

## Hello!

I'm so happy you downloaded this cookbook! I hope you enjoy making the recipes as much as I enjoyed creating them. Cooking, eating, and feeding others are my absolute favorite things to do and I am honored to share these recipes with people who share the same interests.

This book is divided into different sections so recipes in certain categories can be easily found. I am a big time penny pincher and just like you, I'm pretty busy. Therefore, all of the recipes in this book contain ingredients that are inexpensive, easy-to-find, and simple to make.

## From my family to yours!

### Hannah



P.S. For more recipes, cooking tips, and other shenanigans, please visit my website:

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# **Abbreviations**

oz = ounce

fl oz = fluid ounce

tsp = teaspoon

tbsp = tablespoon

ml = milliliter

c = cup

pt = pint

qt = quart

gal = gallon

L = liter

# **Conversions**

$$1/2 \text{ fl oz} = 3 \text{ tsp} = 1 \text{ tbsp} = 15 \text{ ml}$$

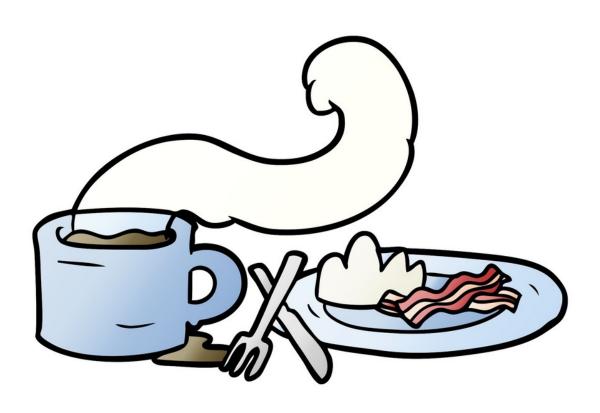
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$$2 \text{ fl oz} = 4 \text{ tbsp} = 3/4 \text{ c} = 60 \text{ ml}$$

$$4 \text{ fl oz} = 8 \text{ tbsp} = 1/2 \text{ c} = 118 \text{ ml}$$

$$8 \text{ fl oz} = 16 \text{ tbsp} = 1 \text{ c} = 236 \text{ ml}$$

# **Breakfast Recipes**



## **Blueberry Breakfast Cake**

Serves: 8-10

### What you need:

- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 cups flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 cups blueberries
- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 1 tbsp sugar

- 1. Preheat your oven to 350 degrees F.
- 2. Cream butter and sugar in a large mixing bowl until they are combined and light and fluffy.
- 3. Add the egg and vanilla extract and mix until combined.
- 4. In a small bowl, toss blueberries with 1/4 cup of flour.
- 5. In a separate bowl, whisk together the remaining flour, the baking powder and the salt.
- 6. Add the flour mixture and the butter milk to the butter/egg mixture and mix well.
- 7. Fold in the blueberries.
- 8. Grease a 9x9 baking dish with non-stick spray and pour the batter into the dish.
- 9. Sprinkle the batter with 1 tbsp of sugar.
- 10. Bake for 35-45 minutes or until a toothpick inserted comes out clean.
- 11. Let cool for 10-15 minutes before serving.

## **Cheddar Eggs and Potatoes**

Serves: 4

### What you need:

- 3 tbsp butter
- 1 1/2 lbs red potatoes, chopped
- 1/4 cup parsley, minced
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 3/4 tsp salt
- 1/8 tsp pepper
- 8 eggs
- 1/2 cup sharp cheddar cheese, shredded

- 1. Preheat your oven to 400 degrees F.
- 2. Heat butter over medium high heat in a cast iron skillet or any other oven safe skillet.
- 3. Add the potatoes to the skillet and cook until golden brown and tender, stirring frequently.
- 4. Stir in the parsley, garlic, salt, and pepper.
- 5. With a spoon, make 4 pits in the potato mixture.
- 6. Break two eggs into each pit.
- 7. Place the skillet in the oven and bake for 9-11 minutes or until egg whites are set and the yolks begin to thicken.
- 8. Sprinkle the cheese on the top.
- 9. Bake for another 2 minutes or until cheese is melted.

## **Buttermilk Pancakes**

Serves: 6-8

## What you need:

- 1 1/4 cups self-rising flour
- 2 1/2 tsp sugar
- 1 1/2 cups buttermilk
- 1 stick butter
- 1 egg, beaten
- Syrup

- 1. Grease a skillet with butter and heat over medium heat.
- 2. In a large bowl, mix the butter, sugar, and egg.
- 3. Add the buttermilk to the mixture.
- 4. Add the flour to the mixture.
- 5. Pour batter into the skillet 1/3 cup at a time.
- 6. Cook on the first side until bubbles begin to appear on the side you can see.
- 7. Flip the pancake and cook for an additional 30 seconds-1 minute.
- 8. Serve with syrup.

## **Breakfast Casserole**

Serves: 8-10

### What you need:

- 1/2 lb bacon, cooked and chopped
- 1/3 white onion, diced
- 1 red pepper, diced
- Olive oil
- 6 eggs, beaten
- 1/2 cup milk
- Salt, to taste
- 1/2 tsp pepper
- 2 cups frozen hash browns, thawed
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

- 1. Preheat your oven to 350 degrees F.
- 2. Grease a 13x9 baking dish with non-stick spray.
- 3. Heat a large skillet with olive oil over medium heat.
- 4. Add the onion and red peppers to the skillet and cook for 6 minutes.
- 5. In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs, milk, salt and pepper, pepper/onion mixture, hash browns and 1 ½ cups cheese.
- 6. Pour the mixture into the casserole dish and bake for 30 minutes.
- 7. Sprinkle the rest of the cheese on top and bake for another 10 minutes.
- 8. Remove from oven and let cool slightly before serving.

# **Smoothie Recipes**



## **Green Machine**

Serves: 1

## What you need:

- 1 cup ice
- 1/2 cup apple juice
- 1 cup cubed honey dew melon
- 2 cups spinach leaves
- 1/2 cup Greek yogurt

- 1. Add all ingredients to a blender and blend until smooth.
- 2. Enjoy.

## **Banana Chocolate Smoothie**

Serves: 1

## What you need:

- 1 banana
- 2 tbsp chocolate syrup
- 1 cup Greek yogurt
- 1 tbsp flax seed
- 1/2 cup milk

- 1. Add all ingredients to a blender and blend until smooth.
- 2. Enjoy.

## **Strawberry and Vanilla Smoothie**

Serves: 1

## What you need:

- 1 cup frozen strawberries
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 cup vanilla greek yogurt
- 1 tsp sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

- 1. Add all ingredients to a blender and blend until smooth.
- 2. Enjoy.

