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20-Minute Chicken Creole

Yield: 8 servings
Serving size: 1 cup

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Instructions

1. Heat pan over medium-high heat (350 degrees in an electric skillet). Add vegetable oil and chicken and cook until no longer pink when cut (3-5 minutes).
2. Reduce heat to medium (300 degrees in electric skillet).
3. Add tomatoes with juice, chili sauce, green pepper, celery, onion, garlic, basil, parsley, cayenne pepper, and salt.
4. Bring to a boil; reduce heat to low and simmer, covered for 10-15 minutes.
5. Serve over hot, cooked rice or whole wheat pasta.
6. Refrigerate leftovers within 2-3 hours.

Source

Oregon State University
Cooperative Extension Service, Healthy Recipes

Cost

Per recipe: $6.06
Per serving: $0.76

http://recipefinder.nal.usda.gov/
Asian Coleslaw

Yield: 12 servings
Serving size: 1/12 of recipe

Ingredients

1 pound shredded cabbage (/ 16 ounce bag of coleslaw mix)
1 can manadarin organges (11 ounces, drained)
1/2 cup peanuts (optional)

Dressing Ingredients:
2/3 cups light Italian dressing
2 tablespoons soy sauce (low-sodium)

Instructions

1. Mix together the coleslaw mix, nuts and mandarin oranges in a large bowl.

2. Stir in the Italian dressing and soy sauce.

Source

Maryland Food Supplement Nutrition Education program,
2009 Recipe Calendar

Cost

Per recipe: $2.54
Per serving: $0.21
BBQ Chicken Pizza

Yield: 12 servings
Serving size: 1 pizza (1/2 english muffin)
Cook time: 20 minutes

Ingredients

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Instructions

1. Wash hands and any cooking surface
2. Heat oven to 450°F
3. Slice English muffins in half and place on ungreased, large cookie sheet.
4. Cut-up bell pepper
5. Spread barbecue sauce on English muffins to within ¼ inch of edges. Top with chicken, cheese and bell pepper.
6. Bake 7 to 12 minutes or until cheese is melted.

* Substitutions:
  English muffins = Pizza bread
  Chicken = Pinto beans, chopped tomatoes and chopped onions

Source

Texas Cooperative Extension, The Texas A&M University System, Expanded Nutrition Program

Cost

Per recipe: $5.24
Per serving: $0.44
Baked Chicken Nuggets

Yield: 4 servings
Serving size: 3 ounces
Cook time: 15 minutes

Ingredients

1 1/2 pound chicken thighs, boneless, skinless
1 cup cereal crumbs, cornflake type
1/2 teaspoon Italian herb seasoning
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 teaspoon onion powder
1 teaspoon paprika

Instructions

1. Remove skin and bone; cut thighs into bite-sized pieces.

2. Place cornflakes in plastic bag and crush by using a rolling pin.

3. Add remaining ingredients to crushed cornflakes. Close bag tightly and shake until blended.

4. Add a few chicken pieces at a time to crumb mixture. Shake to coat evenly.

Microwave Method:
1. Lightly grease an 8x12 inch baking dish.

2. Place chicken pieces on baking dish so they are not touching. Cover with waxed paper and cook on high.

3. Rotate chicken every 2 to 3 minutes. Cook until tender, about 6-8 minutes.

Conventional Method:
1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Lightly grease a cooking sheet.

2. Place chicken pieces on cooking sheet so they are not touching.

3. Bake until golden brown, about 12-14 minutes.

Notes

to remove bone from chicken thigh:
1. Place chicken on cutting board. Remove skin from thighs.

2. Turn chicken thighs over.

3. Cut around bone and remove it.

Source

USDA, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion (CNPP), Recipes and Tips for Healthy, Thrifty Meals, 2000

Cost

Per recipe: $4.31
Per serving: $1.08

http://recipefinder.nal.usda.gov/
Baked Lemon Chicken

Yield: 5 servings
Serving size: 2 pieces
Cook time: 30 minutes

Ingredients

- 3 1/2 pounds chicken (skinned and cut into 10 pieces)
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 1/2 cloves of garlic (thinly sliced, or 1 tsp garlic powder)
- 4 thyme sprigs (fresh, or 1 tsp dried thyme)
- 3 cups onion (thinly sliced)
- 1 1/2 cup chicken stock (or water)
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1 lemon (sliced into 10 slices, seeds removed)

Instructions

1. Combine salt, pepper, garlic, and thyme.

2. Lay chicken pieces into a 11x13 baking pan. Sprinkle seasonings over chicken.

3. Combine onions, stock, and lemon juice in a sauce pan. Heat to a boil.

4. Pour hot lemon mixture around chicken. Top each chicken piece with a lemon slice.

5. Bake for 30 minutes at 400 degrees until golden brown and juices are clear colored.

Source

USDA, Team Nutrition, Food Family Fun

Cost

Per recipe: $5.42
Per serving: $1.08
Breakfast Burrito with Salsa

Yield: 4 servings  
Serving size: 1 burrito  
Cook time: 30 minutes

Ingredients

- 4 egg (large)
- 2 tablespoons corn (frozen)
- 1 tablespoon milk (1%)
- 2 tablespoons green pepper (diced)
- 1/4 cup onion (minced)
- 1 tablespoon tomatoes (diced fresh)
- 1 teaspoon mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic (granulated)
- 1/4 teaspoon hot pepper sauce (optional)
- 4 flour tortillas (8 inch)
- 1/4 cup salsa (canned)

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

2. In a large mixing bowl, blend the eggs, corn, milk, green peppers, onions, tomatoes, mustard, garlic, hot pepper sauce, and salt for 1 minute until eggs are smooth.

