Tacos with Beef & Beans (Tacos 3)

These tacos pack in plenty of vegetables and are filled with umami flavor. The best part of these tacos is the delicious flavor and texture (and fiber!) the black beans bring to the plate.

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**INGREDIENTS**

1 Tbsp  
1 each  
½ each  
8 oz  
8 oz (½ lb)  
1 (15 oz) can  
1 tsp  
½ cup  
¼ cup  
¼ tsp  
12 each  
½ cup (1.5 oz)  
1 ½ cups  
1 each  
½ bunch  

- Olive Oil
- Onion, small dice
- Bell Pepper, small dice
- Mushrooms, minced (about 2 ½ cups whole)
- Ground Beef, 90/10
- Black Beans, no salt added, drained and rinsed
- Worcestershire Sauce
- Water
- Salt-Free Taco Seasoning (see separate recipe)
- Kosher Salt
- Corn Tortillas
- Cheddar Cheese, shredded
- Romaine Lettuce, shredded (about ¼ head)
- Globe Tomato, diced
- Cilantro, chopped (about ¼ cup)

**DIRECTIONS**

1. Gather all necessary equipment and ingredients.

2. In a large sauté pan, heat the oil over medium-high heat. Once the oil is hot, add the onions and sauté until translucent, about 3-4 minutes. Add the bell pepper and continue to sauté until the pepper begins to brown, about 2 minutes. Add the mushrooms and continue to cook the vegetables until most of the moisture from the mushrooms has evaporated, about 5-7 minutes.

3. Add the beef and cook the meat until pink is no longer visible, about 2-3 minutes. Then add the drained beans, Worcestershire sauce, water, taco seasoning and salt. Simmer for 5-7 minutes, stirring occasionally. If desired, lightly mash some of the black beans using a potato masher or the back of a spoon. Once the moisture has cooked off and the taco filling looks consistent in texture, turn off the heat and set aside.

**CHEF’S NOTES**

Corn tortillas are a favorite at GCCM because they are a whole grain and last forever in the refrigerator! They need to be heated just before eating which can be done a few different ways:

- Place the tortilla directly over the burner of a gas stove, over low-medium heat, using tongs to flip until just charred on the edges
- Heat a nonstick pan over high heat and heat until soft and pliable
- Wrap in foil and heat in the oven (375°F) for about 5-7 minutes
- Wrap in a paper towel and microwave in 30 second intervals
4. Toast the tortillas to the desired texture (see chef’s note). When finished toasting, wrap the tortillas in a cloth napkin or tin foil to keep warm.

5. To assemble the tacos: fill each tortilla with \( \frac{1}{4} \) cup of the filling, 1 ½ tsp of cheese and top with the lettuce, tomato, and cilantro.

Recipe adapted from *Health meets Food*, “Beef & Bean Taco (Taco 3)” (9/23/19)