Crab Cakes with Cilantro Salsa

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Yield: 16 crab cakes

CILANTRO SALSA

1 can (15 ounce) black beans, rinsed and drained

1 can (11 ounce) whole kernel sweet corn, drained

1 large (one cup) tomato, chopped

2 tablespoons lime juice

1 tablespoon olive or vegetable oil

1/2 cup fresh cilantro, chopped

1/4 cup red onion, chopped

2 teaspoons ground cumin

1 teaspoon sugar

1/4 teaspoon salt

CRAB CAKES

3 cans (6 ounce ea) crabmeat, drained 1/2 cup green bell pepper, finely chopped

1/2 cup Italian style bread crumbs

1/4 cup cilantro, chopped

1 medium green onion, sliced

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper

2 tablespoons mayonnaise or salad dressing

1 egg, beaten

2 tablespoons vegetable oil

2/3 cup Italian style dry bread crumbs

Preparation Time: 30 minutes

Make the salsa: In a bowl, stir together the black beans, corn, tomato, lime juice, olive oil, cilantro, onion, cumin, sugar and salt. Cover.

Refrigerate until needed.

Make the crab cakes: In a bowl, stir together the crabmeat, green pepper, bread crumbs, cilantro, green onion, salt, cayenne, mayonnaise and egg.

Shape the mixture into sixteen cakes about two inches in diameter.

In a twelve-inch skillet, heat the vegetable oil over medium heat. Coat the crab cakes in the breadcrumbs. Cook in the oil for 3 to 4 minutes on each side, turning once, until golden brown. Drain on paper towels.

Serve with the salsa.

Per Serving (excluding unknown items): 1457 Calories; 41g Fat (25.2% calories from fat); 126g Protein; 149g Carbohydrate; 35g Dietary Fiber; 528mg Cholesterol; 2375mg Sodium. Exchanges: 8 1/2 Grain(Starch); 13 Lean Meat; 3 Vegetable; 0 Fruit; 6 Fat; 1/2 Other Carbohydrates.