# **Tropical Smoothie**

Serves: 1

## What you need:

- 2 cups water
- 1 cup crushed pineapple
- 1 banana
- 1 cup spinach

- 1. Add all ingredients to a blender and blend until smooth.
- 2. Enjoy.

# **Blueberry Banana**

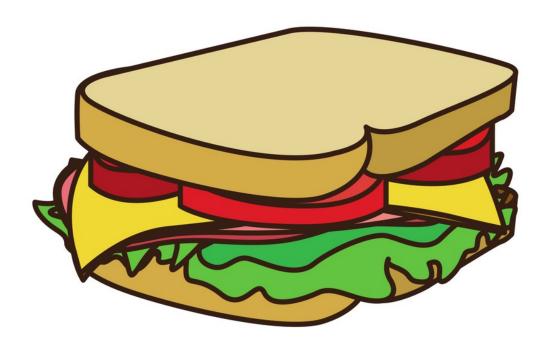
Serves: 1

## What you need:

- 2 cups water
- 1 cup blueberries
- 1 banana
- 1 1/2 cup spinach

- 1. Add all ingredients to a blender and blend until smooth.
- 2. Enjoy.

# **Sandwiches**



## **Monte Cristo**

Serves: 2

## What you need:

- 2 eggs
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 2 slices white bread (a good solid kind)
- 2 tbsp mustard
- 2 tbsp mayonnaise
- 1/2 lb thick sliced baked ham
- 1/2 oz shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 tbsp butter

- 1. Beat eggs in a shallow dish and stir in salt and pepper.
- 2. Assemble sandwiches. Spread mustard and mayonnaise on bread and place ham and cheese between the two slices.
- 3. Melt butter in a skillet over medium heat.
- 4. Dip and coat each sandwich into the egg and place in the heated skilled.
- 5. Cook on each side for 2-3 minutes or until browned and cheese is melted.

## **California Club**

Serves: 4

## What you need:

- 1 lb sliced turkey
- 8 strips bacon, cooked and cut in half
- 2 tbsp mayonnaise
- 2 tsp brown mustard
- 4 slices Swiss cheese
- Lettuce
- 4 tomato slices
- 12 slices sourdough bread

### What to do:

1. Assemble the sandwiches. Layer like this: slice of bread, mayonnaise, slice of turkey, slice of bread, mayonnaise, 2 slices bacon, slice of turkey, slice of tomato, lettuce, brown mustard, and mayonnaise.

## **Jalapeno Popper Grilled Cheese**

Serves: 3

### What you need:

- 6 jalapeno peppers
- 4 oz cream cheese, softened
- 4 green onions, chopped
- Black pepper, to taste
- 6 slices of Colby Jack cheese
- 6 slices sourdough bread
- Butter

- 2. Roast the jalapenos on a pre-heated grill or burner of a gas stove top. Char all sides.
- 3. Place the roasted jalapenos in a zip lock bag to steam for 10 minutes.
- 4. Remove jalapenos from bag and gently peel off the skin. Wear gloves!
- 5. Cut off the top of each pepper and slice down the middle of each pepper and remove the seeds and ribs.
- 6. In a small bowl, mix together the cream cheese, green onions, and black pepper.
- 7. Butter one side of each slice of bread.
- 8. Spread the cream cheese mixture on the unbuttered side of the bread.
- 9. Place jalapenos and Colby Jack cheese on the cream cheese then top with the other slice of bread, buttered side up.
- 10. Place sandwiches in a heated, sprayed skillet over medium heat and cook on each side for 2-3 minutes.

# **Salad Recipes**



## **Caesar Salad**

Serves: 4

## What you need:

- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tsp minced garlic
- 2 tsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tsp pepper
- 1/2 tsp anchovy paste
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 4 tbsp lemon juice
- 3 tbsp shredded parmesan cheese
- Romaine lettuce
- Parmesan cheese for salad topping
- Croutons

- 1. Blend all the ingredients except the last three together until smooth.
- 2. Refrigerate until chilled.
- 3. Toss with romaine lettuce.
- 4. Top with croutons and parmesan cheese.

## **Strawberry Bacon Salad**

Serves: 4-6

## What you need:

- 1/2 head romaine lettuce
- 4 cups spinach
- 1/2 cups almond slivers, toasted
- 8-10 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled
- 2 cups sliced strawberries
- Poppy seed dressing

- 1. Wash, dry, and tear up romaine lettuce and place in a large bowl.
- 2. Mix in almonds and bacon crumbles.
- 3. Add strawberries right before serving.
- 4. Serve with poppy seed dressing.

## **Chicken Chopped Salad**

Serves: 4

## What you need:

- 2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts; cooked and shredded
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp pepper
- 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- 2 roma tomatoes, diced
- 6 cups romaine lettuce, chopped
- 1/2 red onion, diced
- 1/2 cup crumbled feta
- 1 cup wonton strips
- 1 cup honey mustard dressing

- 1. In a large salad serving bowl, toss together lettuce, onion, feta, chicken, and tomatoes.
- 2. Top with wonton strips.
- 3. Serve with honey mustard.

# **Soup Recipes**



## **Potato Soup**

Serves: 4

### What you need:

- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 3 cups milk
- 2 large potatoes; baked, peeled, and somewhat mashed
- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup green onion, chopped
- Bacon, cooked and crumbled
- 2 tbsp shredded cheddar cheese

- 1. In a large saucepan over medium heat, whisk together flour and milk until smooth. Bring it to a boil and still until thickened.
- 2. Stir in the potatoes, 1/2 cup cheese, salt and pepper.
- 3. Cook over medium heat for a couple minutes, until cheese is melted.
- 4. Remove the saucepan from the heat and stir in the sour cream and half of the onions.
- 5. Cover and cook for 15 minutes over medium low heat.
- 6. Garnish with remaining cheese, onion, and bacon and serve.

## **Broccoli Cheese Soup**

Serves: 6-8

### What you need:

- 2 bunches broccoli, cut into small florets
- 1 small onion, diced
- 2 medium carrots, chopped
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 1/4 cup flour
- 2 cups half and half
- 2 cups chicken stock
- 8 oz shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/4 tsp nutmeg
- Salt and pepper, to taste

- 1. In a small saucepan over medium heat, sauté onion in 1 tbsp of butter until translucent.
- 2. In a large pot over medium heat, melt the rest of the butter then add the flour. Whisk constantly for 5 minutes.
- 3. Slowly add in half and half as you continue to whisk.
- 4. Stir in the chicken stock and let simmer for 20 minutes.
- 5. Add the broccoli florets, carrots, and sautéed onions. Let cook for another 25 minutes over low heat.
- 6. Stir in cheese until it is melted.
- 7. Add nutmeg, salt, and pepper.
- 8. Serve and enjoy!

