

ONE PLATE AT A TIME

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THE UNOFFICIAL OFFICIAL RECIPE BOOK OF THE GATEWAY REGION YMCA





Vegetarian Bolognese

Servings: 4 | Prep Time: 15 MIN | Cooking Time: 30 MIN

INGREDIENTS

- 1 box dried linguine, reserving 1/2 cup of cooking water
- 2 cups lentils, cooked
- 1 small yellow onion, chopped
- 1 Tbsp garlic, chopped
- 1 can tomato paste
- 1 cup vegetable broth
- 1 14oz can crushed tomatoes
- 2 tsp dried Italian herbs
- Parmesan and fresh basil to serve (optional)

DIRECTIONS

- 1. In a large pot, add 1 Tbsp olive oil, saute onions on medium heat for 3 minutes, add garlic and cook an additional minute.
- 2. Stir in tomato paste.
- 3. Add vegetable broth to deglaze.
- **4.** Add crushed tomatoes, cooked lentils and dried herbs.
- 5. Simmer on medium-low heat for 15 to 20 minutes. (Note: if using uncooked rinsed dried lentils, increase simmer time to 45 minutes) If sauce becomes too thick, add additional vegetable stock.
- **6.** While sauce is cooking, boil pasta 9-11 minutes until al dente, remove 1/2 cup of pasta water, then drain remaining water.
- **7.** Add 1/2 cup pasta water to sauce.
- **8.** To serve, divide between bowls and add sauce. Top with parmesan and fresh basil if desired.

Lemony Kale Salad

Servings: 4 | Prep Time: 15 MIN | Cooking Time: 0 MIN

INGREDIENTS

1 bunch curly kale, rinsed chopped and dried

1/2 cup lemon juice

1 cup extra virgin olive oil

2 cloves garlic, minced

1/4 tsp salt

1/2 tsp black pepper

1/4 cup toasted slivered almonds (optional)

Parmesan or feta to serve (optional)

DIRECTIONS

- 1. In a large bowl, add lemon juice, garlic, salt and pepper. While whisking, slowly drizzle in olive oil. Dressing may also be prepared in a blender.
- 2. Add chopped kale to bowl and with clean hands (may use disposable gloves) massage kale in dressing for 3-5 minutes.
- **3.** To serve, divide salad between plates. Top with parmesan or feta if desired.

Salad will stay good in refrgerator for 3-5 days.





Basil Pesto Pasta

Servings: 4 | Prep Time: 15 MIN | Cooking Time: 10 MIN

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups basil leaves
- 2 Tbsp grated parmesan cheese
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 2 Tbsp pine nuts, toasted and cooled
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/8 tsp black pepper
- 1/4 cup oil
- 1 box whole wheat linguine

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Salt pasta water heavily and cook pasta in boiling water as the box instructs.
- **2.** In food processor, combine basil, parmesan, garlic, pine nuts until smooth.
- **3.** While the processor is running, add oil, salt and black pepper.
- 4. Add pesto to pasta and serve.

Low-carb Lettuce Wrap

Servings: 4 | Prep Time: 15 MIN | Cooking Time: 0 MIN

INGREDIENTS

1 head of lettuce

8oz cream cheese

1 fully cooked sliced chicken breast (or seasoned tofu)

1 bell pepper, sliced

1 whole cucumber, sliced

Fresh herbs, optional

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Wash, dry, and place your lettuce on a flat surface.
- **2.** Spread cream cheese pesto (mix 1 part pesto to 1 part plain cream cheese) onto lettuce.
- 3. Add remaining ingredients.
- **4.** Roll the wrap and slice it in half and serve.

PRO TIP:

Add your favorite sliced cheese like white cheddar or gouda for extra goodness!





Fresh Salsa

Servings: 2 | Prep Time: 20 MIN | Cooking Time: 0 MIN

INGREDIENTS

2 cups fresh tomatoes, chopped

1 small bell pepper, chopped

1/2 small onion, chopped

1 jalapeno, chopped (optional)

a pinch of salt

1 Tbsp lime juice

1 tsp ground cumin

1/2 tsp salt

1/2 tsp pepper

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Mix all ingredients and store in refrigerator.
- 2. Serve with whole grain tortilla chips, add to tacos or top fresh tomato soup!

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