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Indian Spiced Bitter Gourd

Serves 2-3

- 1 tablespoon avocado or olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin seeds
- 1 yellow onion, diced
- 3 cloves of garlic, minced or pressed
- 1 sprig of fresh curry leaves or 3 dried leaves
- 8-10 oz bitter melon, deseeded and sliced
- Water as needed
- 1 green serrano chili, split in half (optional)
- 1/8 teaspoon turmeric
- 1 teaspoon Kashmiri red chili powder
- 1 tablespoon coriander powder
- 1 teaspoon fennel powder
- Salt to taste
- 1- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 3 tablespoons cilantro, chopped
- 1. Place oil and cumin seeds in a pan over medium-high heat. When the cumin seeds begin to sizzle, add the onion, garlic, and curry leaves. Cook until the onions are translucent and begin to brown.
- 2. Add the bitter melon slices and then sprinkle salt over the top. Sauté for 2-3 minutes. Cover the pan and continue to cook over low heat until al dente. You can add water if the pan gets too dry.
- 3. Sprinkle in the spices, recover the pan, and cook until the melon is tender, adding water if needed.
- 4. Turn off the stove, stir in the lemon juice, and garnish with cilantro.

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