3. Pour egg mixture into a lightly oiled 9x9x2 inch baking dish and cover with foil.

4. Bake for 20-25 minutes until eggs are set and thoroughly cooked.

5. Wrap tortillas in plastic and microwave for 20 seconds until warm. Be careful when unwrapping the tortillas. The steam can be hot.

6. Cut baked egg mixture into 4 equal pieces and roll 1 piece of cooked egg in each tortilla.

7. Serve each burrito topped with 2 Tablespoons of salsa.

Source

USDA, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), Food Family Fun

Cost

Per recipe: $1.56  
Per serving: $0.39
Butterfly Bite

Yield: 6 servings
Serving size: 1 "butterfly"
Cook time: 7 minutes

Ingredients

3 celery (stalks)
12 twist pretzels (large)
6 tablespoons creamy peanut butter
3 tablespoons raisins

Instructions

1. Wash hands and cooking area.
2. Clean celery with vegetable brush under cool running water.
3. Cut celery in half cross wise.
4. Fill center of each celery stick with one tablespoon of peanut butter. This is the body of the butterfly.
5. Add two pretzels to form the butterfly’s wings.
6. Use extra pretzel pieces for antenna and raisins for decoration.

Source

Texas Cooperative Extension,
The Texas A&M University System, Expanded Nutrition Program

Cost

Per recipe: $1.27
Per serving: $0.21

http://recipefinder.nal.usda.gov/
Citrus Vegetables

Yield: 4 servings
Serving size: 1/4 of recipe

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons lime juice (fresh)
- 1/2 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon oregano (fresh, chopped)
- 4 cups mixed vegetables such as zucchini, corn, and tomatoes (sliced, steamed)

Instructions

1. Slice vegetables and steam in a small amount of water.
2. Drain, and place in a bowl to cool.
3. Mix lime juice with oil. Add oregano and combine.
4. Pour lime juice mixture over cool vegetables and mix well.
5. Serve.

Source

National Cancer Institute (NCI), 5-A-Day Web site

Cost

Per recipe: $1.85
Per serving: $0.46

http://recipefinder.nal.usda.gov/
Corn and Green Chili Salad

Yield: 4 servings  
Serving size: 3/4 cup  
Cook time: 10 minutes

Ingredients

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Instructions

1. Combine all ingredients in a medium bowl.
2. Mix well.

Source

California Department of Health Services, Healthy Latino Recipes: Made with Love California Latino 5-a-Day Campaign

Cost

Per recipe: $1.68  
Per serving: $0.42
Cucumber Salad

Yield: 2 servings
Serving size: 1 cup

Ingredients

1 cucumber (large, peeled and thinly sliced)
2 tablespoons yogurt, lowfat
1 tablespoon vinegar
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1 tablespoon water
1 teaspoon dill weed (optional)
1 dash pepper (of)

Instructions

1. Peel and thinly slice cucumber.
2. Mix all other ingredients in the mixing bowl.
3. Add cucumber slices and stir until coated.
4. Chill until serving.

Source

Michigan State University
Cooperative Extension Service,
Eating Right is Basic
Nutrition Education Program

Cost

Per recipe: $0.88
Per serving: $0.44
Easy Red Beans and Rice

Yield: 8 servings
Serving size: 1 cup

Ingredients

- cooking oil spray, as needed (non-stick)
- 1 onion (large, peeled and chopped)
- 1 green bell pepper (medium, washed, seeded and chopped)
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 2 cans diced tomatoes (14.5 ounces)
- 1 can kidney beans (15.5 oz, drained and rinsed)
- 6 cups cooked brown rice

Instructions

1. Spray skillet with cooking oil spray.
2. Cook onion and pepper over medium heat for 5 minutes or until tender.
3. Add garlic powder, tomatoes, and kidney beans.
4. Bring mixture to a boil.
5. Reduce heat to low and simmer for 5 minutes.

Source

Maryland Food Supplement Nutrition Education program, 2009 Recipe Calendar

Cost

Per recipe: $4.37
Per serving: $0.55

http://recipefinder.nal.usda.gov/
Fruit Dip

Yield: 4 servings
Serving size: 1/4 of recipe
Cook time: 15 minutes

Ingredients

8 ounces yogurt, lowfat vanilla
2 tablespoons orange juice, 100% juice, frozen concentrate (thawed)
1 tablespoon lime juice
1/2 tablespoon brown sugar
2 apple (red, cored and sliced)
1 pear (cored and sliced)
1 peach (pitted and sliced)

Instructions

1. In a small bowl, combine yogurt, orange juice concentrate, lime juice and brown sugar.
2. Mix well.
3. Place bowl containing dip on a large plate and surround with fruit.

