CopyCat California Pizza Kitchen Sedona White Corn Tortilla Soup

Ingredients

3 tablespoon olive oil 7 corn tortillas cut into squares 1 1/2 tablespoon garlic minced 2 tablespoon white onion minced 1 1/2 teaspoon jalapeno pepper minced 1 pound white corn kernels 1 1/2 pounds tomatoes chopped 1/3 cup tomato paste 2 1/2 teaspoons cumin 1 tablespoon kosher salt 1/8 teaspoon ground white pepper 1/2 teaspoon chili powder $1 \frac{1}{2} \text{ cup water}$ 1 quart chicken stock 24 blue corn tortilla chips (optional garnish) 2 cup shredded cheddar cheese 1/2 cup cilantro chopped

Directions

Over medium-high heat, fry tortilla squares in olive oil until they begin to crisp and turn a golden yellow. Add garlic, onion and jalapeno; cook 1 to 2 minutes, until onion becomes translucent.

Add half the corn along with all other ingredients (except garnishes), reserving other half of corn to be added at the end. Bring the soup to a low, even boil. Boil for 5 minutes. Remove soup from heat.

Use a hand-held propeller blade processor to process in batches to the consistency of a course puree. You can also process in batches in a blender. Return the soup to the burner and add the reserved corn.

Bring the soup to a boil once again being extremely careful to avoid scorching or burning the soup. Serve, garnished with blue corn tortilla chips, cilantro and sharp cheddar cheese.