Heart Healthy Recipes

Heart Healthy Turkey Burger Recipe

INGREDIENTS

- 1 lb. ground turkey
- 1 large egg, beaten
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tbsp. freshly chopped parsley
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
- Hamburger buns, preferably whole wheat
- Lettuce
- Sliced tomatoes
- Light Mayonnaise



DIRECTIONS

- 1. In a large bowl, mix together turkey, egg, garlic, Worcestershire sauce, and parsley, then season with salt and pepper. Form mixture into four flat patties.
- 2. In a medium skillet over medium heat, heat oil. Add patties and cook until golden and cooked through, 5 minutes per side. Serve on a bun with desired toppings.

Slow-Cooker Bean and Spinach Enchiladas

Ingredients

- 1 15.5-ounce can black beans, rinsed
- 1 10-ounce package frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed of excess liquid
- 1 cup frozen corn
- ½ tsp. ground cumin
- 6 ounces sharp reduced fat Cheddar cheese, grated (2 cups)
- salt and black pepper
- 2 16-ounce jars salsa (3 ½ cups)
- 8 6-inch corn tortillas, warmed
- 1 medium head romaine lettuce, chopped (6 cups)
- 4 radishes, cut into matchsticks
- ½ cup grape tomatoes, halved
- ½ cucumber, halved and sliced
- 3 tbsp. fresh lime juice
- 2 tbsp. olive oil
- sliced scallions, for serving

Directions

- 1. In a medium bowl, mash half the beans. Add the spinach, corn, cumin, 3 oz of the Cheddar, the remaining beans, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt, and $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon pepper and mix to combine.
- 2. Spread 1 jar of the salsa in the bottom of a 4- to 6-quart slow cooker. Dividing evenly, roll up the bean mixture in the tortillas (about ½ cup each) and place the rolls seam-side down in a single layer in the slow cooker. Top with the remaining salsa and cheese.
- 3. Cover and cook until heated through, on low for 2½ to 3 hours.
- 4. Before serving, toss the lettuce, radishes, tomatoes, and cucumber in a large bowl with the lime juice, oil, and $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon each salt and pepper. Serve with the enchiladas and sprinkle with the scallions.



Lentil Soup

INGREDIENTS

- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1 medium yellow or white onion, chopped
- 2 carrots, peeled and chopped
- 4 garlic cloves, pressed or minced
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon curry powder
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 large can (28 ounces) diced tomatoes, lightly drained
- 1 cup brown or green lentils
- 4 cups low sodium vegetable broth
- 2 cups water
- Salt, to taste
- Pinch of red pepper flakes
- Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 1 cup spinach or chopped fresh collard greens or kale, tough ribs removed
- 1 to 2 tablespoons lemon juice (1/2 to 1 medium lemon), to taste

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Warm the olive oil in a large Dutch oven or pot over medium heat.
- 2. Once the oil is shimmering, add the chopped onion and carrot and cook, stirring often, until the onion has softened and is turning translucent, about 5 minutes.
- 3. Add the garlic, cumin, curry powder and thyme. Cook until fragrant while stirring constantly, about 30 seconds. Pour in the drained diced tomatoes and cook for a few more minutes, stirring often, in order to enhance their flavor.
- 4. Pour in the lentils, broth and the water. Add 1 teaspoon salt and a pinch of red pepper flakes. Season generously with freshly ground black pepper. Raise heat and bring the mixture to a boil, then partially cover the pot and reduce the heat to maintain a gentle simmer. Cook for 25 to 30 minutes, or until the lentils are tender but still hold their shape.



- 5. Transfer 2 cups of the soup to a blender. Securely fasten the lid, protect your hand from steam with a tea towel placed over the lid, and purée the soup until smooth. Pour the puréed soup back into the pot. (Or, use an immersion blender to blend a portion of the soup.)
- 6. Add the chopped greens and cook for 5 more minutes, or until the greens have softened to your liking. Remove the pot from the heat and stir in 1 tablespoon of lemon juice. Taste and season with more salt, pepper and/or lemon juice to your liking.

Salmon Patties

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons oil
- ½ cup onion finely diced
- 2 cans salmon 6 ounces each, or 2-3 cups leftover flaked salmon
- 1 cup breadcrumbs divided
- 1 teaspoon old bay seasoning
- 2 eggs
- 1 lemon juiced and zested
- 2 tablespoons fresh dill chopped
- 2 tablespoons parsley chopped
- 2 tablespoons olive oil



Instructions

- 1. Sautee onion in oil until softened, about 3-4 minutes. Cool.
- 2. In a bowl, combine drained salmon, ½ cup breadcrumbs, old bay seasoning, eggs, lemon, dill, and parsley. Add cooked onions and mix.
- 3. Refrigerate mixture 15 minutes. Remove from fridge and form salmon mixture into patties.
- 4. Place remaining ½ cup breadcrumbs in a shallow dish. Dip the salmon patties into the breadcrumbs and gently press to adhere. Place in a refrigerator for at least 20 minutes or up to 1 hour (this helps them to hold their shape).
- 5. Preheat skillet or cast iron pan over medium heat. Add olive oil to pan and cook salmon patties until golden.
- 6. Serve with tartar sauce and additional herbs if desired.