Source

California Department of Health Services, Discover the Secret to Healthy Living
California 5-a-Day—For Better Health! Campaign

Cost

Per recipe: $2.31
Per serving: $0.58
Green Beans and New Potatoes

Yield: 6 servings  
Serving size: 1/6 of recipe  
Cook time: 20 minutes

Ingredients

16 ounces frozen green beans  
8 potatoes (small, washed, peeled, and halved)  
1 onion (medium, chopped)  
1/4 teaspoon salt

Instructions

1. Add all ingredients to a large stock pot and cover with water.  
2. Bring to a boil and reduce to medium heat.  
3. Cook until green beans and potatoes are tender.

Source

Tara Caulder, Soaad Ali, and Laide Bello  
(Supervised by Dr. Mira Mehta and Terri Kieckhefer), Healthy Cookbook for African American Populations

Cost

Per recipe: $4.50  
Per serving: $0.75
Grilled Vegetables

Yield: 6 servings  
Serving size: 1/6 of recipe

Ingredients

2 tablespoons  vegetable oil  
2 garlic clove (finely chopped)  
3 sweet potatoes (cut into 1-inch slices)  
3 corn cobs (cut into 2-inch sections)  
1 eggplant (cut into 1/2-inch slices)  
12 green onion (trimmed)

Instructions

1. Mix oil and garlic in a large bowl. Add vegetables and toss.

2. Place vegetable on broiler pan or grill. Cook 10 minutes, turning twice until vegetables are tender.

3. Place vegetables on platter. Serve.

Source

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, More Matters Recipes

Cost

Per recipe: $5.69  
Per serving: $0.95
Huevos Rancheros with Fresh Salsa

Yield: 4 servings
Serving size: 1 tortilla
Cook time: 30 minutes

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Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 450 degrees.

2. Lightly brush tortillas with oil on both sides and place on a baking sheet.

3. Bake for 5 to 10 minutes or until tortillas are crisp on the edges and starting to brown.

4. Remove from oven and set aside.

5. Spray a large skillet with nonstick cooking spray over medium heat.

6. Drop 4 egg whites into skillet, then, break whole eggs over whites to make 4 separate servings.

7. Cook for 2-3 minutes per side until eggs are cooked.

8. Place one egg on each tortilla shell and top each with 1 tablespoon cheese.

9. Place under the broiler for about 2 minutes until cheese is melted.

10. Spoon 1/2 cup fresh salsa around the edge of each shell.

Notes

Recipe for fresh salsa is included in this database

Source

California Department of Health Services, Discover the Secret to Healthy Living California 5-a-Day—For Better Health! Campaign

Cost

Per recipe: $2.73
Per serving: $0.68

http://recipefinder.nal.usda.gov/
## Italian Broccoli and Pasta

**Yield:** 4 servings  
**Serving size:** 1 1/4 cups  
**Prep time:** 10 minutes  
**Cook time:** 15 minutes

### Ingredients

- 2 cups fettucini noodles, uncooked
- 3 tablespoons green onion (chopped, also called scallions)
- 2 cups broccoli florets
- 1/2 teaspoon thyme (dried)
- 1/2 teaspoon oregano (dried)
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 can stewed tomatoes (14.5 ounce)
- 2 teaspoons parmesan cheese (grated)

### Instructions

1. Cook noodles according to package instructions (do not include oil or salt), and drain.

2. Spray a medium skillet with nonstick cooking spray; stir-fry onion and broccoli for 3 minutes over medium heat.

3. Add seasonings (but not the Parmesan cheese) and tomatoes; simmer until heated through.

4. Spoon vegetable mixture over noodles and top with Parmesan cheese.

### Source

California Department of Health Services, Discover the Secret to Healthy Living  
California 5-a-Day—For Better Health! Campaign

### Cost

- Per recipe: $3.52
- Per serving: $0.88

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http://recipefinder.nal.usda.gov/
Italian Style Vegetables

Yield: 8 servings
Serving size: 1/2 cup

Ingredients

2 zucchini (small, - cut into 1/2 inch pieces)
1/2 pound green beans (snapped into pieces)
1/2 cabbage (small, - sliced thin or shredded)
2 cups corn kernels (or combination of favorite vegetables)
1 onion (medium, sliced)
1 garlic clove (minced, optional)
2 tablespoons olive-oil
1 cup fresh or canned tomatoes (chopped)
1/2 teaspoon oregano (dry)

Instructions

1. Wash and trim vegetables. Slice zucchini into 1/2 inch pieces; snap beans into pieces; thinly slice or shred cabbage.

2. Heat oil in frying pan; cook onion over medium heat until soft.

3. Add vegetables and oregano.

4. Cook over medium heat for 5 to 7 minutes or until tender. Add chopped tomatoes at the last minute of cooking. Stir occasionally.

