

Appetizers & Savoury Snacks



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Spicy, Salty and Sweet Roasted Chickpea Mix

Ingredients

3 can (15oz)	Chickpeas, canned, drained
2 tbsp	Extra virgin olive oil
2 tsp	Chili powder
1 tbsp	Liquid aminos
1/2 tbsp	Honey, raw
1 tbsp	Sesame seeds
2 tsp	Maple syrup, pure

Instructions

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
- 2. Drain and rinse chickpeas. Take one third of the chickpeas and place into bowl. Add 1 tbsp olive oil and 2 tsp chili powder. Mix until well coated and then spread onto half of a parchment lined cookie sheet.
- 3. Take another third of the chickpeas and place into a second bowl. Add 1 tbsp olive oil, 1 tbsp liquid aminos and $\frac{1}{2}$ tbsp honey. Mix until well coated and then spread onto the empty half of the cookie sheet.
- 4. Sprinkle these chickpeas generously with sesame seeds.
- 5. Bake in the oven for 38-40 minutes, stirring the chickpeas every 10 minutes to ensure even roasting.
- 6. In a bowl, mix the final third of the chickpeas and 2 tsp maple syrup.
- 7. Remove other two batches of chickpeas once crunchy and allow to cool. About 25 minutes total.
- 8. Mix cooled chickpeas together and enjoy!

Notes:

Chickpeas

are a great source of protein and fibre!

Nutrition Facts Per Portion		
Calories Calories from fat Calories from saturated fat	449 116 13.1	
Total Fat Saturated Fat Trans Fat Polyunsaturated Fat Monounsaturated Fat Cholesterol Sodium Potassium Total Carbohydrate Dietary Fiber Sugars Protein	12.9 g 1.5 g 0.0 g 3.5 g 5.6 g 0 798 mg 314 mg 64 g 16.7 g 13.6 g 18.9 g	

Meat Alternative 1.5 Vegetables 2.0

Energy sources

Carbohydrates	57%
Fat	26%
Protein	17%

Recipe from:BEYourWELLSelf



Roasted Red Pepper Hummus

Ingredients

2 can (15oz)	Chickpeas, canned, drained (rinsed)
1 cup	Roasted red peppers, canned
1/3 cup	Extra virgin olive oil (as needed)
2 tsp	Garlic powder
2 tsp	Onion powder
1 tsp	Black pepper
1 whole lemon(s)	Lemon juice

Nutrition Facts		
Per Portion		
Calories Calories from fat Calories from saturated fat	243 105 13.3	
Total Fat Saturated Fat Trans Fat Polyunsaturated Fat Monounsaturated Fat Cholesterol Sodium Potassium Total Carbohydrate Dietary Fiber Sugars Protein	11.7 g 1.5 g 0.0 g 2.0 g 7.1 g 0 466 mg 164 mg 26.5 g 7.2 g 4.4 g 7.9 g	

Instructions

- 1. Blend all ingredients together until smooth.
- 2. Serve with chopped vegetables celery, carrots, cucumber or cherry tomatoes.

Dietary servings Per Portion

Meat Alternative 0.6 Vegetables 1.1

Energy sources

Carbohydrates 44% Fat 43% Protein 13%

Recipe from:The Nutritionist Reviews



Red Pepper Dip

Ingredients

1/2 cup chopped	Red bell pepper
1/4 cup	Lemon juice
3 tbsp	Dill, fresh
1/2 tbsp	Nutritional yeast
2 clove(s)	Garlic
1/4 tsp	Sea salt
3 cup	Cashew nuts, raw (soaked at least 30 minutes, drained and rinsed)
1/2 cup	Water

Instructions

- 1. In a food processor, process red pepper, lemon juice, dill, nutritional yeast, garlic, salt and cashew nuts until combined.
- 2. Add water slowly until mixture becomes smooth.
- 3. Serve immediately or store in an airtight container in the fridge for up to 4 days.
- 4. Dip can be eaten on almond crackers, manna bread or with collard wraps or with an assortment of vegetables.

Notes:

Vegetables you can use to dip:

Bell Peppers

Carrots

Cherry Tomates

Celery

Cucumber

Red Peppers

are a great source of vitamin C

Nutrition Facts Per Portion		
Calories	201	
Calories from fat	129	
Calories from saturated fat	22.8	
Total Fat Saturated Fat Trans Fat Polyunsaturated Fat Monounsaturated Fat Cholesterol Sodium Potassium Total Carbohydrate Dietary Fiber Sugars Protein	14.3 g 2.5 g 0 2.6 g 7.8 g 0 54 mg 243 mg 11.8 g 1.3 g 2.4 g 6.3 g	

Meat Alternative 1.1

Energy sources

Carbohydrates	23%
Fat	64%
Protein	13%

Recipe from:14-Day Raw-Food Meal Plan by Karen Gilman



Cucumber Feta Rolls

A delicious snack option that will please the whole family!

Ingredients

1 dash

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2 cucumber(s	Cucumber)
1/4 cup, crumbled	Feta cheese
3 tbsp	Greek yogurt, plain, 2% M.F.
2 1/2 tbsp	Sun-dried tomatoes (2 1/2 - 3 1/2 tbsp finely diced or can use bell pepper)
8 olive(s)	Kalamata olives (8-12, pitted, roughly chopped)
1 tbsp	Dill, fresh (roughly chopped or can use oregano)
2 tsp	Lemon juice

Black pepper (or to taste)

Instructions

- 1. Thinly slice the cucumbers lengthwise on a mandoline at a 2mm thick setting. Alternatively, you can use a vegetable peeler if you do not have a mandoline.
- 2. Lay the cucumbers on top of a paper towel-lined cutting board while you prepare the filling.
- 3. Add the feta and yogurt to a medium bowl. Mash to combine using a fork. Add the bell pepper or sun-dried tomatoes, olives, dill, lemon, and pepper to the bowl. Stir well to combine. In a bowl, mash the feta using a fork.
- 4. Place 1 2 teaspoons of the mixture at one end of a cucumber strip and roll-up. Secure with a toothpick. Repeat with remaining strips. If not serving immediately, chill until ready to serve.