## **Chicken Taco Soup**

Serves: 4-6

## What you need:

- 115-oz can black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 15-oz can pinto beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 15 oz-can dark red kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 15-oz rotel tomatoes
- 2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts; cooked and shredded
- 1 10-oz can cream of chicken soup
- 1 10-oz can enchilada sauce
- 1 14-oz can chicken broth
- 1 packet taco seasoning

- 1. Add all ingredients to a large pot over medium high heat and bring to a boil.
- 2. Reduce heat to low and let simmer for 30 minutes.
- 3. Serve with green onions, shredded cheese, sour cream, and corn chips.

# **Vegetable Snacks**



## **Avocado Cream Cheese Roll-Up**

Serves: 2-4

## What you need:

- 8 oz cream cheese, softened
- 1 avocado; cut in half, pitted, chopped
- 1/4 cup chopped green onion
- 6 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled
- 1/2 cup tomatoes, diced
- 1/4 cup cilantro, chopped
- 1/2 tsp cumin
- 2 tsp lime juice
- 2 large tortillas

- 1. Combine cream cheese, avocado, green onion, bacon, cilantro, cumin, and lime juice in a large bowl and mix together very well.
- 2. Spread mixture over two large tortillas and roll up.
- 3. Cut each roll into 1 inch rounds.
- 4. Refrigerate to chill then serve.

## **Roasted Chickpeas**

Serves: 4

## What you need:

- 115-oz can garbanzo beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp ground red pepper
- 1/4 tsp ground black pepper
- 1/4 tsp chili powder
- 1/4 tsp garlic powder

- 1. Preheat your oven to 400 degrees F.
- 2. Dry garbanzo beans as much as you possibly can with a paper towel.
- 3. Add the beans to a large bowl.
- 4. Add olive oil and all of the seasonings to a small bowl and mix it all together very well.
- 5. Pour the oil and seasoning mixture over the beans and stir until all the beans are well coated.
- 6. Spread the beans onto a baking sheet and bake for 30 minutes. Stir occasionally.
- 7. Remove from the oven and serve.

## **Cucumber Zingers**

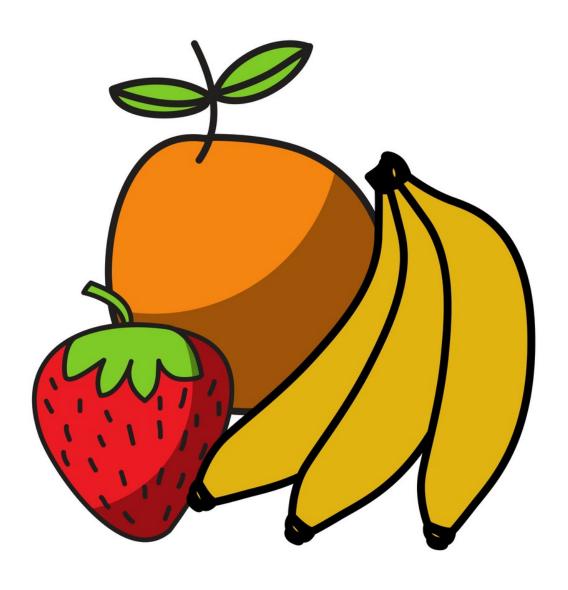
Serves: 2

## What you need:

- 1 cucumber, sliced
- 2 tbsp apple cider vinegar
- 1 tsp sea salt
- 1/2 tsp pepper

- 1. Place the cucumber slices into a bowl.
- 2. Pour the vinegar over the slices and stir around.
- 3. Season with salt and pepper.
- 4. Refrigerate until chilled and serve.

# **Fruit Snack Recipes**



# **Fruit Dip**

Serves: 6-8

## What you need:

- 8 oz cream cheese, softened
- 7 oz jar marshmallow crème
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 tbsp juice from maraschino cherry jar

- 1. Use a mixer to combine the cream cheese, marshmallow crème, and vanilla together.
- 2. Add in the cherry juice and mix some more.
- 3. Serve with fruits of choice.

## **Grape Salad**

Serves: 8-10

## What you need:

- 2 lbs seedless green grapes
- 2 lbs seedless red grapes
- 8 oz cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup sour cream
- 3 tbsp sugar
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 3 tbsp brown sugar
- 3 tbsp chopped pecans

- 1. Beat together the cream cheese and sour cream in a large mixing bowl until completely smooth.
- 2. Add sugar and vanilla to bowl and continue to mix.
- 3. Add all the grapes and toss to coat them well.
- 4. Refrigerate until chilled.
- 5. Top with brown sugar and pecans before serving.

## **Fruit Salsa and Cinnamon Chips**

Serves: 6-8

#### What you need:

- 10 10-inch flour tortillas
- Cooking spray
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 2 apples
- 1 lemon
- 2 kiwis
- 1 lb strawberries
- 1/2 lb raspberries
- 1 tbsp brown sugar
- 3 tbsp fruit preserves

- 1. Preheat your oven to 350 degrees F.
- 2. Combine the cinnamon and sugar in a bowl and set aside.
- 3. Spray both sides of each tortilla and sprinkle each side with cinnamon sugar.
- 4. Stack 3 tortillas at a time and use a pizza cutter to cut them into 12 wedges.
- 5. Place the wedges on a baking sheet and bake for 8-11 minutes or until crispy.
- 6. Zest the lemon and set aside.
- 7. Peel and chop the apple finely.
- 8. Squeeze 2 tsp of lemon juice over the chopped apples.
- 9. Finely chop strawberries and kiwis.
- 10. Gently combine apples, strawberries, kiwis, and raspberries.
- 11. Chill for 15 minutes then serve with cinnamon chips.