5. Serve immediately.

6. Refrigerate leftovers within 2 hours.

Notes

If using fresh green beans, cook for 2 minutes before adding onion.

Source

Oregon State University
Cooperative Extension Service, Pictoral Recipes
Lynn Myers Steele, 2000
Oregon Family Nutrition Program

Cost

Per recipe: $3.79
Per serving: $0.47

http://recipefinder.nal.usda.gov/
Migas "Crumbs"

Yield: 4 servings  
Serving size: 1/4 of recipe  
Cook time: 20 minutes

**Ingredients**

- 4 tortillas (large)  
- 3 tablespoons canola oil  
- 1/4 cup bell pepper  
- 1/4 cup onion  
- 4 egg (lightly beaten)  
- 4 tablespoons low fat cheddar cheese (grated)

**Instructions**

1. Wash hands and cooking area.  
2. Tear tortillas into small pieces.  
4. Add tortillas and stir until pieces begin to brown.  
5. Add peppers and onion; sauté until soft.  
6. Add eggs; stir until the eggs are cooked.  
7. Remove from heat and sprinkle on the grated cheese.  
8. Cover the pan and let cheese melt.  

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**Source**

Texas Cooperative Extension,  
The Texas A&M University System, Expanded Nutrition Program

**Cost**

- Per recipe: $1.56  
- Per serving: $0.39

http://recipefinder.nal.usda.gov/
Oatmeal Cookies

Yield: 24 servings  
Serving size: 1 cookie  
Cook time: 20 minutes

Ingredients

| 1 cup | Master Mixes (Oregon) |
| 1/2 cup | sugar |
| 3/4 cups | oatmeal (uncooked) |
| 1/2 teaspoon | cinnamon |
| 1/8 teaspoon | cloves (ground, optional) |
| 3 tablespoons | water |
| 1 | egg |
| 1/4 cup | raisins |

Instructions

1. Combine dry ingredients (Master Mixes, oatmeal, sugar, and spices).
2. Beat egg, and add water; mix.
3. Combine with dry ingredients and mix thoroughly.
5. Drop on greased baking sheet 2 inches apart, using a teaspoon.
6. Bake in 400 degrees oven for 10 to 12 minutes.

Source

Clemson University Division of Public Service & Agriculture, You Can Learn to Cook (Adapted from: Eating Right is Basic, 3rd edition Michigan State University Extension)

Cost

Per recipe: $1.09  
Per serving: $0.05
Old Fashioned Bread Pudding

Yield: 6 servings  
Serving size: 1/2 cup  
Cook time: 25 minutes

Ingredients

- 5 slices bread, white or wheat
- 2 tablespoons margarine or butter
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/3 cup sugar, white or brown
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 3 egg (or 1 egg + 2 egg whites)
- 1 1/2 cup nonfat milk
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Instructions

1. Spread one side of bread with margarine or butter. Sprinkle with cinnamon.

2. Cut into 1-inch cubes.

3. In lightly sprayed casserole dish, combine bread, sugar, and raisins. Then follow microwave or oven method below.

Microwave method:
1. In bowl, blend eggs, milk, salt and vanilla. Pour liquid over bread mixture; lightly blend.

2. Cover, microwave on HIGH for 5 minutes. Turn dish 1/4 turn. Microwave on HIGH for 3-5 minutes longer (pudding is done when edges are firm and center is almost set).

3. Let sit covered for 10 minutes before serving. Serve warm or cold. Refrigerate leftovers.

Oven method:
1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In bowl, blend eggs, 2 cups (instead of 1 1/4 cups for microwaving) milk, salt, and vanilla. Pour liquid over bread mixture; lightly blend.

2. Bake uncovered for 1 hour (pudding is done when a table knife inserted in the pudding comes out clean).

3. Serve warm or cold. Refrigerate leftovers.

Source

University of Minnesota, Cooperative Extension Service, Simply Good Eating Recipe Cards, Vol. 1, 2000

Cost

Per recipe: $1.95  
Per serving: $0.33
Party-Time Pasta

Yield: 6 servings
Serving size: 1 cup
Cook time: 30 minutes

Ingredients

1/2 pound  turkey, lean ground
1 teaspoon paprika
1 can tomatoes, crushed (14 1/2 ounces)
1 can chicken broth, reduced sodium (14 1/2 ounces)
2 cups pasta, bow-tie, uncooked
3 cups frozen vegetables such as carrots, broccoli and cauliflower, thawed
Tasty Topping:
1/2 cup parsley (chopped fresh or dried)
1/4 cup bread crumbs, seasoned, dry
1/4 cup parmesan cheese (grated)

Instructions

1. Heat a large nonstick pan over medium heat. Add ground turkey and paprika. Cook and stir until meat is brown and no longer pink, about 5 minutes.

2. Stir in tomatoes, chicken broth and pasta. Bring mixture to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low. Cover and simmer until pasta is almost tender, about 10-15 minutes.

