

# Sweet Chana Dal

## Prep Time

10 minutes

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Bean Soaking Time: 1 hour

## Cooking Time

60 minutes

## Yields

4 servings

## Ingredients

1 cup chana dal (small, split chickpeas)  
6 cups water  
1 tbsp ghee or olive oil  
1/2 tbsp cumin seeds  
1 tsp grated ginger  
2 tomatoes cut into wedges  
4 tbsps dry coconut flakes  
1 tbsp maple syrup  
1/2 tsp sea salt

## Directions

1. If you have time, pour the dried chana in a bowl and cover with fresh water for an hour. This soaking will help speed up your cooking time.
2. Bring water and dal to boil.
3. Lower heat to simmer and cook 45 minutes.
4. Skim foam off the top as you notice it forming.
5. Heat olive oil or ghee in a frying pan on medium heat.
6. Add cumin seeds and grated ginger to dal and cook 3 minutes.
7. Stir and continue cooking until beans are thoroughly cooked for about 10 more minutes.
8. Remove dal from pot and add tomatoes, coconut flakes, syrup, and salt.
9. Mix well and serve.

## Notes

Chana is a variety of chickpea that is small and split in half. Chana dal is a common dish in India, typically made as a thick soup and served with chapattis (flatbreads), rice, and other vegetable dishes. This recipe is one example of the many ways to make chana dal.

- Look for organic chana in the bulk section of your health food store or in a specialty Indian market. If you can't find it, substitute with yellow split peas.