Nutrition Fac Per Portion	ts
Calories Calories from fat Calories from saturated fat	16.9 6.7 3.3
Total Fat Saturated Fat Trans Fat Polyunsaturated Fat Monounsaturated Fat Cholesterol Sodium Potassium Total Carbohydrate Dietary Fiber Sugars Protein	0.7 g 0.4 g 0.0 g 0.3 g 1.9 mg 63 mg 65 mg 1.8 g 0.4 g 0.8 g

Vegetables 0.6

Energy sources

Carbohydrates	42%
Fat	40%
Protein	19%

Recipe from:Good Life Eats



Gluten Free Quinoa Pizza Bites

Ingredients

Quinoa, cooked 1 cup

3 large egg Egg

1 cup, shredded Mozzarella cheese, partially skimmed

1/3 cup Pepperoni (cut into small pieces)

slices

1/4 tsp Salt

Nutrition Facts Per Portion		
Calories Calories from fat Calories from saturated fat	51 27.1 11.3	
Total Fat Saturated Fat Trans Fat Polyunsaturated Fat Monounsaturated Fat Cholesterol Sodium Potassium Total Carbohydrate Dietary Fiber Sugars Protein	3.0 g 1.3 g 0.0 g 0.3 g 1.0 g 38 mg 119 mg 39 mg 2.5 g 0.3 g 0.1 g 3.5 g	

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Spray 18 mini muffin tins with nonstick spray. Set aside.

Combine all ingredients and transfer to mini muffin tins.

Bake for 25-30 minutes or until browned.

Immediately transfer to cooling rack.

Serve with pizza sauce.

Dietary servings Per Portion

Grain 0.2 Milk Alternative 0.1

Energy sources

Carbohydrates	19%
Fat	53%
Protein	28%

Recipe from: Wonky Wonderful



Quinoa Buffalo Bites

Ingredients

Quinoa, cooked 1 cup

2 large egg Egg

1/4 cup Carrots

grated

Celery (finely diced) 1/4 cup

diced

Buffalo Sauce 3 tbsp

1/4 cup

shredded

Cheddar cheese, reduced fat (18%)

1 pinch Salt

1/2 cup Greek yogurt, plain, fat-free (for blue

cheese dip)

2 tbsp Roquefort (blue) cheese (crumbled, for

blue cheese dip)

Instructions

To Prepare Quinoa Bites: Preheat oven to 350°F.

Spray 12 mini muffin tins with nonstick spray. Set aside.

Combine all ingredients and transfer to mini muffin tins. Bake for 30-35 minutes.

Immediately transfer to cooling rack.

To Prepare Blue Cheese Dip

Combine Greek yogurt and blue cheese. Stir vigorously to incorporate.

Nutrition Facts

Per Portion

Calories	57
Calories from fat	24.9
Calories from saturated fat	7.7
Total Fat	2.8 g
Saturated Fat	0.9 g
Trans Fat	0.0 g
Polyunsaturated Fat	0.3 g
Monounsaturated Fat	0.7 g
Cholesterol	37 mg
Sodium	218 mg
Potassium	69 mg
Total Carbohydrate	4.3 g
Dietary Fiber	0.5 g
Sugars	0.5 g
Protein	3.8 g

Dietary servings Per Portion

Grain	0.2
Milk Alternative	0.1
Vegetables	0.1

Energy sources

Carbohydrates	30%
Fat	43%
Protein	26%

Recipe from: Wonky Wonderful, Nicole Harris



Crustless Jalapeño Mini Quiches

These Crustless Jalapeño Mini Quiches are the perfect bite-sized holiday appetizer to serve at your next gathering!

Ingredients

3 spray (about 1/3 second)	Olive oil cooking spray (for greasing the pan)
1/2 cup	Broccoli, raw (chopped)
1/2 cup	Red bell pepper (chopped)
1/4 cup	Jalapeno pepper (deseeded, chopped)
1/2 cup	Red onion (chopped)
6 large egg	Egg
2 tbsp	Partly skimmed milk, 2% M.F. (or milk of choice)
1/2 tsp	Salt
1/4 tsp	Black pepper
1/4 cup, shredded	Cheddar cheese (or cheese of choice)

Instructions

- **Step 1:** Preheat oven to 350 degrees F and grease mini muffin pan with olive oil.
- **Step 2:** Prepare all veggies by chopping as small as possible and add to a large mixing bowl.
- **Step 3:** Whisk the eggs with the milk, salt, and pepper, then add the egg mixture to the large mixing bowl with the veggies. Add the shredded cheese and stir to combine all ingredients.
- **Step 4:** Carefully pour the veggie and egg mixture into the mini muffin cups, filling a couple of millimetres from the top.
- Step 5: Bake in the oven for 25 minutes.
- **Step 6:** Let cool and serve on a large serving platter.

Notes:

Tip:

Don't like the spice? Omit the jalapeno and add herbs of your choice for additional flavor!

Nutrition Facts Per Portion	
Calories	27.9
Calories from fat	16.4
Calories from saturated fat	6.1
Total Fat Saturated Fat Trans Fat Polyunsaturated Fat Monounsaturated Fat Cholesterol Sodium Potassium Total Carbohydrate Dietary Fiber Sugars Protein	1.8 g 0.7 g 0.0 g 0.2 g 0.7 g 50 mg 75 mg 37 mg 0.9 g 0.2 g 0.5 g 2.0 g

Meat Alternative 0.1 Vegetables 0.1

Energy sources

Carbohydrates	12%
Fat	59%
Protein	29%

Recipe from:The Girl on Bloor



Zucchini Pizza Bites

A light and tasty appetizer!

Ingredients

1/4 tsp	Italian herb seasoning, McCormick
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1/4 cup	Marinara pasta sauce
1/2 cup, shredded	Mozzarella cheese, partially skimmed (or vegan cheese)
3 spray (about 1/3 second)	Olive oil cooking spray
1/4 cup slices	Pepperoni (halved, optional)
1/4 tsp	Salt and pepper
2 large	Zucchini (cut into 1/4-inch rounds)

Instructions

- 1. Spray both sides of zucchini rounds lightly with nonstick cooking spray. Sprinkle with salt and pepper.
- 2. Broil or grill the zucchini rounds (grill pan set to mediumhigh) for 2 minutes on each side.
- 3. Place cooked zucchini rounds on a large lined baking sheet. Top with small amounts of sauce, cheese and pepperoni pieces, if desired.
- 4. Broil for an additional 1-3 minutes, or until cheese is melted, careful not to burn. Sprinkle with Italian seasoning and serve warm.