3. Remove lid. Place vegetables on top of pasta. Replace lid. Cook until vegetables are tender, about 5 minutes.


Nutrition Facts

Source
California Department of Health Services, Kids...Get Cooking! California Children’s 5-a-Day Power Play Campaign

Cost
Per recipe: $7.32
Per serving: $1.22

http://recipefinder.nal.usda.gov/
Picadillo

Yield: 6 servings
Serving size: 1 cup
Cook time: 25 minutes

Ingredients

- 1 pound ground turkey
- 1 onion (chopped)
- 5 carrots (small, diced)
- 2 zucchini (medium, or other squash)
- 2 potatoes (medium, diced)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper (to taste)
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1 can Mexican style tomato sauce (10 1/2 ounces)
- 1 teaspoon cornstarch

Instructions

1. Brown ground turkey in a non-stick frying pan.

2. Add onions, carrots, squash, potatoes, salt, pepper, and cumin. Sauté for about 5 minutes.

3. Add tomato sauce and just enough water to cover. Bring to a boil, then lower heat and simmer, uncovered, until vegetables are tender.

4. Dissolve cornstarch in about 1 Tablespoon of cold water, add to mixture, bring back to a boil until gravy thickens. Serve.

Source

California Health Department - Los Angeles County, Es Facil Campaign
Submitted by Cristina Pacheco

Cost

Per recipe: $5.29
Per serving: $0.88

http://recipefinder.nal.usda.gov/
**Pico de Gallo**

**Yield:** 6 servings  
**Serving size:** 1/2 cup  
**Cook time:** 20 minutes

### Ingredients

- 1 pound tomatoes (chopped ripe)  
- 1 1/2 cup onion (chopped)  
- 1/3 cup cilantro (chopped, fresh)  
- 3 jalapeno pepper (seeded and chopped)  
- 2 tablespoons lime juice  
- 2 garlic clove (minced)  
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

### Instructions

1. Combine all ingredients in a medium bowl.
2. Serve immediately or cover and refrigerate for up to 3 days.

### Notes

Use to season your family meals or serve with tortilla chips.

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**Nutrition Facts**

Serving Size 1/2 cup prepared pico de gallo, 1/6 of recipe (130g)  
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**Source**

California Department of Health Services, Healthy Latino Recipes Made with Love  
California Latino 5-A-Day Campaign

**Cost**

- Per recipe: $2.81  
- Per serving: $0.47

http://recipefinder.nal.usda.gov/
Polenta with Pepper and Cheese

Yield: 8 servings
Serving size: 1 cup
Cook time: 23 minutes

Ingredients

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Garnish:
- cilantro sprigs
- 1 red bell pepper

Instructions

1. In a medium sauce pan, bring the water to a boil. Gradually add the cornmeal or polenta. Reduce heat to low.

2. Continue stirring, add the corn, chiles and the salt. Cook 6-8 minutes or until mixture thickens, stirring occasionally.

3. Gently stir in the margarine, cheese and beans.

4. Remove from the heat and transfer to a serving dish.

5. Garnish with red bell pepper rings and cilantro.

Source

California Health Department - Los Angeles County, Es Facil Campaign
Submitted by Gloria Vargas

Cost

Per recipe: $4.38
Per serving: $0.55
Quick Chili

Yield: 4 servings  
Serving size: 3/4 cup  
Cook time: 20 minutes

Ingredients

- 1/2 pound ground beef
- 1 can kidney beans (15 1/2 ounces, with liquid)
- 1 cup tomato sauce, no salt added
- 1 tablespoon onion, instant minced
- 1 1/2 tablespoon chili powder

Instructions

1. Thoroughly cook ground beef in skillet until browned (160 degrees). Be sure all pink color is gone from meat and juices. Do not undercook ground beef. Carefully wash your hands and any surfaces that have come in contact with raw meat.

2. Drain off fat into container.

3. Stir in kidney beans with liquid, tomato sauce, onion, and chili powder.

4. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover, and simmer for 10 minutes.

5. Refrigerate or freeze leftovers within 2 hours of cooking. Use refrigerated leftovers within 4 days.

Source

University of Minnesota, Cooperative Extension Service,  
Simply Good Eating Recipe Cards, Vol. 1, 2000

Cost

- Per recipe: $3.20
- Per serving: $0.80

http://recipefinder.nal.usda.gov/
Rise and Shine Cobbler

Yield: 4 servings  
Serving size: 3/4 cup  
Cook time: 17 minutes

Ingredients

1 cup peaches (canned, drained and sliced)  
1 cup pear halves (canned, drained and sliced)  
6 prunes (pitted, - each cut in half)  
1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 orange  
1 cup granola, lowfat

Instructions

1. In a large microwave-safe bowl, mix peaches, pears, prunes, and vanilla extract.

2. Rub an orange against a grater to remove 1 teaspoon of the orange peel. Then, cut the orange in half and squeeze 1/4 cup orange juice. Add orange peel and juice to fruit mixture. Stir.

