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HONEY- PECAN CRUSTED CHICKEN

Ingredients:

4 boneless, skinless, organic chicken breasts Organic olive oil cooking spray 2 Tbsp. honey

2 Tbsp. Dijon mustard

3/4 cup cornflake crumbs

1/4 cup chopped pecans

1 tsp. sea salt

1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper

Organic olive oil cooking spray

Directions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 350° F.
- 2. Cut each chicken breast into 4 strips.
- 3. Spray 9x13 baking dish with olive oil spray.
- 4. In a small bowl, microwave the honey for 30 seconds until loose. Whisk in the Dijon.
- 5. Combine cornflake crumbs, pecans, salt and cayenne pepper in Ziploc bag.
- 6. Dip chicken strips in honey-Dijon mixture then shake in cornflake-pecan mixture.
- 7. Place in baking dish and coat with cooking spray.
- 8. Bake for 25 minutes until crisp.

Servings: 4

Calories per serving: 325

Caloric equivalent: 4 oz. protein, 1 carbohydrate, ½ fat



FRUIT SMOOTHIES

Excellent source of antioxidants, vitamin, minerals, adding the flax seed increases dietary intake of Omega 3's and the oat bran adds fiber helps lower cholesterol.

Ingredients:

1 cup frozen fruit; such as berries, peaches, or tropical mix

1 banana

1 handful of kale or spinach (optional)

8 oz. nonfat Greek yogurt

1/4, nonfat milk, soy milk, or almond milk

2 Tbsp. oat bran or ground flax seed

Directions:

1. Place all ingredients in a blender or food processor. Blend at high speed until smooth and creamy.

Serves: 2

Calories per serving: 170

Equivalent to: 2 fruit servings and ½ oz. dairy protein

Note: Use either oat bran or flax seed, if you want to use both, use only 1 Tbsp of each to avoid too much fiber that can cause gastrointestinal stress in some people.



PURÉED VEGETABLE SOUPS with VARIATIONS

Ingredients:

1 Tbsp. olive oil

1 Tbsp. chopped garlic

½ onion, chopped

2 pounds vegetables, washed and trimmed, cut into bite size pieces

1 qt. reduced sodium, organic chicken broth

½ cup fat free half and half

Sea salt

Freshly ground black pepper

Directions:

- 1. Heat olive oil in large soup pot. Add garlic, and onion and sauté until tender, about 4-5 minutes.
- 2. Add vegetables and broth. Bring to a boil, cover, and simmer for 15-20 minutes until vegetables are very tender.
- 3. Puree soup in batches in blender, return to soup pot. (or use an immersion blender)
- 4. Reheat soup until very hot, reduce heat to a simmer and add fat free half and half. Season to taste with salt and pepper.
- 5. Serve in soup bowls.

Serves: 6

Calories per serving: 100-120

Calorie equivalent to: 2 vegetables, 1 fat

Variations

BROCCOLI SOUP

Add \(\frac{1}{3} \) cup grated parmesan cheese after adding half and half.

ROASTED CAULIFLOWER SOUP

Add 1 small fennel bulb thinly sliced with onion. To garnish, drizzle each serving of soup with 1 tsp. truffle infused olive oil.

ASPARAGUS SOUP

Add the zest and juice of 1 lemon before adding half and half.

GINGER CARROT SOUP

Add $1\frac{1}{2}$ Tbsp. chopped ginger with the onions and garlic. Add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup orange juice, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. cinnamon, and $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. nutmeg before fat free half and half.

ZUCCHINI BASIL

Add ¾ cup loose basil leaves, and ¼ tsp. chili powder 5 minutes before puréeing the soup. Garnish each bowl with a dollop of plain non fat yogurt and a chiffonade of basil.



"HURRY UP" SPAGHETTI

Ingredients:

8 oz. high protein or whole grain spaghetti

1 Tbsp. olive oil

1/4 tsp. crushed red pepper flakes

1 bag baby spinach

2 tsp. garlic, chopped

2 medium vine-ripe tomatoes, 1/4 inch dice

½ tsp. sea salt

½ tsp. freshly ground black pepper

2 whole eggs plus 4 egg whites, well beaten

⅓ cup grated parmesan cheese

2 Tbsp. fresh chopped basil

Directions:

- 1. Cook pasta to al dente, drain and keep warm.
- 2. Add olive oil to sauté pan over medium heat; add crushed red pepper flakes and spinach, sautéing for 2 minutes until spinach is just wilted.
- 3. Add garlic, tomato, salt and pepper, sauté for another minute.
- 4. Add spaghetti and stir until heated through. Add beaten egg and toss until egg is set.
- 5. Add parmesan cheese and fresh chopped basil, tossing well.
- 6. To serve: Divide pasta between four pasta bowls, top with extra fresh chopped basil if desired.

Serves: 4

Calories per serving: 395

Calorie equivalent: 2 oz. lean protein, 2 carbohydrates, and 1 vegetable



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