#### **Rainbow Fruit Kabobs**

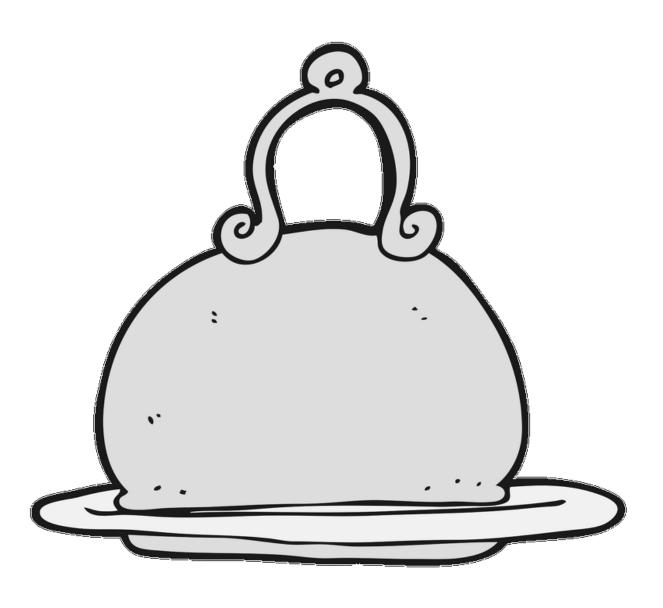
Serves: 8-10

#### What you need:

- 1 lb red grapes
- 1 pint blueberries
- 1 lb green grapes
- 1 20 oz can pineapple chunks
- 1 cantaloupe
- 1 pint strawberries
- 4 tbsp melted chocolate

- 1. Cut cantaloupe into cubes.
- 2. Stem and half the strawberries.
- 3. Place fruit on a skewer in the following order: Strawberry, cantaloupe, pineapple, green grape, 2-3 blueberries, red grape.
- 4. Repeat on different skewers until all fruit is used.
- 5. Drizzle melted chocolate over kabobs.

# **Appetizers**



#### **Cheddar Bacon Pinwheels**

Serves: 10-12

#### What you need:

- 8 oz cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 5 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled
- 1/4 tsp parsley flakes
- 1/4 tsp dill weed
- 1/4 tsp garlic powder
- 1/4 tsp onion powder
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 3 10-inch flour tortillas

- 1. Add all ingredients except for the tortillas to a large bowl and mix together with a mixer until creamy.
- 2. Spread the mixture evenly on each tortilla.
- 3. Tightly roll up tortillas and wrap in plastic wrap.
- 4. Refrigerate for an hour or two.
- 5. Before serving, remove plastic wrap and cut rolls into slices.

### **Taco Cups**

Serves: 10-12

#### What you need:

- 1 lb ground beef, browned and drained
- 1 1.25-oz package of taco seasoning mix
- 36 wonton wrappers
- 1 16-oz can refried beans
- 36 tortilla chips
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- Sour cream
- Diced tomatoes
- Cilantro
- Onion

- 1. Preheat your oven to 375 degrees F.
- 2. Spray 18 muffin cups with cooking spray.
- 3. Add taco seasoning mix to browned ground beef and set aside.
- 4. Place one wonton wrapper in the bottom of each muffin cup.
- 5. Layer 1 tbsp of refried beans on top of each wonton wrapper.
- 6. Crush 1 tortilla chip on top of the beans in each cup.
- 7. Top with 1 tbsp taco seasoning and 1 tbsp shredded cheese.
- 8. Repeat the layers again in each cup.
- 9. Bake for 20 minutes or until golden brown.
- 10. Remove the cups from the tin and top with sour cream, diced tomatoes, cilantro, and onion.
- 11. Serve.

## **Spinach Dip**

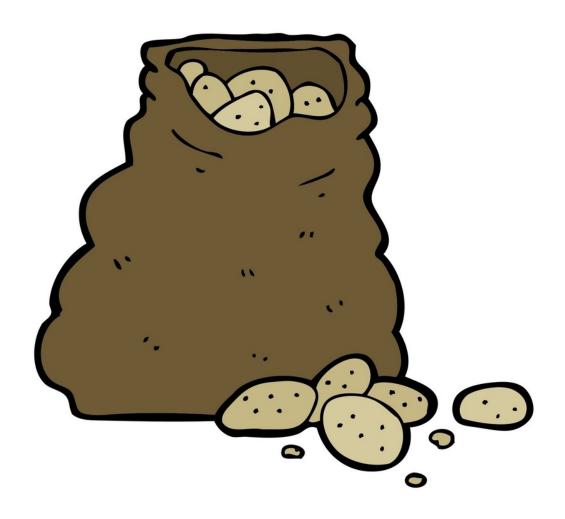
Serves: 8

#### What you need:

- 16 oz frozen chopped spinach, thawed
- 1 18-oz package onion soup mix
- 1 cup grated carrots
- 2 cups plain Greek yogurt
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 tsp ground pepper
- Sourdough or French bread for dipping

- 1. Drain all the liquid from the spinach.
- 2. Combine all the ingredients in a large bowl and stir it all together really well.
- 3. Refrigerate for a couple of hours.
- 4. Serve with sourdough or French bread.

## **Potato Side Dishes**



#### **Potato Salad**

Serves: 6-8

#### What you need:

- 4 large potatoes; washed, boiled until tender, cooled and diced
- 3 large eggs; boiled, cooled, shelled, and diced
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- Small handful of green onions, chopped
- Small handful of cilantro, chopped
- Salt and pepper, to taste

- 1. Place all ingredients into a large bowl.
- 2. Somewhat mash it all together with a potato masher.
- 3. Cover and refrigerate for an hour or until chilled.

#### **Twice Baked Potatoes**

Serves: 10-12

#### What you need:

- 6 baking potatoes
- 2 cups cheddar cheese
- 2 cups sour cream
- 6 slices bacon; cooked and chopped
- Salt and pepper to taste

- 1. Pierce each potato with a fork several times.
- 2. Bake potatoes at 400 degrees F for an hour or until tender.
- 3. Let the potatoes cool for 15 minutes.
- 4. Cut the potatoes in half and spoon potato out of the skin into a medium bowl. Set the skins aside.
- 5. Add the sour cream, chopped bacon, salt and pepper, and half of the cheddar cheese to the bowl with the potatoes. Mix it all together well.
- 6. Spoon the mixture back into the potato skins.
- 7. Sprinkle the potatoes with the rest of the cheddar cheese.
- 8. Bake at 400 degrees F for 20 minutes.

### **Loaded Baked Potato Casserole**

Serves: 4

#### What you need:

- 2 cups mashed potatoes, fresh or instant
- 2 oz real bacon bits
- 4 oz cream cheese, softened
- 6 oz shredded cheddar cheese
- Sour cream
- Chives

- 1. Preheat your oven to 375 degrees F.
- 2. In a large bowl, mix cream cheese and mashed potatoes with a mixer.
- 3. Stir the bacon bits into the potatoes.
- 4. Spread mashed potato mixture into a square baking dish.
- 5. Sprinkle cheddar cheese onto the potatoes.
- 6. Bake for 20 minutes.
- 7. Remove from the oven and serve with sour cream and chives.