Enjoy!

Nutrition Fac Per Portion	ts
Calories Calories from fat Calories from saturated fat	22.7 11.4 4.9
Total Fat Saturated Fat Trans Fat Polyunsaturated Fat Monounsaturated Fat Cholesterol Sodium Potassium Total Carbohydrate Dietary Fiber Sugars Protein	1.3 g 0.5 g 0 g 0.1 g 0.4 g 3.4 mg 74 mg 101 mg 1.4 g 0.4 g 1.0 g 1.5 g

Vegetables 0.5

Energy sources

Carbohydrates	24%
Fat	50%
Protein	26%

Recipe from:The Comfort of Cooking



Vegan Nashville Hot Cauliflower Wings
These Nashville Style Hot Cauliflower wings are flavorful, hot and Delicious! Serve with vegan ranch or other dips. These can also be added to wraps or bowls.

Ingredients

1 large head	Cauliflower (chopped into florets)	1 1/5 second	Cooking Spray, canola oil
1/3 cup	Almond milk, unsweetened (soy or cows (if not vegan) works too)	spray 1 tbsp	Butter, vegan (melted; or oil of choice)
1		•	-
1 tsp	Hot sauce	1/2 tsp	Cayenne pepper (use 1/4 tsp for less heat)
1/2 tsp	Garlic powder		,
1/2 tsp	Onion powder	1 tsp	Black pepper (use 1/2 tsp for less heat))
1/2 tsp	Salt	1 tsp	Granulated sugar (or maple syrup)
		1 tsp	Paprika (use more if omitting cayenne)
1/4 cup	All-purpose white flour (or use rice flour for gluten-free)	2 tbsp	Hot sauce
3 tbsp	Cornstarch (arrowroot and potato	1/2 tsp	Garlic powder
	starch works too)	1/2 tsp	Poultry seasoning, Trader's Choice (or
1/2 tsp	Baking powder	1/2 (3)	use sage + onion powder)
1 tsp	Canola oil (or oil of choice)	1 tbsp	Vinegar, white
		1 tbsp	Water

Instructions

Step 1: Chop the cauliflower into bite-sized florets and set aside. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Preheat the oven to 425 degrees F (220 C).

Step 2: To make the batter, whisk together the almond milk, hot sauce, garlic powder, onion powder, salt, flour, starch, baking powder, and oil. The batter will start to thicken after half a minute, so work guickly.

Step 3: Add cauliflower florets to the batter and toss well to coat. It will take a minute for the thick batter to coat the florets well. Some uncoated cauliflower edges are ok. Place the coated florets onto the parchment-lined baking sheet. Spray oil on top. (You can also sprinkle 2-3 tbsp breadcrumbs on the florets in the dish for extra crispiness).

Step 4: Bake for 25 mins (if planning to serve the homemade hot sauce on the side, omit Steps 6 & 7 and bake for 35 minutes)

Step 5: In the meantime, make the Nashville hot sauce mixture. In a large bowl, add the melted vegan butter (or oil), cayenne, black pepper, sugar (or maple syrup), paprika, hot sauce, garlic powder, poultry seasoning, vinegar, and water. You can double this sauce easily for larger cauliflower.

Step 6: Remove the baking sheet from the oven and cool for 5 mins. Add the baked cauliflower to the sauce bowl and gently toss to coat.

Step 7: Drop back onto the baking sheet and bake for 15 mins at 400 degrees F.

Step 8: Serve with cooling dips such as vegan ranch or sour cream and some pickles.

Nutrition Facts Per Portion		
Calories Calories from fat Calories from saturated fat	83 22.6 1.2	
Total Fat Saturated Fat Trans Fat Polyunsaturated Fat Monounsaturated Fat Cholesterol Sodium Potassium Total Carbohydrate Dietary Fiber Sugars Protein	2.5 g 0.1 g 0.0 g 0.3 g 0.5 g 0 371 mg 351 mg 12.5 g 2.3 g 2.6 g 2.6 g	

Dietary servings Per Portion

Grain 0.3 Vegetables 2.0

Energy sources

Carbohydrates	60%
Fat	27%
Protein	13%

Recipe from: Vegan Richa



Smoked Salmon and Cream Cheese Cucumber Bites

These simple yet fancy Smoked Salmon and Cream Cheese Cucumber Bites are the perfect crunchy, creamy finger food for any occasion!

Ingredients

2	Cucumber (English, peeled and cut into
cucumber(s	

454 gm Salmon, smoked (cut into bite sized

pieces)

227 gm Cream cheese (1 package, softened)

3 tbsp Dill, fresh (chopped)

1 tbsp Horseradish, prepared (more or less to

taste)

Instructions

Step 1: Peel cucumbers and slice them into 1" circles. Arrange on a platter as desired. Place in the refrigerator while preparing the cream cheese.

Step 2: Place cream cheese, dill, and horseradish in a large bowl. Beat until well combined (a handheld mixer really helps).

Step 3: Spread 1 teaspoon of cream cheese on top of each cucumber slice (more or less to taste), then top each slice with a bite-sized piece of smoked salmon. Insert a toothpick down the center to keep in place.

Step 4: Serve immediately, or keep in the refrigerator until needed.

Nutrition Facts Per Portion Calories 35 22.1 Calories from fat Calories from saturated fat 10.8 **Total Fat** 2.5 g Saturated Fat 1.2 g Trans Fat 0 Polyunsaturated Fat 0.2 g 0.7 g Monounsaturated Fat 8.8 mg Cholesterol Sodium 109 mg 51 mg **Potassium Total Carbohydrate** 0.8 g Dietary Fiber 0.1 gSugars 0.5 g **Protein** 2.5 g

Dietary servings Per Portion

Meat 0.2 Vegetables 0.2

Energy sources

Carbohydrates	9%
Fat	62%
Protein	28%



White Bean and Sage Dip

Ingredients

1 can (15oz)	Cannellini beans, canned (drained and rinsed)
1 can (15oz)	Navy beans, canned (drained and rinsed)
4 tbsp	Lemon juice (1 large lemon)
1 tbsp	Sage, fresh (finely chopped)
1/4 cup	Extra virgin olive oil
1/2 tsp	Sea salt
1 clove(s)	Garlic

Instructions

- 1. In a food processor, combine all ingredients and blend until smooth.
- 2. Serve with carrot sticks, celery sticks and/or cherry tomatoes!

