Kalamata Olive Hummus
Serves 8-12

Ingredients:
1 15-oz canned chickpeas (drained and rinsed well)
1 ½ cups kalamata olives (rinsed and pitted)
1-2 garlic cloves
¼ cup olive oil
½ cup tahini
½ tsp salt
¼ tsp black pepper
Optional: vegetables and whole grain crackers for dipping

Directions:
1. Combine all ingredients in the food processor.
2. Blend for 1 minute. Scrape down sides of food processor and blend for an additional minute or until smooth.
3. Serve with fresh mixed vegetables and whole grain crackers of your choice

Nutrition Tips:
1. Hummus is made from chickpeas, an excellent source of plant-based protein and fiber. Consider incorporating hummus into your diet as a dip for snacks and appetizers, spread on a sandwich, or scooped on top of a salad.
2. Olives are a fantastic source of antioxidant and anti-inflammatory nutrients.
3. This hummus recipe can easily be doubled, stored frozen in a small container, and defrosted later for consumption.

Source:
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