# **Vegetable Side Dishes**



## **Parmesan Garlic Asparagus**

Serves: 3-5

#### What you need:

- 3 tbsp butter
- 2 tbsp garlic, minced
- 1 bunch asparagus, ends removed
- 1 tsp salt
- 4 tbsp parmesan cheese, grated

- 1. Heat butter over medium heat in a large skillet.
- 2. Sauté the garlic in the butter for 2 minutes.
- 3. Add the asparagus to the skillet and toss around to coat it well with butter and garlic.
- 4. Sprinkle salt on the asparagus.
- 5. Cover the skillet and let it cook for 10 minutes. Flip and stir the asparagus every couple of minutes.
- 6. Remove from heat and transfer to a serving dish.
- 7. Sprinkle parmesan cheese on top and serve.

### **Brussels Sprout Gratin**

Serves: 4-6

#### What you need:

- 1 1/2 lbs Brussels sprouts
- 3 tbsp butter
- 2 tbsp flour
- 1 1/4 cup milk
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- Freshly grated nutmeg
- 1 cup parmesan cheese, grated
- ½ cup panko bread crumbs

- 1. Bring a large pot of water to a boil and add in the Brussels sprouts to cook for 5-7 minutes.
- 2. Drain the sprouts then place them in a bowl of ice water to stop the cooking process.
- 3. Drain them again then dry them.
- 4. Cut the sprouts into quarters.
- 5. Preheat your oven to 350 degrees F.
- 6. Melt 2 tbsp of butter in a skillet over medium heat and whisk in flour.
- 7. Cook flour for a couple of minutes, stirring constantly.
- 8. Slowly add in milk, stirring constantly. Cook until thickened.
- 9. Add salt, pepper, and nutmeg.
- 10. Add parmesan cheese and stir until it is melted.
- 11. Place the sprouts in a square baking dish and pour the sauce on top of them evenly.
- 12. Sprinkle the panko crumbs on top of the sprouts and sauce.
- 13. Cut butter into small pieces and place over the panko crumbs.
- 14. Bake for 20 minutes then turn on broiler for 1-2 minutes to brown the panko crumbs.
- 15. Remove from the oven and serve.

## **Cheesy Basil Veggies**

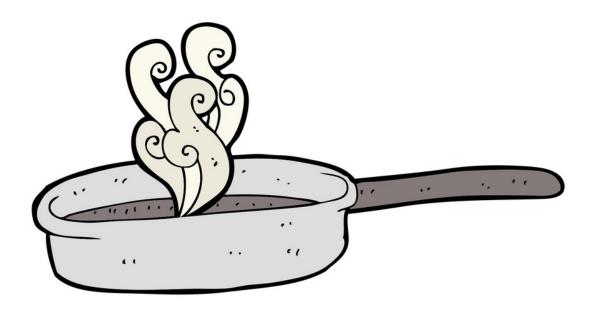
Serves: 6-8

#### What you need:

- 2 medium carrots; peeled and sliced
- 2 small zucchini, sliced
- 2 small yellow squash, sliced
- 1/4 cup fresh basil, chopped
- 1 tsp garlic, minced
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese, divided
- 3/4 cup shredded parmesan cheese, divided
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- Salt and pepper, to taste

- 1. Preheat your oven to 350 degrees F.
- 2. Add all the vegetables to a large bowl with ¾ cup mozzarella, ½ cup parmesan, basil, garlic, salt and pepper.
- 3. Pour olive oil over vegetables and stir everything together to mix and coat everything well.
- 4. Pour mixture into a square baking dish.
- 5. Top with the remaining cheese.
- 6. Bake for 20-30 minutes or until the vegetables are tender.
- 7. Remove from the oven and serve.

## **Other Side Dishes**



#### **Corn Bread**

Serves: 6-8

#### What you need:

- 2/3 cup butter
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 2/3 cups milk
- 2 1/3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup corn meal
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tbsp butter

- 1. Preheat your oven to 400 degrees F.
- 2. Cream together the butter and the sugar in a large bowl.
- 3. In a small bowl, combine the eggs and the milk.
- 4. In another bowl, mix together the flour, corn meal, baking powder and salt.
- 5. Pour everything into the bowl with the butter and sugar and mix until combined.
- 6. Pour batter into a greased 13x9 pan.
- 7. Bake for 25 minutes.
- 8. Remove from the oven and spread butter on top.

### **Lemon-Garlic Rice**

Serves: 2

#### What you need:

- 1/2 cup vegetable stock
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 cup long-grain rice
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 sprig parsley, chopped
- Juice from 1/4 of a lemon

- 1. In a medium saucepan bring the vegetable stock and water to a boil over high heat.
- 2. Stir in rice and reduce heat to low.
- 3. Cover the pan and let it simmer to 20 minutes.
- 4. Remove the saucepan from the heat and let stand for 5 minutes.
- 5. Add garlic, parsley, and lemon juice to the rice.
- 6. Fluff the rice with a fork before serving.

#### **Baked Macaroni and Cheese**

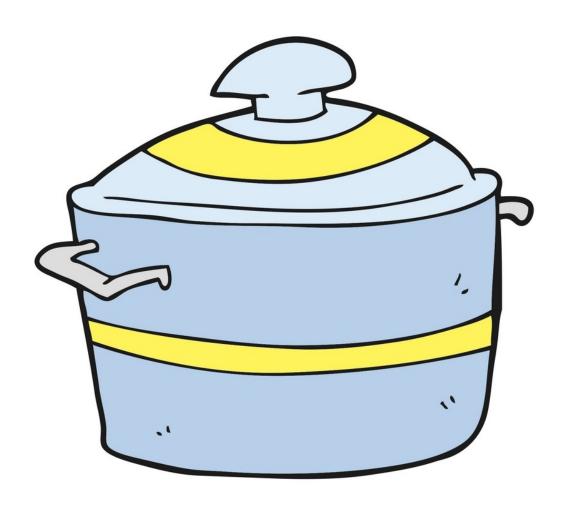
Serves: 6-8

#### What you need:

- 1 1/2 cups macaroni
- 3 tbsp butter
- 3 tbsp all-purpose flour
- 2 cups milk
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp pepper
- 2 cups of shredded cheddar cheese

- 1. Preheat your oven to 350 degrees F.
- 2. Bring a pot of water to a boil and add salt.
- 3. Add the pasta to the boiling water and boil for however long the package directs.
- 4. Melt butter in a large skillet over medium heat.
- 5. Add flour to skillet and whisk to remove and lumps.
- 6. Add salt and pepper to the skillet.
- 7. Stir the cheese into the skillet and stir until everything is smooth and cheese is melted.
- 8. When pasta is ready, drain it and add it to the skillet.
- 9. Stir everything together really well.
- 10. Pour mixture into a square baking dish.
- 11. Bake for 45 minutes.
- 12. Remove from oven and serve.