Notes:

Yields 3 cups which equals 48 tablespoons - 12 servings = 4 tablespoons per person - depending on how many people eating it.

Beans

are a great source of fiber and protein!

Nutrition Facts Per Portion		
Calories Calories from fat Calories from saturated fat	126 43 6.3	
Total Fat Saturated Fat Trans Fat Polyunsaturated Fat Monounsaturated Fat Cholesterol Sodium Potassium Total Carbohydrate Dietary Fiber Sugars Protein	4.8 g 0.7 g 0.0 g 0.6 g 3.3 g 0 260 mg 272 mg 15.4 g 3.6 g 0.2 g 5.3 g	

Meat Alternative 0.4 Vegetables 0.5

Energy sources

Carbohydrates	49%
Fat	34%
Protein	17%

Recipe from: Aviva Allen, Kids' Nutritionist



Mini Pepper Nachos

Ingredients

1 tbsp	Chili powder
1 tsp	Cumin
1 tsp	Garlic powder
1 tsp	Paprika
1/2 tsp	Kosher salt
1/2 tsp	Black pepper
1/2 tsp	Oregano, dried
1/4 tsp	Red pepper flakes (to taste)
454 gm	Beef, ground (grass-fed, organic)
454 gm	Green bell pepper (mini bell peppers; halved & seeded)
1 1/2 cup, shredded	Cheddar cheese (or vegan cheddar)
1/2 cup chopped	Tomato
1/2 cup	Sour cream, 14% M.F. (Topping - or use Greek yogurt)
1/4 cup	Black olives (pitted & sliced; Topping)
1/4 cup slices	Jalapeno peppers, sliced, canned (optional; Topping)
2 cup cubes	Avocado (Topping)

Instructions

- 1. In a small bowl, combine chili powder, cumin, garlic powder, paprika, salt, pepper, oregano and red pepper flakes.
- 2. In a large skillet over medium heat, brown ground beef until just cooked through, about 7 to 10 minutes, breaking up any clumps with the back of a wooden spoon. Add spice mixture and sauté until well combined. Remove from heat.
- 3. Preheat oven to 400°F and line a large baking try with parchment paper or aluminum foil. Arrange mini peppers in a single layer, cut-side up but very close together.
- Sprinkle with ground beef mixture and shredded cheese (make sure every mini pepper gets a little meat and cheese!). Bake 5 to 10 minutes, until cheese is melty.
- Remove from oven and top with chopped tomatoes and any other desired toppings. Serve immediately.

Nutrition Facts Per Portion		
Calories Calories from fat Calories from saturated fat	509 365 153	
Total Fat Saturated Fat Trans Fat Polyunsaturated Fat Monounsaturated Fat Cholesterol Sodium Potassium Total Carbohydrate Dietary Fiber Sugars Protein	41 g 17.0 g 0.5 g 2.0 g 18.3 g 88 mg 634 mg 732 mg 12.5 g 5.9 g 3.1 g 23.6 g	

Meat	0.8
Milk Alternative	1.0
Vegetables	1.7

Energy sources

Carbohydrates	10%
Fat	72%
Protein	19%

Recipe from:A Sweet Life



Healthy Stuffed Mushrooms

Make these healthy stuffed mushrooms for your next party or get together. They are packed with spinach, feta, and a little balsamic for delectable flavors!

Ingredients

12 Cremini (Italian) mushroom (or white mushroom(s) atton mushrooms, with stems)

1 tbsp Coconut oil (or olive oil)
1/2 cup Yellow onion (diced)
3 clove(s) Garlic (minced)

2 cup Baby spinach (cut into small pieces)

1 tbsp1/4 tspBlack pepper

1/4 cup Feta cheese, low fat

Instructions

Step 1: Preheat oven to 350 degrees F and line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

Step 2: Wash the mushrooms, remove the stems, and cut the stems into small diced pieces.

Step 3: In a medium skillet add oil, onion, garlic, diced mushrooms stems, and saute until tender (about 8-10 minutes).

Step 4: Add spinach and balsamic vinegar and saute until the spinach has wilted.

Step 5: Remove from heat and add the feta cheese.

Step 6: Stuff the mushrooms with the mixture and place on the parchment-lined baking sheet.

Step 7: Bake the stuffed mushrooms for 25-30 minutes.

Step 8: Enjoy warm or cold.

Nutrition Facts Per Portion		
Calories	26.9	
Calories from fat	14.4	
Calories from saturated fat	11.5	
Total Fat Saturated Fat Trans Fat Polyunsaturated Fat Monounsaturated Fat Cholesterol Sodium Potassium Total Carbohydrate Dietary Fiber Sugars Protein	1.6 g 1.3 g 0.0 g 0.1 g 0.2 g 2.8 mg 40 mg 108 mg 2.0 g 0.3 g 0.9 g 1.1 g	

Vegetables 0.6

Energy sources

Carbohydrates	30%
Fat	54%
Protein	16%

Recipe from:To Simply Inspire



Garlic & Herb Vegan Cheese

Ingredients

2 cup Cashew nuts, raw

2 tbsp Dill, fresh (finely minced, for serving)

2 tbsp Extra virgin olive oil

2 clove(s) Garlic (minced)

Garlic powder (to taste) 1/2 tsp Lemon juice

2 whole

lemon(s)

1 whole

lemon(s)

Nutritional yeast

Lemon peel (zest)

2 tbsp 1/2 tsp

Sea salt

3/4 cup

Water

Instructions

Place cashews in a bowl and soak them by covering with boiling hot water and letting soak for 1.5 hours. Alternatively, soak in cool water, cover with plastic wrap and set in the refrigerator to soak for 12 hours. This process creates a creamier texture.

Once soaked, drain cashews thoroughly and add to food processor. Add minced garlic, garlic powder, lemon zest, lemon juice, water, nutritional yeast, salt and olive oil.

