Za'atar Falafel

Ingredients

2 cups chickpeas, soaked and drained

- 2 Tbs za'atar seasoning
- 1 cup chopped red onion
- 1 cup fresh cilantro
- 1 cup fresh parsley
- 8 cloves garlic
- 3 Tbs tahini
- 3 Tbs chickpea flour
- 3 Tbs ground flaxseed
- Zest of one lemon
- Salt to taste
- Avocado oil for pan frying

Serves 4



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These flavorful falafel are jam packed with phytochemicals, dietary fiber and plant protein. The recipe itself is gluten-free and vegan, perfect for entertaining your plant-based friends.

- 1. Add chickpeas, za'atar, onion, fresh herbs and garlic in food processor. Pulse until the consistency of sand, not puree.
- 2. Add tahini, chickpea flour, ground flaxseed and lemon zest, pulse to combine. Mixture should mostly hold together if pressed with spoon. If too crumbly, add 1 Tbs each tahini, chickpea flour and ground flaxseed.
- 3. Refrigerate mixture for 15-30 minutes.
- 4. Add avocado oil to a shallow pan until just coating bottom. When oil is hot, make flattened meatball sized patties, add to pan.
- 5. Pan fry 2 minutes on each side until golden brown. Transfer to paper towel covered plate. Enjoy with a yogurt and cucumber sauce or tahini

Tip: These can also be baked or cooked in an air fryer.