## **Casseroles**



#### **Taco Casserole**

Serves: 4-6

#### What you need:

- 2 cups of shredded fiesta blend cheese
- 1 lb ground beef, cooked and drained
- 4 oz cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 tsp cumin
- 1/2 tsp pepper
- 2 tsp chili powder
- 12 oz of taco sauce
- 2 cups shell pasta, cooked

- 1. Preheat your oven to 350 degrees F.
- 2. In a large mixing bowl, combine all ingredients, except for ½ cup of the cheese.
- 3. Pour the mixture into a medium sized baking dish.
- 4. Bake for 20 minutes.
- 5. Add the rest of the cheese to the top of the casserole and bake for another 3-5 minutes.
- 6. Remove from the oven and serve.

## **Cheesy Chicken Casserole**

Serves: 8-10

#### What you need:

- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 cup light sour cream
- 2 cups cook chicken, shredded
- 12 oz bag of egg noodles, cooked
- Salt, to taste
- 1/4 tsp ground black pepper
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 15 Ritz crackers, crushed
- 2 tbsp butter, melted

- 1. Preheat your oven to 400 degrees F.
- 2. In a large bowl, combine soup, sour cream, milk, salt, pepper, chicken, and egg noodles.
- 3. Spread the mixture into a medium sized casserole dish.
- 4. Sprinkle crushed crackers on the top of the mixture and drizzle butter over the crackers.
- 5. Cook for 25 minutes.
- 6. Add cheese on top of the casserole and cook for an additional 3-5 minutes.
- 7. Remove from the oven and serve.

#### **Broccoli and Cheese Casserole**

Serves: 8-10

#### What you need:

- 1 lb cooked broccoli in small pieces
- 2 cups shredded chicken
- 1 tbsp butter
- 2 tbsp bread crumbs
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/3 cup milk
- 1 can cream of broccoli soup
- ½ tsp of pepper
- ¼ tsp of salt

- 1. Preheat your oven to 425 degrees F.
- 2. Place broccoli in a 13x9 casserole dish.
- 3. Layer chicken on top of the broccoli.
- 4. In a large bowl, mix cream of broccoli soup, milk, salt, and pepper.
- 5. Place mixture from step 4 on top of the chicken.
- 6. Sprinkle cheese on top of the soup mixture.
- 7. Melt the butter and mix it and the bread crumbs together then sprinkle this mixture on top of the cheese.
- 8. Bake the casserole for 20-25 minutes.
- 9. Remove from the oven and enjoy.

# **Vegetarian Entrees**



## **Feta Spinach Wraps**

Serves: 4

#### What you need:

- 2 avocados
- 1 tsp lime juice
- 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 4 8-inch tortillas
- 4 cups spinach leaves
- 1 cup sliced mushrooms
- 1/4 cup feta, crumbled
- 4 tbsp salsa

- 1. Slice the avocados around the middle and remove the seeds.
- 2. Scoop out the avocado into a bowl and discard the skins.
- 3. Add lime juice, salt, and garlic powder to the avocado and mix well.
- 4. Spread 1/4 of the avocado mixture on each tortilla.
- 5. Layer 1 cup of spinach, 1/4 cup mushrooms, a sprinkle of feta, and 1 tbsp of salsa on each tortilla.
- 6. Roll up the tortilla, cut in half, and serve.

### **Black Bean and Corn Quesadillas**

Serves: 8

#### What you need:

- 8 burrito tortillas
- 15 oz can black beans, drained and rinsed well
- 1 1/2 cups frozen corn
- 1/2 red onion, chopped
- 1 packet taco seasoning
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- Sour cream
- Salsa

- 1. In a large mixing bowl, combine black beans, corn, onion, taco seasoning, and cheese until well mixed.
- 2. Place ½ cup of the filling onto one half of a tortilla and fold over.
- 3. Spray a skillet with non-stick spray and heat to medium.
- 4. Place quesadillas into skillet one at a time, cooking on each side 3-4 minutes.
- 5. Cut into triangles and serve with salsa and sour cream.

## **Spaghetti Squash Bake**

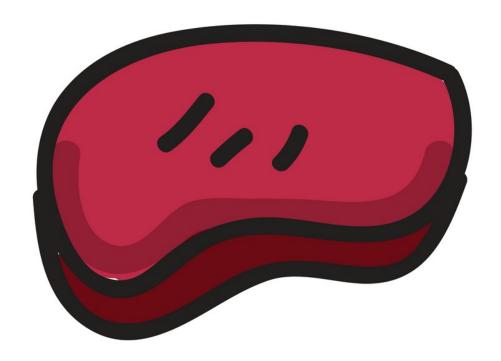
Serves: 6-8

#### What you need:

- 3 cups cooked spaghetti squash
- 3 large tomatoes, sliced
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 1/4 tsp garlic powder
- 1/4 tsp onion powder
- 1/4 tsp dried basil
- 1/4 tsp dried parsley
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

- 1. Preheat your oven to 350 degrees F.
- 2. Spray a 13x9 baking dish with non-stick spray.
- 3. Mix the salt, pepper, and all the seasonings in a small bowl.
- 4. Spread 1 cup spaghetti squash in the bottom of the dish.
- 5. Top squash with a layer of tomatoes and sprinkle with seasoning mixture.
- 6. Add 1/3 cup of the cheese.
- 7. Add another layer of squash, tomatoes, and seasonings.
- 8. Repeat layers one more time.
- 9. Bake for 30 minutes uncovered.
- 10. Cut into squares and serve.

## **Beef Entrees**



#### **Roast Beef**

Serves: 6-8

#### What you need:

- 1 chuck roast
- 1 packet ranch dressing mix
- 1 packet au jus mix
- 5-7 whole pepperoncini peppers
- 1 stick butter

- 1. Put the chuck roast in a crock pot.
- 2. Sprinkle ranch seasoning and au jus mix over the roast.
- 3. Put a stick of butter on top of the mixes.
- 4. Put 5-7 peppers on top of or around the roast.
- 5. Cook in the crock pot on low for 8 hours.

## **Beef Stroganoff**

Serves: 6

#### What you need:

- 8 oz cream cheese, softened
- 2 cans cream of mushroom soup
- 4 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1 cup milk
- 1 tsp garlic salt
- 1 lb beef stew meat
- 1 large onion, diced
- 1 pack of egg noodles

- 1. Place chopped onion, garlic salt, and stew meat in a skillet with a little bit of oil and cook over medium heat. Cook for 5-6 minutes, until onions are translucent.
- 2. In a microwave safe bowl, stir together mushroom soup, milk, Worcestershire sauce, and cream cheese. Microwave for a few seconds to make mixing easier.
- 3. Put sauce mixture and meat mixture into your crock pot and cook on low for 4-6 hours, stirring occasionally.
- 4. Just before finished, cook noodles according to package directions.
- 5. Drain the noodles and stir them into the crockpot.
- 6. Cook for an additional 5-10 minutes then serve.

