallots, roughly chopped

2-3 cloves of garlic, *sliced or roughly chopped* (adjust according to preference, I often use much more than this)

2 (15.5 cans) cannellini beans (*drain* one and reserve liquid from the second)

⅓ cup chicken stock (okay to use alternative stock if you're not making the recipe vegan)

<sup>1</sup>∕<sub>3</sub> cup whole milk

1 teaspoon mild chili powder

1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

8 ounces parmesan cheese

1 cup sundried tomatoes

1 pound pasta of choice, prepared according to package

## DIRECTIONS

- 1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees F.
- 2. Line a baking sheet with tin foil or parchment paper and set aside.
- Add cauliflower to a large mixing bowl, add 1 tablespoon of olive oil, salt and pepper and toss.
- **4.** Transfer cauliflower to baking sheet and roast until cauliflower has softened and begun to brown, about 15 minutes.
- 5. Remove cauliflower from oven and allow to cool.
- 6. While the cauliflower is roasting, heat a small sauté pan with 1 tablespoon of olive oil over medium heat.
- Add the shallots and garlic and sauté until slightly softened and aromatic, about 3-5 minutes.
- 8. Remove pan from heat and allow shallots and garlic cool.
- Add cooled shallots and garlic to a blender or food processor with beans, stock, milk, chili powder, nutmeg and last tablespoon of olive oil. Blend until ingredients are completely pureed and smooth.
- Heat a large Dutch oven or pot over medium heat and add bean and cauliflower mixture. Simmer while stirring regularly to prevent the bottom from scalding.
- **11.** Once the mixture has heated through and slightly thickened, about 15 minutes, add the parmesan cheese and stir constantly until all the cheese has melted and the mixture appears uniform. Season as desired.
- While the alfredo is still warm, add roughly 4 cups (about half the recipe\*) to 1 pound of cooked pasta and stir until pasta is completely coated.
- Add sundried tomatoes (and/or additional mix-ins) and stir to combine.
  - \* Freeze remaining ½ recipe in an airtight container for up to one month.

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F7 **Prep:** 45 minutes

Cook: 45 minutes

servings

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#### Nutrition Information per serving (without optional cheese or tuna)

Calories 184 Total Fat 7g Saturated Fat 2.7g Carbohydrate 22g Fiber 3g Sugars 3g Protein 10g

Calcium 167mg (13%) Iron 1mg (8%) Potassium 333mg (7%)