

Roasted Corn and Black Bean Salad

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Ingredients

This is one of my favorite summer dishes, great alongside a grilled meal outside. Try it slightly warmed with lemon-ginger grilled shrimp and warm corn tortillas (above), at room temperature as a potato salad picnic alternative, or make up something else entirely (and report back). When you are dicing up your ingredients, try to make them all about the same size.

- fresh corn
- red bell pepper
- zucchini
- yellow onion
- fresh pineapple
- garlic
- jícama
- fresh lime juice
- cayenne pepper
- cooked black beans

- black pepper
- Kosher salt

Instructions

- 1. Heat a small amount of vegetable oil in your favorite skillet I prefer to use my big ol' cast iron pan for this.
- 2. Once hot but not smoking, add the corn kernels and cook until well browned.
- 3. Remove the corn to a bowl and wipe out skillet if necessary. Add a bit more oil and moderate the heat.
- 4. Cook the garlic, bell pepper, onion, pineapple, and zucchini until the vegetables are just done and the pineapple is caramelized. Bear in mind they will have different cooking times.
- 5. Squeeze lime juice over jícama and sprinkle on a generous amount of cayenne pepper.
- 6. Combine all ingredients: the pan-roasted corn, caramelized pineapple, cooked beans and veggies, seasoned jicama, salt, and pepper.
- 7. If possible, let salad rest a few hours or overnight to let the flavors deepen.
- 8. Serve warm, cold, or at room temperature.