Breakfast Quesadillas



Introduction

This easy breakfast quesadilla recipe is so delicious! Serve these protein-rich quesadillas stuffed with scrambled eggs, beans and herbs for breakfast, brunch or dinner.

Prep Time: 15 | Cook Time: 10 | Total Time: 25

Serving: 1 Quesadilla

Ingredients

- 2 eggs
- Hot sauce, like Cholula
- Pinch of salt
- ½ cup cooked pinto beans or black beans, rinsed and drained
- 2 teaspoons butter or extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon chopped green onion
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped cilantro
- 1 tablespoon chopped pickled jalapeño (optional)
- 1 medium (8") whole grain tortilla
- ½ cup (packed) grated sharp cheddar cheese
- Salsa or additional hot sauce, for serving

Instructions

1. To prepare the eggs: In a bowl, whisk the eggs with the hot sauce and salt until they are well blended. Add the beans and set aside.

- 2. To cook the eggs: Melt the butter in a medium-sized skillet (either well-seasoned cast iron or nonstick) over medium heat until it's bubbling. Pour in the egg mixture and cook, stirring often, until the eggs are just set, about 1 to 3 minutes. Transfer the mixture to a bowl to pause the cooking process (the eggs will finish cooking in the quesadilla). Stir in the green onion, cilantro and jalapeño.
- 3. To cook the quesadilla: In a separate, large skillet, warm the tortilla over medium heat, flipping occasionally. Once the pan and tortilla are warm, sprinkle one-half of the cheese over one-half of the tortilla. Top the cheese with scrambled eggs, then top the scrambled eggs with the remaining cheese.
- 4. Press the empty tortilla halve over the toppings. Let the quesadilla cook until golden and crispy on the bottom (don't stop cooking too soon!), about 1 to 2 minutes, reducing the heat if necessary to prevent burning the tortilla. Flip it and cook until the second side is golden and crispy.
- 5. Immediately remove the skillet from the heat and transfer the quesadilla to a cutting board. Let it cool for a few minutes to give it time to set, then slice each quesadilla into 2 slices with a very sharp knife. Serve immediately, with your favorite salsa and/or hot sauce on the side.

Notes

Make it dairy free: Use olive oil instead of butter and omit the cheese.

Make it gluten free: Use gluten-free tortillas.

Tortilla recommendation: My favorite brand is Stacey's Organic, which is available at Whole Foods, Natural Grocer's and my local health food store (I store them in the refrigerator or freeze them if I know I won't be able to eat them within a couple of weeks).