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Smoky Beans and Greens over Quick Grits

Serves 4

Ingredients:

TBSP extra virgin olive oil
yellow onion, chopped
tomato, chopped
cup quick cooking (not instant) grits
tsp smoked paprika
tsp salt
TBSP butter (optional)
8oz kale or collard greens, stemmed and chopped
cup reduced sodium vegetable broth
cup vegetarian sausage, chopped (optional)

Preparation:

- 1. Heat a large, heavy skillet over medium heat and add olive oil. When oil shimmers, add onion and saute until they are translucent, about 3 minutes, then add tomato and continue to saute for 2 more minutes.
- Meanwhile, in a large saucepan, bring 4 cups of broth to a boil, and stir in the grits, 1 tsp smoked paprika, and salt. Reduce heat and simmer, stirring occasionally until the grits are thick and creamy, 5 to 7 minutes (check package directions). Remove from heat and stir in butter if desired.
- 3. While the grits are simmering, to the sauteed onion and tomato add kale or collards, ½ tsp smoked paprika, and remaining ½ cup of broth. Cover and cook for about 3 minutes until greens are wilted. Add beans and optional sausage and continue to saute for 5 more minutes, stirring occasionally. Add salt and black pepper to taste.
- 4. Serve the beans and greens over the grits.



If you like your beans spicy, stir in ¼ tsp (or more) cayenne pepper with the smoked paprika in step 3.

Inspired by a recipe from More Quick-Fix Vegan by Robin Robertson

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