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Hearty Tortilla Veggie Soup

Serves 1

Ingredients: 2 1/2 cups Onions, chopped 3 Tbsp. Garlic , minced 1 1/2 tsp. Chile Powder 2 Bay Leaves 2 tsp. Ground Cumin 2 tsp. Oregano 6 cups Vegetable Broth 5 cups Corn Kernels, preferably fresh 4 cups Yellow Squash , large dice 4 3/4 oz. Zucchini , thinly sliced 4 1/2 cups Chayote, peeled, finely diced 2 Tbsp. Tomato Paste 4 Tbsp. Cilantro , stemmed, chopped 6 Tbsp. Fresh Jalapeno Peppers, seeded and minced 4 cups Tomatoes, diced Salt and Pepper to taste 4 cups Mission® Pre-cut Unfried Tri-Color Tortilla Strips (04931), fried 4 cups Monterey Jack Cheese, shredded Sour Cream dollop (for serving)

Directions:

1. Heat oil in a large pot and sauté onion, garlic over medium heat until soft, about 5 minutes.

2. Add chili powder, bay leaves, cumin, oregano and stir over medium-low heat about 2 minutes.

3. Add the next 11 ingredients, bring to a boil and then simmer while stirring occasionally for about 15 minutes to blend flavors. Transfer to hot line.

4. To serve, top with tortilla strips, Jack cheese and a dollop of sour cream.