Process until very creamy and smooth, scraping down sides as needed. Then taste and adjust seasonings as needed, adding more lemon zest for tartness, nutritional yeast for cheesiness, garlic for zing, or salt for flavour.

Place a fine mesh strainer (or colander) over a large mixing bowl, and lay down two layers of cheesecloth (or a clean, fine, absorbent towel).

Use a spatula to scoop all cheese over the cheesecloth. then gather the corners and twist the top gently to form the cheese into a "disc." Secure with a rubber band.

Place in refrigerator to set for at least 6 hours, preferably 12, or until excess moisture has been wicked away, and it holds its form when released from the cheesecloth.

To serve, unwrap from cheesecloth and gently invert onto a serving platter. Reform with hands or cheesecloth as needed, then coat with chopped herbs and a bit more lemon zest (optional). It is fragile, so handle gently.

Cheese will hold its form for 1-2 hours out of the refrigerator, but best when chilled. Leftovers keep well covered in the refrigerator up to 5 days.

Enjoy!

Nutrition Facts Per Portion Calories 163 Calories from fat 107 Calories from saturated fat 18.0 Total Fat 11.9 g 2.0 g 0.0 g Saturated Fat Trans Fat Polyunsaturated Fat 1.9 g Monounsaturated Fat 6.9 g Cholesterol Ŏ 103 mg Sodium **Potassium** 180 mg 9.1 g 1.7 g 1.7 g **Total Carbohydrate** Dietary Fiber Sugars **Protein** 5.1 g

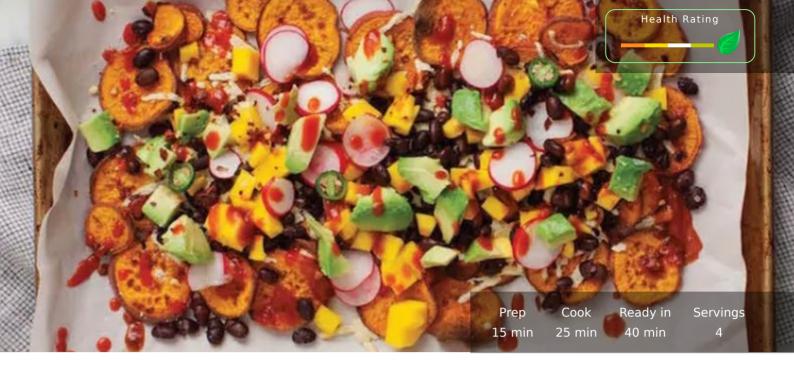
Dietary servings Per Portion

Meat Alternative 0.7

Energy sources

Carbohydrates	22%
Fat	65%
Protein	12%





Loaded Sweet Potato Nachos

Ingredients

2 medium potato	Sweet potato (thinly sliced)
1 tsp	Extra virgin olive oil (for drizzling)
1 cup shredded	Dairy-free mozzarella cheese shreds, Daiya
1 cup	Black beans, canned (drained, rinsed)
1 mango	Mango (peeled, diced)
3 medium	Radish (sliced)
1 avocado(s)	Avocado (diced)
1 pepper(s)	Serrano pepper (thinly sliced)
1 fruit	Lime (sliced into wedges)
1/4 cup	Adobo sauce (from canned chipotles in adobo sauce)
1 pinch	Sea salt

Black pepper

Instructions

- 1. Preheat the oven to 400°F (200°C) and line a large baking sheet with parchment paper.
- 2. Toss the sweet potatoes with a drizzle of olive oil and a pinch of salt and pepper.
- 3. Spread in a thin layer on the baking sheet and bake for 15 minutes. Top with the cheese and bake for an additional 10 minutes or until the cheese is melted and the sweet potatoes are golden brown.
- 4. Remove the baking sheet from the oven and top the sweet potatoes with the black beans, mango, radishes, avocado, and serrano pepper.
- 5. Add a squeeze of lime, drizzle with the adobo sauce, and sprinkle with a few pinches of salt.
- 6. Serve straight from the pan with extra lime slices on the side.

Enjoy!

Notes:

1 dash

Quick Tips:

To make kid-friendly: omit adobo sauce and serrano peppers.

Nutritional Highlights:

Sweet Potatoes

are a good source of beta carotene which is converted to vitamin A in the body and is important for vision health and immunity!

Nutrition Facts Per Portion Calories 402 Calories from fat 175 Calories from saturated fat 37 Total Fat 19.4 g 4.1 g Saturated Fat 0 g Trans Fat Polyunsaturated Fat 1.5 g Monounsaturated Fat 8.5 g Cholesterol Ŏ 3712 mg Sodium 793 mg **Potassium Total Carbohydrate** 49 g 11.2 g Dietary Fiber 11.8 g Sugars **Protein** 7.6 g

Dietary servings Per Portion

Fruit	0.8
Meat Alternative	0.3
Milk Alternative	0.6
Vegetables	2.0

Energy sources

Carbohydrates	49%
Fat	43%
Protein	8%

Recipe from: Jeanine Donofrio, The Love & Lemons Cookbook



Cranberry Sweet Potato Turkey Poppers

These Cranberry Sweet Potato Turkey Popper are the ultimate holiday appetizer! They're paleo, whole30, gluten-free, and AIP compliant.

Ingredients

454 gm	Ground turkey, extra lean
2 cup	Sweet potato (shredded or riced using a grater or food processor)
1 cup	Cranberries (fresh)
2 tbsp	Coconut flour
2 tbsp	Coconut oil
2 tsp	Rosemary, dried
2 tsp	Sage, ground
2 tsp	Parsley, dried
1 tsn	Sea salt

Instructions

Step 1: Preheat the oven to 400 Degrees F and line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

Step 2: Add the fresh cranberries to a food processor and set it to shred or chop for 10-15 seconds. Remove the cranberries and use a paper towel to clean up any excess juice.

Step 3: Add the ground turkey, grated/riced sweet potato, chopped fresh cranberries, coconut flour, coconut oil, rosemary, sage, parsley, and salt to a large mixing bowl and stir to combine the ingredients.

Step 4: Roll the mixture into small, slightly flattened poppers (about one inch in diameter), and place them on the baking sheet. You'll have about 20-22 poppers.

Step 5: Bake for 25-28 minutes, flipping half way through. The internal temperature should read 165 degrees F. Crisp, further under the broiler for 1-2 minutes if desired.