3. Top with granola.

4. Microwave on high for 5 minutes. Let stand for 2 minutes.

5. Spoon into 4 bowls and serve warm.
Salmon Patties

Yield: 9 servings
Serving size: 1/9 of recipe

Ingredients

1 can salmon (15 1/2 ounce, drained)
1 cup cereal or crackers (whole-grain, crushed)
2 egg (large, - lightly beaten)
1/2 cup milk (1%)
1/8 teaspoon black pepper
1 tablespoon vegetable oil

Instructions

1. Use a fork or clean fingers to flake salmon until very fine.
2. Crumble cereal or crackers into crumbs.
3. Add cereal or cracker crumbs, eggs, milk, and pepper to salmon.
4. Mix thoroughly.
5. Shape into 9 patties.
7. Over medium heat, carefully brown both the sides until patty is thoroughly cooked.

Notes

Replace the salmon with canned tuna fish. For fun, do a combination of the two!

Source

Missouri Nutrition Network, Eat for Health Toolkit

Cost

Per recipe: $3.44
Per serving: $0.38
Seared Greens

Yield: 6 servings
Serving size: 1 cup
Cook time: 15 minutes

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 pound kale or collard greens
- 2 tablespoons vegetable-oil (or olive oil)
- 4 garlic clove (chopped)
- 1 cup water
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 tablespoons vinegar, cider

Instructions

1. Clean the greens thoroughly and cut stems away. Dry well and tear into salad pieces or slice across leaf into 1/2 inch pieces.

2. In a large deep pot or skillet with a cover, sauté garlic in oil. Add greens in pan with 1 cup water.

3. Cover pan and steam for 4 minutes.

4. Uncover, stir constantly until greens shrink. Add salt and pepper and continue to stir on high until mixture is thoroughly wet.

5. Sprinkle cider vinegar on mixture. Cover.

6. Turn off heat. Let stand until ready to serve.

Source

USDA, Team Nutrition, Food Family Fun

Cost

Per recipe: $4.07
Per serving: $0.68

http://recipefinder.nal.usda.gov/
Simple Fish Tacos

Yield: 6 servings
Serving size: 2 tacos

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup sour cream (non-fat)
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise (fat-free)
- 1/2 cup fresh cilantro (chopped)
- 1/2 package taco seasoning (package low-sodium, divided)
- 1 pound cod or white fish fillets (cut into 1 inch pieces)
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 tablespoons lemon oil
- 2 cups red and green cabbage (shredded)
- 2 cups tomato (diced)
- 12 corn tortillas (6-inch, warmed)
- lime wedges (for serving)

Instructions

1. In a small bowl, combine sour cream, mayonnaise, cilantro, and 2 Tbsp seasoning mix.

2. In a medium bowl, combine cod, vegetable oil, lemon juice, and remaining seasoning mix; pour into large skillet. Cook stirring constantly, over medium-high heat for 4-5 minutes or until cod flakes easily when tested with a fork.

3. Fill warm tortillas with fish mixture.

4. Top with cabbage, tomato, sour cream mixture, lime wedges, and taco sauce.

Source

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, More Matters Recipes

Cost

Per recipe: $9.58
Per serving: $1.60

http://recipefinder.nal.usda.gov/
Skillet Noodles and Beef

Yield: 8 servings  
Serving size: 1 1/2 cup  
Cook time: 30 minutes

Ingredients

- 1/2 pound ground beef
- 1/2 cup onion (chopped)
- 1 can tomato sauce (15 ounce)
- 1 1/2 cup water
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon basil
- 3 cups noodles, uncooked, 1/2 inch wide
- 1 package spinach, frozen, chopped (10 ounce)
- 1 cup cottage cheese, nonfat
- 1/2 cup cheese, part-skim mozzarella, shredded

Instructions

1. Brown ground beef in a large skillet. Drain and rinse to remove fat.
2. Add onion, tomato sauce, water, and spices. Cover and bring to a boil.
3. Add noodles. Cover and simmer for 5 minutes.
4. Defrost spinach in the microwave. Stir spinach into skillet mixture. Cover and simmer for 5 minutes.
5. Stir mixture. Spoon cottage cheese on top and sprinkle with shredded mozzarella. Cover and simmer for 10 minutes. Add water if mixture gets too dry.

Source

University of New Hampshire, Cooperative Extension

Cost

Per recipe: $5.60  
Per serving: $0.70

http://recipefinder.nal.usda.gov/
Spinach and Meat Cakes

Yield: 6 servings  
Serving size: 2 meat cakes  
Cook time: 25 minutes

**Ingredients**

- 1 pound ground beef, or turkey, 7% fat (93% lean)
- 2 bunches spinach (washed and cut into pieces may substitute a 1-pound bag of frozen chopped spinach, thawed and well drained)
- 1/2 onion (small, finely chopped)
- 2 garlic clove (minced)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- black pepper (to taste)
- 3 cups brown rice