### **Baked Tacos**

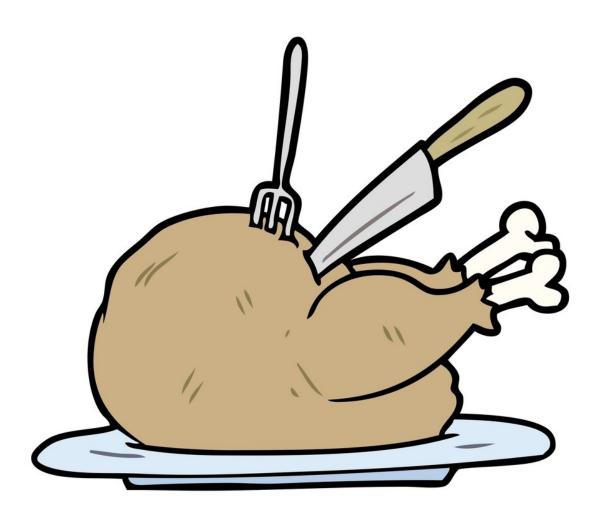
Serves: 4-8

#### What you need:

- 2 lbs ground beef
- 8 oz tomato sauce
- 1 package taco seasoning
- 1 1/2 cups shredded cheese
- 18-20 hard taco shells
- Lettuce, sour cream, salsa

- 1. Preheat your oven to 400 degrees F.
- 2. Brown ground beef and drain off any fat.
- 3. Add tomato sauce and taco seasoning to the ground beef.
- 4. Line the taco shells in a 13x9 baking pan.
- 5. Spoon the mixture into each of the shells.
- 6. Sprinkle cheese on top of tacos.
- 7. Bake for 10-12 minutes.
- 8. Serve with lettuce, sour cream, and salsa.

## **Chicken Entrees**



#### **Chicken Enchiladas**

Serves: 4-6

#### What you need:

- 3 boneless, skinless chicken breasts; chopped
- 1 onion, diced
- 1 red bell pepper, diced
- 18 oz package shredded fiesta cheese
- 1 large can diced green chilies
- 1 large can red enchilada sauce
- 2 cups shredded lettuce
- 2 avocados, diced
- 2 cups cherry tomatoes, sliced
- Sour cream
- 6 soft taco flour tortillas
- Salt and pepper, to taste

- 1. Preheat your oven to 350 degrees F.
- 2. Heat a large saucepan over medium high heat and spray with non-stick cooking spray.
- 3. Add chicken, bell pepper, onion, salt and pepper to the pan and cook the chicken until it is no longer pink. Stir every few minutes.
- 4. Spray a 13x9 baking pan with non-stick spray.
- 5. Fill each tortilla with chicken mixture, green chilies and shredded cheese. Reserve ½ a cup of cheese to put on top.
- 6. Roll each shell and place it in the baking pan folded side down.
- 7. Pour enchilada sauce over the enchiladas and top with the remaining cheese.
- 8. Cover with tin foil and bake for 30 minutes.
- 9. Remove the enchiladas from the oven.
- 10. Serve with lettuce, avocado, tomatoes, and sour cream.

### **Chicken and Cheesy Rice Skillet Dinner**

Serves: 4-6

#### What you need:

- 1/2 lb bacon; cooked and crumbled (reserve 2 tbsp grease)
- 4 tbsp butter
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp ground black pepper
- 1 1/2 cups chicken broth
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 tbsp hot sauce
- 2 cups cooked chicken, shredded
- 4 cups steamed white rice
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

- 1. Heat butter in a medium saucepan over medium heat.
- 2. Whisk in flour and pepper until smooth.
- 3. Slowly whisk in the chicken broth and whisk until thickened.
- 4. Reduce heat to low and stir in 1 cup of cheese.
- 5. Stir in hot sauce and reduce heat to a simmer.
- 6. Place 2 tbsp bacon grease in a cast iron skillet and heat over medium heat.
- 7. Stir the cook rice into the bacon grease.
- 8. Add chicken and cheese/chicken broth mixture and stir to combine.
- 9. Add 1 cup of cheese to the top.
- 10. Add crumbled bacon on top of the cheese.
- 11. Place under the broiler for 3-5 minutes or until cheese is melted.

## **Easy Chicken Parmesan**

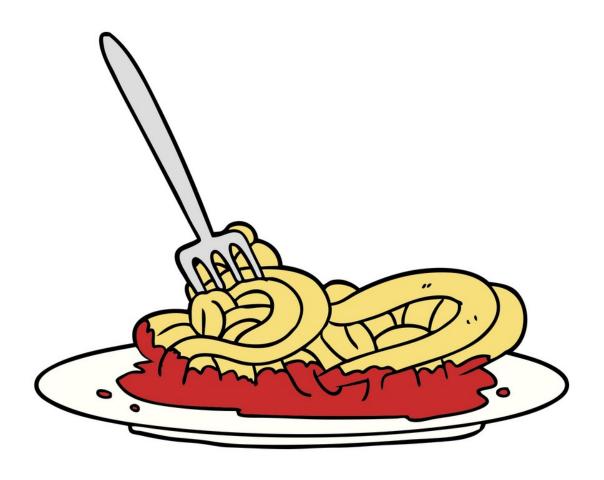
Serves: 4

#### What you need:

- 4 skinless boneless chicken breasts
- 1 large egg, beaten
- 1/2 cup Italian breadcrumbs
- 2 cups spaghetti sauce
- 1/2 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley

- 1. Using a meat mallet or a rolling pin, flatten chicken breasts to ¼ inch thick.
- 2. Dip chicken breasts in the egg and cover with breadcrumbs.
- 3. Heat a skillet sprayed with non-stick spray over medium-high heat.
- 4. Cook chicken until browned on both sides.
- 5. Spoon spaghetti sauce over chicken while it's still in the skillet.
- 6. Let the spaghetti sauce begin to boil and reduce heat to low and let simmer for 10 minutes.
- 7. Sprinkle cheese and parsley over the top of each piece of chicken, cover, and let simmer for 3-4 minutes or until cheese is melted.
- 8. Serve immediately.

