## Cook Vegan Black Bean Meatballs Yield: serves 4

## **Ingredients:**

- 16 oz. black beans
  1 cup gluten free oats
  1 tsp small diced yellow onions
  1 tsp small diced red pepper
  ½ tsp chopped fresh garlic
  ½ cup cooked quinoa
  1 tsp fresh chopped cilantro
  1 tsp fresh chopped parsley
  1/2 tsp chipotle paste or smoked paprika
  1 tbsp Italian seasoning
  1.5 tsp salt
  1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp onion powder

## **Method:**

First, drain your black beans and rinse till water runs clear.

Second, place beans in a food processor and pulse a few times. You want your beans to be in a rough cut but not smooth. You can always use a kitchen knife to chop as well.

Next, using a heated pan, sautee your peppers, garlic and yellow onions using your oil of choice until soft and cool.

Once fully cooked and then cooled, add all ingredients together into a bowl and mix to incorporate fully.

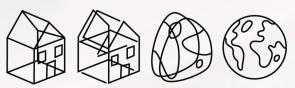
Next, portion out 2 oz scoops and roll into ball-like shapes using the palms of your hands.

Lastly, fry for about 2-3 minutes on each side, rotating/flipping every couple minutes until dark golden brown all over. Alternatively, you can bake your bean balls for 6-8 minutes, turn and then repeat for the same time. Once cooked, serve with your choice meal and enjoy!

## Chef's Note:

We suggest serving these with a warm tomato vegetable marinara, over lentil pasta and/ or on top of spaghetti squash, enjoy!





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