# **Veggie Fajitas**

Serves 3 (2 tortillas per person)

### Ingredients

- Extra-virgin olive oil 15 ml (1 T)
- Bell peppers (multicolored if possible) 3 small (≈360 g), thinly sliced
- Red onion 1 medium (≈160 g), thinly sliced
- Canned black beans, no-salt-added 1 can (≈425 g, drained ≈240 g), rinsed
- Water 30 ml (2 T) (instead of broth)
- Ground cumin 2 tsp
- Chili powder 2 tsp (or to taste)
- Smoked paprika 1 tsp
- Kevala coconut aminos 1 tsp
- Black pepper ¼ tsp
- Fresh cilantro 15 g (≈2 T), chopped, plus extra leaves for garnish
- Lime juice 30 ml (2 T)
- Corn tortillas (15 cm / 6-inch) 6 pieces
- Gouda or cheddar cheese 30 g, crumbled or shredded (≈¼ C)
- Avocado 1 medium (≈150 g), thinly sliced

#### **Directions**

- 1. Heat **oil** in a large skillet over **medium-high**.
- 2. Add **bell peppers** and **onion**; cook, stirring occasionally, until tender and slightly charred (10–12 minutes).
- 3. Stir in black beans, water, cumin, chili powder, smoked paprika, coconut aminos, and black pepper. Cook 3–4 minutes until beans are warmed through and coated in spices.
- 4. Remove from heat, stir in cilantro and lime juice.
- 5. Divide mixture among warm tortillas. Top with **cheese** and **avocado**. Garnish with **cilantro** leaves if desired.

### Nutrition (per serving: 2 fajitas with toppings)

Kcal: 415 kcal / Protein: 13g / Fat: 18g / Sat. Fat = 4g / Carbs: ~51g / Sugars = 7g / Fiber:

12g / Sodium: 310mg / Omega-3: 0.3g

## **Tokyo Ingredient Notes**

- **J Bell peppers** (パプリカ) are widely available; mix red, yellow, and green for color.
- Tortillas: Nissin World Delicatessen (Azabu-juban) frozen corn tortillas are the most reliable.
- Cheese: Cotija isn't common here; gouda is the mildest substitute, cheddar adds more bite.
- • Avocados: Often smaller in Japan; adjust to 1 medium for 3 servings.
- **Cilantro:** Available but not always fresh in every supermarket; Italian parsley is a backup.

>> Suggestion: For even more umami without extra salt, add a splash of **lime zest** or a tiny pinch of **cocoa powder** into the bean mixture — it's a Mexican trick that deepens the flavor.

