Four-Bean Vegetarian Chili

- 1/4 pound pinto beans, rinsed and picked over to remove debris
- ¼ pound lima beans, rinsed and picked over to remove debris
- 1/4 pound white kidney beans, rinsed and picked over to remove debris
- ¼ pound black-eyed peas, rinsed and picked over to remove debris
- 8 cups water
- 2 tablespoons avocado oil
- 1 large yellow onion, chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1 pasilla pepper, seeded and chopped
- 2 jalapeno peppers, seeded and chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 1 tablespoon dried Mexican oregano or regular dried oregano
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin seeds
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground coriander seeds
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1 28-ounce can diced tomatoes
- ¼ cup bulgur wheat
 - Place beans in a large stockpot and pour over enough water to cover. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, partially cover and simmer 2-3 hours, until the beans are tender. Or cook beans in your Instant Pot. Drain, reserving 2 cups of liquid and set aside until ready to use.
 - 2. Meanwhile, heat oil in a large stockpot over medium heat. Add onion, peppers, and garlic and sweat for 4 minutes, until tender.
 - Add chili powder, oregano, cumin, coriander, bay leaves and salt and stir to coat the vegetables. Cook for 5 minutes, until the spices are fragrant.
 - 4. Add tomatoes and simmer for 2 minutes.
 - 5. Add beans, reserved bean cooking liquid and bulgar, bring to boil, reduce heat, partially cover and simmer for 20 minutes.
 - This recipe suggested adding 1 to 2 teaspoons of hot sauce at the end. We thought it didn't need the additional hot sauce so we didn't add any.

This recipe is based on a recipe in the Daily Soup Cookbook by Leslie Kaul, Bob Spiegel and others.