# CHICKEN TORTILLA SOUP WITH HOMEMADE CHICKEN STOCK

Chicken quarters are an economical choice AND the skin and bones bring a TON of flavor to the party. Make use of these bone-in, skin-on chicken pieces by doing double-duty: create a quick, flavorful broth & poach the meat for a tender shredded chicken. Use this method to make broth and shredded chicken for all sorts of soups, stews, and dishes including this Mexican inspired Chicken Tortilla.



### Ingredients

- 1 avocado
- 1/2 bunch cilantro
- 1 lime
- 1 onion
- 4 chicken quarters
- 1 can black beans
- 1 can diced tomatoes
- 2/3 c frozen corn
- 2 tbsp taco seasoning
- 2/3 c cheddar cheese

#### From your pantry

- 2 cloves garlic or 2 tsp granulated garlic
- olive oil
- salt & pepper

#### Equipment:

Large pot

PREPARATION: 10 MIN COOKING: 60 MIN READY IN: 70 MIN MAKES 6 SERVINGS

#### **Directions**

Read through entire recipe before getting started. Wash and dry all produce.

Mince or grate **garlic**. Small dice **onion**. Remove **black beans** from can and strain. Grate **cheddar cheese**. Cut **lime** into wedges. Tear **cilantro** leaves and tender stems.

- 2. Heat 1 tbsp oil in a large pot over medium-high. Add half of the onion and sauté 1-2 min. Add **chicken quarters**, 8 cups of water and a dash of salt and pepper. Cover and bring to a boil. Remove lid, reduce heat and simmer for 30-45 min chicken is fully cooked and broth has reduced some.
- 3. Remove chicken from broth using tongs and set on a plate. Allow a few minutes to cool and pull using two forks or your hands to shred the meat off of the bones. Set meat aside and discard bones. Place broth in a bowl so you can reuse the pot. Do not clean pot.
- 4. Add 1 tbsp oil to previously used pot over medium-high heat. Add remaining onion. Cook 2-3 min until softened. Add garlic and taco seasoning. Sauté 1-2 min until very fragrant. Add beans, corn, and diced tomatoes. Sauté another minute or two. Add chicken broth and pulled chicken and mix to incorporate. Bring to a simmer and cook for 10-20 min until the flavors have developed. Season to taste.
- 5. Dice **avocado**. Divide tortilla soup between bowls. Top with cheddar cheese, cilantro and avocado. Serve with a squeeze of lime!

# Tips, Tricks, and Terms

## SAVE THOSE SCRAPS & RAMP UP THAT BROTH

Next time you're cooking dinner, try saving veggie scraps—think onion and garlic skins, carrot tops and peels, herb stems, etc to add to a broth! These parts contain all the yummy flavor of the vegetables themselves and will make your finished broth even more delicious!

We recommend keeping a gallon size Ziplock bag in the freezer and adding vegetable peels and scraps as you cook. When the bag is full, add to a stock pot with chicken (or not for vegetable stock), a couple bay leaves, a few peppercorns, and cover with water. Simmer for 45-60 minutes, strain, and use in soups, stews, or cooked grains!

#### A little about...

AVOCADO: stone fruit with a creamy texture and lots of health benefits! Avocados are rich in vitamins C, E, K, and B6 as well as omega-3 fatty acids! These healthy fats keep you full and satiated, helping slow digestion and stabilize blood sugar levels.

Mash an avocado to spread on toast or garnish tacos. Try pureed with coconut milk and honey for a fun dessert pudding!



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