### CREATE YOUR CUSTOM GIFT JAR AND RECIPE TAGS IN A FEW EASY STEPS!

1. Cut around outside of red borders.

**2.** Roll and tie (or fold) each recipe card.

3. Attach recipe cards to jar with ribbon or string. 4. Tie or glue on gift tags and other small decorations such as ornaments or greenery.

## how to make

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#### **Directions:**

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- 2. Heat oil in Dutch oven or large saucepan set over medium heat. Cook carrots, celerv and onion 3 to 5 min., until vegetables are softened. Add reserved spice mixture; cook 1 min. until fragrant.
- 3. Add drained bean mixture, broth and 4 cups (1 L) water; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low. Simmer, 1 to 1 1/2 hr until beans are tender, occasionally skimming off foam. Ladle into into serving bowls and top with cheese, avocado and tortilla strips, if using.

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