Step 6: Remove from the oven and allow to cool slightly before serving with cranberry sauce or by themselves.

Nutrition Fac Per Portion	ts
Calories Calories from fat Calories from saturated fat	143 50 37
Total Fat Saturated Fat Trans Fat Polyunsaturated Fat Monounsaturated Fat Cholesterol Sodium Potassium Total Carbohydrate Dietary Fiber Sugars Protein	5.6 g 4.1 g 0.0 g 0.4 g 0.5 g 31 mg 345 mg 306 mg 9.0 g 2.1 g 2.1 g 14.1 g

Fruit 0.3 Meat 0.6 Vegetables 0.5

Energy sources

Carbohydrates	25%
Fat	35%
Protein	40%

Recipe from: Unbound Wellness



Spinach Cheese balls

These Cheesy balls are the best easy appetizer to impress your guests. Prepared in minutes, using only a few ingredients!

Ingredients

6 cup	Baby spinach (Fresh, trimmed and	1 tsp	Garlic powder
	washed; or frozen spinach)	1 tsp	Salt
3 large egg	Egg (beaten)	1 cup	Almond Flour
1 cup	Mozzarella cheese (Grated; or a combo of parmesan and mozzarella)	2 tbsp (level)	Psyllium seed husk
1/4 cup	Parsley, fresh (chopped; or herb of your	(10101)	

Instructions

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- Step 1: Preheat oven to 370°F (200°C) and line a non-stick baking sheet with parchment paper.
- **Step 2:** Place the trimmed and washed spinach leaves in a large mixing bowl and cover with boiling water. Cover the bowl with a lid and set aside for 3 minutes.
- **Step 3:** Once the spinach has sat for 3 minutes, rinse the spinach with cold tap water. Drain and using your hands squeeze out all the remaining water. You should measure 2/3 cup (160 g) of packed cooked spinach leaves.
 - If you are using frozen spinach, defrost, and measure out 2/3 cup.
- Step 4: Place the cooked spinach on a chopping board and finely chop. Transfer into an empty mixing bowl.
- **Step 5:** Add beaten eggs, grated cheese, fresh herbs, salt, garlic powder, almond flour, and psyllium husk (or panko gluten-free crumbs) and combine with a spoon until it forms a batter from which you are able to form balls.
 - If too moist, add slightly more almond flour or crumbs until easy to roll a ball with your hands.
- **Step 6:** Form the spinach cheese balls (one ball is about 1 tablespoon of batter) and place each one on the baking sheet, leaving a half-thumb between each bite. You should be able to make approximately 22 spinach balls
- **Step 7:** Bake for 20-30 minutes or until the balls are golden on the top.
- Step 8: Serve warm with dips like sugar-free tomato sauce, guacamole, mustard, or tzatziki.

Notes:

Tips:

- If you are not following a ketogenic menu, then you may replace the **almond flour** and **psyllium husk** with 1 cup of **gluten-free Panko bread crumbs** and reduce the cheese to 3/4 or 1/2 cup (if preferred).
- If not following a gluten-free menu, you may replace the gluten-free bread crumbs with a gluten-containing option you may already have in the house.

Storage Instructions:

If you do not intend to serve the spinach and cheese balls immediately, freeze the uncooked balls on a plate covered with parchment paper. After 1 hour they are frozen enough to be transferred into an airtight container. Keep in the freezer for up to 3 months.

You don't need to defrost the balls before baking. Place them on a tray covered with parchment paper and bake as per instructions.

Nutrition Facts Per Portion			
Calories Calories from fat Calories from saturated fat	65 43 12.2		
Total Fat Saturated Fat Trans Fat Polyunsaturated Fat Monounsaturated Fat Cholesterol Sodium Potassium Total Carbohydrate Dietary Fiber Sugars Protein	4.8 g 1.4 g 0.0 g 0.8 g 2.3 g 32 mg 149 mg 102 mg 2.1 g 1.2 g 0.4 g 3.4 g		

Dietary servings Per Portion

Milk Alternative 0.1 Vegetables 0.3

Energy sources

Carbohydrates	13%
Fat	66%
Protein	21%

Recipe from: Sweetashoney



Healthy Deviled Eggs

Ingredients

3 large egg Egg (free-range)

Avocado (ripe)

avocado(s)

1 tomato Roma tomatoes (organic; sliced in half

with the ribs and liquid removed)

1 medium Jalapeno pepper (organic; sliced pepper(s)

lengthwise with; seeds and ribs

removed)

1/2 tsp Cumin

1/4 tsp Turmeric, powder

1 pinch Salt and pepper (to taste)

2 tbsp Chives (chopped for garnishing)

Jalapeno pepper (diced for garnishing) 1 medium

pepper(s)

Instructions

- 1. Place the eggs in a medium-sized pot with lukewarm water. Bring the water to a boil and simmer the eggs on medium-high heat for 5 to 6 minutes. Immediately drain the water and place the eggs in a bowl of ice water to cool them for 2 to 3 minutes. Remove the eggs and let them sit at room temperature for 30 minutes before peeling.
- 2. After peeling the eggs, slice them in half lengthwise, then remove the yolks and put them to the side.
- 3. Add the egg yolk, jalapeno, cumin, tomato, avocado, salt and pepper in a blender.
- 4. Blend the ingredients on high speed until a chunky, creamy guacamole mixture appears.
- 5. Using a spoon, gently scoop the guacamole into each egg cavity.
- 6. Sprinkle each egg with turmeric then sprinkle with diced jalapeno and chopped chives as desired

Notes:

Eggs

are a great source of protein!

Nutrition Facts Per Portion			
Calories Calories from fat Calories from saturated fat	606 413 82		
Total Fat Saturated Fat Trans Fat Polyunsaturated Fat Monounsaturated Fat Cholesterol Sodium Potassium Total Carbohydrate Dietary Fiber Sugars Protein	46 g 9.2 g 0.1 g 6.1 g 26.5 g 578 mg 296 mg 1416 mg 24.0 g 15.4 g 5.3 g 24.1 g		

Meat Alternative 1.7 Vegetables 3.4

Energy sources

Carbohydrates	16%
Fat	68%
Protein	16%

Recipe from:Mercola.com



Healthier Spinach Artichoke Dip

This recipe for healthier spinach artichoke dip is easy, creamy, and sneakily lightened up thanks to a special ingredient!

