Ndambe Black-Eyed Pea and Sweet Potato Ragout

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INGREDIENTS

1 pound black-eyed peas, soaked in water for 1 hour

1 quart water

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

1 tablespoon vegetable oil

1 onion, finely chopped

½ pound plum tomatoes, chopped

1 pound sweet potatoes, cut into 1-inch cubes

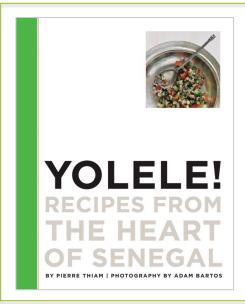
SERVES 8

PREPARATION

- Boil the black-eyed peas gently in 1 quart water, 30 minutes. Add salt toward the end of the cooking time. Strain and set aside.
- 2. In a sauté pan over medium-low heat, heat the oil and sauté the onion until softened. Add the chopped tomatoes and allow to reduce, 5 to 10 minutes. Add the sweet potato cubes and enough water to cover. Simmer until the sweet potatoes are soft. Season, and add the black-eyed peas. Taste, adjust the seasoning, and allow to simmer 10 more minutes before serving.



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