**Instructions**

1. Preheat frying pan (no oil).

2. Combine all ingredients except brown rice in a large mixing bowl. Mix well.

3. Form mixture into 12 small balls. Place in frying pan and flatten into patties using a spatula.

4. Cook over medium heat until cooked on both sides.

5. Serve over brown rice.

**Source**

California Health Department - Los Angeles County, Es Facil Campaign  
Submitted by Brenda Grajeda

**Cost**

- Per recipe: $5.96
- Per serving: $0.99

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http://recipefinder.nal.usda.gov/
Stir Fry Vegetables and Beef

Yield: 4 servings  
Serving size: 2 ounces of beef, 1 cup of cooked vegetables  
Cook time: 30 minutes

Ingredients

- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/8 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon soy sauce
- 1/3 cup water
- 1 cup carrot (sliced)
- 2 cups broccoli
- 1 bell pepper (chopped)
- 1 onion (chopped)
- 1 package fresh mushrooms (sliced)
- 2 tablespoons oil
- 8 ounces sliced beef

Instructions

1. Wash hands and any cooking surface.

2. Mix spices, soy sauce and water; set aside.


4. Heat oil in large frying pan and add meat when oil is hot; stir until brown.

5. Push meat to the side and in the middle of the pan add carrots, onions and peppers. Cook them for one minute. Add mushrooms and broccoli. Cook until they are tender.

6. Add liquid mixture and cook until bubbly.

7. Reduce heat, cover pan and cook for two more minutes.

8. Serve over whole wheat pasta or brown rice.

Source

Texas Cooperative Extension,  
The Texas A&M University System, Expanded Nutrition Program

Cost

Per recipe: $5.15  
Per serving: $1.29

http://recipefinder.nal.usda.gov/
Summer Fruit Salad

Yield: 4 servings
Serving size: 1/4 of recipe
Cook time: 15 minutes

Ingredients

1 cup strawberries (diced, fresh or frozen)
1 cup watermelon (cubed)
1 cup pineapple chunks, fresh or canned packed in natural juice (and do not drain)

Instructions

1. Stir fruit together in a medium sized bowl.
2. Cover and chill. Serve as soon as possible.

Notes

Refrigerate leftovers (or try freezing for a slush).

Nutrition Facts

Source

University of Nebraska, Recipe Collection, p.85
Staff from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Cooperative Extension

Cost

Per recipe: $1.36
Per serving: $0.34

http://recipefinder.nal.usda.gov/
Ten Minute Corn Chowder

Yield: 4 servings
Serving size: 1 1/4 cup

Ingredients

1 teaspoon  oil
1/2 onion (chopped)
1 teaspoon garlic (minced)
4 tablespoons flour (all purpose)
3 cups nonfat milk
2 teaspoons mustard
1/4 teaspoon thyme (dried)
2 cups corn kernels (frozen)
4 tablespoons cheddar cheese, shredded reduced fat

Instructions

1. Heat a large nonstick skillet over medium-high. Add the oil and saute the onion and garlic until golden, about 2 minutes.

2. Meanwhile, place the flour, milk, mustard and seasonings in a small bowl and mix well.

3. Add the milk mixture to the skillet followed by the corn; mix well until the mixture comes to a boil and thickens, about 3 minutes. Stir frequently to keep the mixture from burning.

4. Divide into four bowls and top each with 1 Tablespoon of shredded cheese.

Source

Food and Health Communications, Inc, Cooking Demo II, p.56

Cost

Per recipe: $2.16
Per serving: $0.54

http://recipefinder.nal.usda.gov/
Tortilla Pizzas

Yield: 6 servings  
Serving size: 1 pizza  
Cook time: 25 minutes

Ingredients

- 12 flour or corn tortillas (small)  
- vegetable oil or margarine  
- 1 can refried beans (16 ounce)  
- 1/4 cup onion (chopped)  
- 2 ounces fresh or canned green chili peppers (diced)  
- 6 tablespoons red taco sauce  
- 3 cups vegetables, such as broccoli, mushrooms, spinach, and red bell pepper (chopped)  
- 1/2 cup cheese, shredded part-skim mozzarella  
- 1/2 cup cilantro (chopped, fresh)

Instructions

1. Brush one side of each of two tortillas with water. Press the wet sides of the tortillas together to form a thick crust for the pizza.

2. Brush the outside of the tortillas with a small amount of oil or margarine. Evenly brown both sides in a heated frying pan. Repeat with the rest of the tortillas. Set aside.

3. Heat refried beans, onion, and half of the chili peppers together in a medium saucepan, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat.

4. Spread about 1/3 cup of the bean mixture on each tortilla pizza. Sprinkle with 1 Tablespoon taco sauce, then top with 1/2 cup of the chopped vegetables, 1 teaspoon chili peppers, and 1 Tablespoon cheese for each pizza.