Ingredients

341 gm	Frozen spinach (1 bag, prepared and drained)
1 can (15oz)	Cannellini beans, canned (rinsed and drained)
2 tbsp	Olive oil
1 can (15oz)	Artichoke hearts, canned (drained and roughly chopped)
114 gm	Cream cheese, fat free (softened)
1/2 cup	Parmesan cheese, grated
2 tsp	Hot sauce (or to taste)
2 tbsp	Garlic (minced)
1 tsp	Onion powder
1/4 tsp	Black pepper (ground)
1/4 tsp	Salt

Instructions

Step 1: Prepare spinach according to package directions. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Once the spinach is done cooking, drain and add to a large bowl.

Step 2: In the bowl or a large food processor, blend the cannellini beans and olive oil until mostly smooth. Add mixture to the bowl with the drained spinach.

Step 3: Add the artichokes, cream cheese, parmesan cheese, hot sauce garlic, onion powder, pepper, and salt to the bowl and stir to combine evenly. Place mixture in an oven-safe baking dish or cast iron pan. Top with additional Parmesan if you like.

Step 4: Bake for 20-30 minutes, or until dip is heated throughout and cheese is melty. Serve while warm.

Nutrition Fac Per Portion	ts
Calories	124
Calories from fat Calories from saturated fat	35 10.4
Total Fat Saturated Fat Trans Fat Polyunsaturated Fat Monounsaturated Fat Cholesterol Sodium Potassium Total Carbohydrate Dietary Fiber Sugars Protein	3.9 g 1.2 g 0.0 g 0.4 g 2.0 g 4.8 mg 322 mg 427 mg 14.3 g 4.0 g 1.1 g 8.1 g

Meat Alternative 0.2 Vegetables 0.8

Energy sources

Carbohydrates	46%
Fat	28%
Protein	26%

Recipe from:My Sequined Life



Goat Cheese Stuffed Dates

These goat cheese stuffed dates are an easy and delicious vegetarian appetizer for Christmas or New Year's Eve.

Ingredients

12 date pitted	Medjool date
2/3 cup	Goat cheese, soft
6 pecans	Pecans (halved; or nuts of choice)
1 tbsp	Chives (fresh, chopped)
1 dash	Salt (to taste)
1 dash	Black pepper (to taste)

Nutrition Facts Per Portion **Calories** 107 Calories from fat 25.1 Calories from saturated fat 11.6 2.8 g **Total Fat** Saturated Fat 1.3 g Trans Fat Polyunsaturated Fat 0.3 g Monounsaturated Fat 1.0 g **Cholesterol** 3.8 mg 44 mg Sodium 176 mg **Potassium** 18.3 g **Total Carbohydrate Dietary Fiber** 1.8 g Sugars 16.1 g **Protein** 2.1 g

Instructions

Step 1: Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

Step 2: Pit the Medjool dates (if not already pitted) and use your fingers to coax the dates into a bowl shape.

Step 3: Stuff each date with 1/2 teaspoon of goat cheese.

Step 4 Add a sprinkle of chopped chives on top of the goat cheese.

Step 5: Press a single pecan half into each date.

Step 6: Sprinkle salt and pepper on top of the dates.

Step 7: Place the stuffed dates on the baking sheet and bake for 10 minutes.

Dietary servings Per Portion

Fruit	0.2
Milk Alternative	0.2

Energy sources

Carbohydrates	68%
Fat	24%
Protein	8%



Garlic and Herb Stuffed Mushrooms

Mushrooms are an important source of antioxidants, mainly selenium, and as such have powerful anti-inflammatory properties.

Ingredients

227 am	Cremini	(Italian)	mushroom	(annrox
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2 clove(s) Garlic (peeled)

1/4 tsp Sea salt, fine (or more to taste)

1/2 tsp Herbes de provence

1/2 tbsp Lemon juice

2 tbsp Extra virgin olive oil

1 tbsp Parsley, fresh (chopped)

Instructions

- Wipe the mushrooms with a damp towel. Do not rinse the mushrooms under running water, they will absorb too much water.
- 2. Remove the mushroom stems, trim their tough base, and chop into a fine dice.
- 3. In a mortar, pound together the garlic, 1/4 tsp of salt, and Provence herbs to form a rough paste.
- 4. Transfer the paste to a large bowl and stir in the lemon juice, olive oil, and parsley.
- 5. Add the mushrooms and mix with a spoon to cover the mushrooms with the marinade sauce.
- Set aside and let the mushrooms marinate for 20 minutes at room temperature.
- 7. Preheat the oven to 400°F. Arrange the mushrooms in a baking dish.
- Add the finely diced stems to the leftover marinade sauce, mix well and fill each of the mushrooms with it.
- 9. Add a little drizzle of olive oil and a pinch of salt.
- 10. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes, until they are nicely brown. Serve hot.

Notes:

Nutrition Fac Per Portion	ts
Calories Calories from fat Calories from saturated fat	33 25.0 3.5
Total Fat Saturated Fat Trans Fat Polyunsaturated Fat Monounsaturated Fat Cholesterol Sodium Potassium Total Carbohydrate Dietary Fiber Sugars Protein	2.8 g 0.4 g 0.0 g 0.3 g 2.0 g 0 45 mg 108 mg 1.3 g 0.2 g 0.4 g 0.6 g

Vegetables 0.6

Energy sources

Carbohydrates	16%
Fat	76%
Protein	8%

Recipe from: A Squirrel in the Kitchen



Mini Hummus & Roasted Pepper Phyllo Bites

These tasty and easy little phyllo bites are perfect for entertaining or healthy snacking!