## **Pasta Entrees**



## **Chicken Spaghetti**

Serves: 4-6

#### What you need:

- 1 lb boneless, skinless chicken breasts; cooked and shredded
- 1 lb velveeta cheese
- 1 can rotel tomatoes
- 1 lb spaghetti noodles
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1 stick butter
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 bell pepper, chopped

- 1. Boil spaghetti noodles according to package directions, but substitute some of the water with 2 cups of chicken broth.
- 2. Drain pasta and set aside.
- 3. Melt butter in the same pot you boiled the chicken in and sauté the onion and bell pepper.
- 4. Add the rotel tomatoes, cream of chicken soup, cream of mushroom soup, shredded chicken, and spaghetti noodles to the onions and peppers and gently mix together.
- 5. Add cheese and mix well.
- 6. Add salt and pepper to taste.
- 7. Heat until cheese is melted. Make sure to stir often so the bottom doesn't burn.
- 8. Remove from heat and serve.

## **Spaghetti and Meatballs**

Serves: 6-8

#### What you need:

- 2 30-oz jars spaghetti sauce
- 2 lbs lean ground beef
- 2 eggs
- 3/4 cups dry breadcrumbs
- 1/4 cup parsley, chopped
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/4 cup parmesan cheese
- 1 lb spaghetti noodles, cooked and drained

- 1. Pour the sauce in a medium saucepan and heat over medium.
- 2. In a large bowl, mix together the ground beef, eggs, breadcrumbs, parsley, garlic, salt, and parmesan cheese.
- 3. Shape meat mixture into 18 meatballs.
- 4. Place meatballs in the sauce. Cover and cook for 35-45 minutes.
- 5. Serve sauce and meatballs over warm spaghetti noodles.

### Lasagna

Serves: 6-8

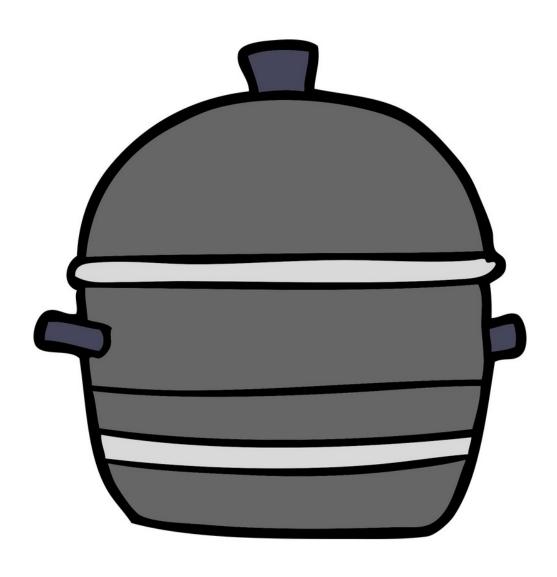
#### What you need:

- 1 tbsp vegetable oil
- 4 tsp minced garlic
- 2 tbsp basil
- 1 1/2 tsp salt
- Pepper, to taste
- 6 cups tomato sauce
- 1 lb ground beef
- 1 lb ground pork
- 1 16-oz container sour cream
- 2 cups cottage cheese
- 1 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1 package no boil lasagna noodles
- 1/2 cup parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup mozzarella cheese

- 1. Preheat your oven to 350.
- 2. Heat vegetable oil over medium heat in a large saucepan.
- 3. Add garlic and sauté for 2-3 minutes.
- 4. Stir in the basil, salt, pepper, and tomato sauce. Simmer for 10 minutes then turn heat to low and continue to simmer.
- 5. In another saucepan, brown ground beef and pork.
- 6. Drain the meat and add to the sauce mixture and continue to simmer.
- 7. In a bowl, combine parmesan cheese, cottage cheese, and sour cream.
- 8. In a 13x9 pan, spread 1 cup of sauce on the bottom then layer with lasagna noodles and spread another cup of sauce on top of noodles.
- 9. Add a layer of mozzarella cheese.
- 10. Add half the sour cream mixture.

- 11. Add another layer of noodles then another cup of sauce.
- 12. Add a layer of mozzarella cheese then the rest of the sour cream mixture.
- 13. Add one more layer of noodles and the last of the sauce.
- 14. Add parmesan and mozzarella to the top and bake for 25-30 minutes.

# **Crock Pot Recipes**



## **Chicken and Dumplings**

Serves: 4-6

#### What you need:

- 3 skinless, boneless chicken breasts
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 can cream of celery soup
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 5 canned buttermilk biscuits
- Salt and pepper, to taste

- 1. Put the chicken in the crock pot and sprinkle with salt and pepper. I like to use lots of pepper in chicken and dumplings.
- 2. Add onions, soups, and broth to the crock pot.
- 3. Cover and cook on high for 3-4 hours.
- 4. After 3-4 hours, use a 2 forks to shred the chicken.
- 5. Flatten the biscuits and cut them into strips.
- 6. Drop the biscuit strips into the crock pot and cook for another 30 minutes on high.
- 7. Serve.

#### **White Beans and Ham**

Serves: 4-6

#### What you need:

- 1 lb dried northern beans
- 1 lb diced ham
- 2 tsp onion powder
- 6 cups water
- Salt and pepper, to taste

- 1. Rinse and sort the beans.
- 2. Add the beans, onion powder, salt, pepper, and ham to the crock pot.
- 3. Add the water.
- 4. Cover and cook on low for 8 hours or until beans are tender.
- 5. Serve. I always make cornbread with this.

#### **Smothered Beef Burritos**

Serves: 5-7

#### What you need:

- 2 lbs stew meat
- 1 large can enchilada sauce
- 2 beef bouillon cubes
- 1 can refried beans
- 5-7 burrito size flour tortillas
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

- 1. Put stew meat, bouillon cubes, and enchilada sauce into a crockpot and cook on low for 6-8 hours or until meat is tender. Or cook on high for 3-4 hours.
- 2. Heat the beans in the microwave for 1 minute in a microwave safe bowl.
- 3. Heat tortillas in the microwave.
- 4. Place 1/2 cup of meat on each tortilla, followed by a spoonful of beans, and cheese.
- 5. Roll up the burrito and serve.

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Hello! My is Hannah Abedikichi and I adore food. I began creating <u>recipe books</u> in 2014 as a hobby. I never ever dreamed it would turn into this.

The only thing I love more than food is PEOPLE. I am a mother to two beautiful babies and a wife to an amazing man, so I've got plenty of mouths to feed at home. In fact, cooking for my family is one of my greatest sources of joy. I enjoy meals that are simple, healthy, and delicious, and I've found that creating wholesome recipes helps me grow as a wife and mother.

Though I mentioned I'm a fan of healthy cooking, I'll admit that there is a time and place for everything – and often, the time and place for cake is here and now. It's all about achieving a sense of balance. Ultimately, my goal is to share simple, delicious recipes for REAL PEOPLE.

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