

Spiced Olives

Ingredients

3 C mixed olives with pits in 1 C extra virgin olive oil Three 3-inch strips of orange peel Three 2-inch strips of lemon peel 3 fresh bay leaves 2 tsp whole fennel seeds 1 TBSP whole coriander 1 TBSP whole mustard seeds 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes



Directions

- 1. In a small dry pan over medium heat, toss the fennel, coriander and mustard seeds until toasty and fragrant. Remove from heat right away and crush slightly, using a spice grinder or small food processor. Do not process to a powder; use just a couple of bursts.
- 2. In a small saucepan over medium-low heat, combine the olive oil, orange peel, lemon peel, and bay leaves. Heat the oil until the citrus peels are fragrant; just a few minutes.
- 3. Pour the infused oil, the toasted spices, and the red pepper flakes over the olives; toss to coat the olives.
- 4. Marinate until oil cools to room temperature. If not eating immediately, store in refrigerator, but remove to room temperature before serving.