5. Return to frying pan and heat until cheese melts. Top with cilantro, if desired. Serve immediately.

Cost

- Per recipe: $4.24  
- Per serving: $0.71

Source

California Department of Health Services, Healthy Latino Recipes Made with Love California Latino 5-A-Day Campaign

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http://recipefinder.nal.usda.gov/
Tostadas Delgadas

Yield: 8 servings
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Cook time: 17 minutes

Ingredients

- 8 flour tortillas
- 2 cups refried beans (fat-free)
- 2 cups lettuce (shredded)
- 1 cup tomatoes (diced)
- 1 cup cheese (grated)

Instructions

1. Wash hands and cooking area.
2. Turn on oven to 350°F.
3. Place tortillas on a cookie sheet and put in oven for 10 minutes or until crispy.
4. Wash and cut your lettuce and tomatoes.
5. Spread two large tablespoons of refried beans on each tortilla.
6. Top with shredded lettuce, diced tomatoes, and grated cheese.
7. Serve immediately and refrigerate leftovers.

Source

Texas Cooperative Extension, The Texas A&M University System, Expanded Nutrition Program

Cost

Per recipe: $3.90
Per serving: $0.49

http://recipefinder.nal.usda.gov/
Tropical Morning Treat

Yield: 4 servings
Serving size: 1/2 cup

Ingredients

1/4 cup orange juice
1 apple
1 orange
1 banana

Instructions

1. Place orange juice in bowl.

2. Wash apple and dry. Remove the seeds and dice. Coat apple surfaces with orange juice to prevent browning.

3. Peel orange and break into sections. Cut sections into small pieces.

4. Peel and slice banana into 1/4 inch circles.

5. Combine all fruit and orange juice lightly in a bowl and mix together. Chill or serve immediately.

Source

University of Wyoming, Cooperative Extension, Cent$ible Nutrition Cook Book, p.fv-21

Cost

Per recipe: $1.01
Per serving: $0.25
Tuna Melt Burger

Yield: 6 servings
Serving size: 1 sandwich
Cook time: 30 minutes

Ingredients

- 1 can tuna (6 ounce)
- 2 celery (medium stalks, chopped)
- 1/2 cup processed American cheese (low sodium, diced)
- 1/4 cup light mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon instant minced onion
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 12 whole wheat bread (slices)

Instructions

1. Wash hands and cooking area.

2. Preheat oven to 350°F.

3. Drain tuna and break the meat apart with a fork. Wash and chop the celery and dice the cheese.

4. Mix tuna, celery, cheese, light mayonnaise, dried onion, salt, and pepper into a medium mixing bowl with a wooden spoon.

5. Spread tuna mixture on six of the pieces of whole wheat bread and place a single slice of bread on top of each (you will make a total of 6 sandwiches).

6. Put each sandwich on a square of aluminum foil, then wrap the foil around sandwiches, folding edges securely. Bake about 20 minutes or until hot in the middle. Cool slightly before serving.

Source

Texas Cooperative Extension, The Texas A&M University System, Expanded Nutrition Program

Cost

Per recipe: $3.38
Per serving: $0.56

http://recipefinder.nal.usda.gov/
Veggie Bean Wrap

Yield: 4 servings
Serving size: 1 wrap
Cook time: 25 minutes

Ingredients

2 green or red bell pepper (seeded and chopped)
1 onion (peeled and sliced)
1 can black beans, 50% less salt (15 ounce, drained and rinsed)
2 mango (chopped)
1 lime, juiced
1/2 cup fresh cilantro (chopped)
1 avocado (peeled and diced)
4 flour tortillas, fat free (10 inch)

Instructions

1. In a nonstick pan, sauté bell peppers and onion for 5 minutes over medium heat. Add beans, stir well. Reduce heat to low and simmer about 5 minutes.

2. In a small bowl, combine mangos, lime juice, cilantro, and avocado. Reserve 1/2 mixture for topping.

3. Fill warmed tortillas with 1/4 bean mixture and 1/4 mango mixture.

4. Fold ends of the tortillas over. Roll up to make wraps. Top veggie bean wraps with remaining mango mixture.

Source

California Department of Health Services, Healthy Latino Recipes Made with Love California Latino 5-A-Day Campaign

Cost

Per recipe: $3.88
Per serving: $0.97

http://recipefinder.nal.usda.gov/
Zucchini Au Gratin

Yield: 7 servings  
Serving size: 3/4 cup  
Cook time: 20 minutes

**Ingredients**

- 4 cups zucchini (thinly sliced)  
- 1/2 cup onion (sliced)  
- 2 tablespoons water  
- 1 tablespoon margarine  
- pepper to taste  
- 3 tablespoons parmesan cheese (grated)

**Instructions**

1. Wash and slice vegetables. Place zucchini, onion, water, margarine, and pepper in a frying pan. Cover and cook over medium heat for one minute.

2. Remove cover and cook until crisp-tender, about 10 minutes.

3. Turn with large spoon to cook evenly.

4. Sprinkle with cheese; toss lightly.

5. Serve at once.

**Notes**

Can be served over rice or noodles. Green pepper can be used instead of onion. Summer squash can be used instead of zucchini.

**Source**

Michigan State University  
Cooperative Extension Service,  
Eating Right is Basic  
Nutrition Education Program

**Cost**

Per recipe: $1.73  
Per serving: $0.25