Ingredients

30 shell(s) Phyllo pastry shells, mini (2 boxes,

defrosted)

1 cup Hummus

1/2 cup Cucumber (English, diced)

1 pepper(s) Roasted red peppers, canned (or roast

your own at home; 2 halves, diced)

1/3 cup, Feta cheese

crumbled

2 tbsp Parsley, fresh (minced flat-leaf)

Nutrition Facts			
Per Portion			
Calories	39		
Calories from fat	17.9		
Calories from saturated fat	4.0		
Total Fat	2.0 g		
Saturated Fat	0.4 g		
Trans Fat Polyunsaturated Fat	0 0.4 g		
Monounsaturated Fat	0.5 g		
Cholesterol	1.6 mg		
Sodium Potassium	79 mg 29.0 mg		
Total Carbohydrate	4.0 g		
Dietary Fiber	0.6 g		
Sugars Protein	0.1 g 1.3 g		

Instructions

Step 1: Bake frozen mini phyllo shells on a parchment-lined baking sheet at 375 degrees F, until browned and crisp, for 5 minutes.

Step 2: Fill each mini phyllo shell with 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon hummus.

Step 3: Divide the cucumber, roasted red pepper, feta cheese, and parsley evenly between the phyllo shells.

Dietary servings Per Portion

Grain 0.2 Vegetables 0.1

Energy sources

Carbohydrates	41%
Fat	46%
Protein	13%

Recipe from:Cookin Canuck

Grocery List

<u>Condiments</u>		<u>Ca</u>	nned Food	
Adobo sauce	59.2 ml		Artichoke hearts, canned	433.3 gm
Balsamic vinegar	15.0 ml		Black beans, canned	240.0 gm
Buffalo Sauce	47.6 gm		Black olives	5.2 large
Canola oil	5.0 ml		Chickpeas, canned, drained	2126.2 gm
Coconut oil	41.4 gm		Jalapeno peppers, sliced,	0.1 jar (16 oz)
Extra virgin olive oil	233.0 ml		canned Kalamata olives	8 olive(s)
Hot sauce	44.9 ml		Roasted red peppers, canned	175.0 gm
Liquid aminos	14.8 ml		noasteu reu peppers, carmeu	175.0 gm
Marinara pasta sauce	0.1 can (26oz)	_		
Olive oil	30.0 ml	Fru	<u>uits</u>	
Olive oil cooking spray	1.8 gm	Ш	Avocado	3.6 avocado(s)
Vinegar, white	14.9 ml		Cranberries	110.0 gm
			Lemon peel (zest)	25.4 tsp
<u>Baking</u>			Lime	1 fruit
All-purpose white flour	31.3 gm	Ц	Mango	1 mango
Baking powder	2.4 gm		Medjool date	12 date pitted
Coconut flour	11.2 gm			
Cornstarch	24 gm			
Granulated sugar	4.2 gm			
Honey, raw	0.5 tbsp			
Maple syrup, pure	9.9 ml			
Nutritional yeast	30.4 gm			
Phyllo pastry shells, mini	30 shell(s)			
<u>Other</u>				
Almond Flour	1 cup			
Cannellini beans, canned	2 can (15oz)			
Cooking Spray, canola oil	1 1/5 second spray			
Navy beans, canned	1 can (15oz)			
Quinoa, cooked	369.1 gm			
<u>Beverage</u>				
Almond milk, unsweetened	78.9 ml			
Lemon juice	226.6 ml			
Water	310.7 ml			

<u>Vegetables</u>		Spices & Herbs	
Baby spinach	246.0 gm	Black pepper	8.5 gm
Broccoli, raw	0.2 head	Cayenne pepper	0.9 gm
Carrots	0.5 medium	Chili powder	12.9 gm
Cauliflower	840 gm	Cumin	3.2 gm
Celery	0.8 medium stalk(s)	Dill, fresh	0.1 bunch
Chives	9.1 gm	Garlic powder	15.7 gm
Cremini (Italian) mushroom	28.2	Herbes de provence	1.1 gm
Cremmi (Italian) masmoom	mushroom(s)	Italian herb seasoning, McCormick	0.8 gm
Cucumber	4.2 cucumber(s)	Kosher salt	3.1 gm
Garlic	2.0 bulb	Onion powder	8.6 gm
Green bell pepper	2.8 medium pepper(s)	Oregano, dried	0.8 gm
Horseradish, prepared	15.2 gm	Paprika	4.3 gm
Jalapeno pepper	3.6 medium	Parsley, dried	0.6 gm
	pepper(s)	Poultry seasoning, Trader's	2.4 gm
Parsley, fresh	26.4 gm	Choice Choice	2.1 9
Radish	0.4 bunch	Red pepper flakes	0.5 gm
Red bell pepper	1.3 medium pepper(s)	Rosemary, dried	2.5 gm
Red onion	70 gm	Sage, fresh	2.0 gm
Roma tomatoes	1 tomato	Sage, ground	1.4 gm
Serrano pepper	1 pepper(s)	Salt	16.1 gm
Sun-dried tomatoes	8.6 gm	Salt and pepper	1.9 gm
Sweet potato	3.5 large potato	Sea salt	14.2 gm
Tomato	0.8 medium	Sea salt, fine	1.1 gm
Yellow onion	0.8 medium	Turmeric, powder	0.6 gm
Zucchini	3.3 medium		
Maak			
<u>Meat</u>	452.6		
Beef, ground	453.6 gm		
Ground turkey, extra lean	453.6 gm		
Pepperoni	62.9 gm		

Dairy & Cheese **Snacks & Nuts** Butter, vegan 14 gm Cashew nuts, raw 650.0 gm Cheddar cheese 209.0 gm 16.8 gm **Pecans** Cheddar cheese, reduced fat 29.9 gm Sesame seeds 9.1 gm Cream cheese 1.0 block Frozen & Refrigerated Foods Cream cheese, fat free 0.5 block Dairy-free mozzarella cheese 0.5 package(s) shreds, Daiya Egg 19.3 medium egg Frozen spinach 1.2 package (10oz) Feta cheese 92.4 gm Feta cheese, low fat 37.3 gm Various Groceries Goat cheese, soft 99.4 gm Hummus 249.8 gm Greek yogurt, plain, 2% M.F. 45.5 gm Psyllium seed husk 2 tbsp (level) Greek yogurt, plain, fat-free 119.5 gm Seafood Mozzarella cheese 132.5 gm

179.1 gm

50 gm

29.6 ml

16.9 gm

115.0 gm

Mozzarella cheese, partially

Partly skimmed milk, 2% M.F.

Parmesan cheese, grated

Roquefort (blue) cheese

Sour cream, 14% M.F.

skimmed

Salmon, smoked

453.6 gm