

Veggie Soup

Serves 6, prep time: 10 minutes, cook time: 30 minutes

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 medium yellow onion, diced (or use frozen chopped onion)
- Salt & pepper to taste (add this after adding the rest of the spices)
- 1 medium carrot, diced
- 1 14.5-oz can of diced fire roasted tomatoes
- 4 garlic cloves, chopped (or use pre-minced garlic)
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 2 teaspoons dried thyme
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes (use a little bit of cayenne if you don't like red pepper flakes)
- 4 cups low-sodium vegetable broth
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 cup halved cherry tomatoes
- 1 cup chopped green beans (could use frozen or canned, just rinse before adding)
- 1 zucchini, diced
- 1 15-oz can chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 1 ½ cups of kale
- Lemon juice to taste

Directions

- 1. Heat olive oil in large pot over medium heat. Add onion and cook until translucent. Add the carrot and cook for 2 more minutes.
- 2. Add canned tomatoes, garlic, oregano, thyme & red pepper flakes (or cayenne if using). Stir in broth & bay leaves. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to simmer and cook, covered, for 20 minutes.
- 3. Stir in the cherry tomatoes, green beans, zucchini, chickpeas, cover and cook for 10-15 more minutes, until the green beans are tender.
- 4. Stir in the kale, add salt and pepper to taste.
- 5. Enjoy!

Mediterranean Meal Prep Bowl

4 servings, 30 minutes prep time (10 minutes prep; 20 minutes cook time)

Ingredients:

- 1 cup quinoa, uncooked
- 1 15-oz can chickpeas
- 1 carton of cherry tomatoes, halved
- ½ red onion, chopped
- ¼ cup kalamata olives, pitted and halved
- ¼ ½ cup of hummus (your favorite flavor)
- Lemon, juice to taste
- Salt & pepper, to taste

Directions:

- 1. Add 2 cups of water to a medium-sized pot & bring to a steady boil. Add 1 cup of quinoa to boiling water, then turn down heat & cover the pot. Let simmer at lower heat for about 15-20 minutes or until the quinoa can be fluffed with a fork or spoon.
- 2. While the quinoa is cooking, chop ½ red onion, halve the cherry tomatoes, dice the cucumber and halve the kalamata olives. Divide each equally among 4 bowls or 4 food containers (if making for meal prep).
- 3. Rinse and drain the can of chickpeas, add equal amounts of chickpeas to the 4 bowls or food containers.
- 4. One the quinoa is cooked, allow it to cool for 5-10 minutes before adding it to each bowl or food container.
- 5. Add the hummus (about 1 tablespoon) to each of the 4 bowls or food containers.
- 6. Sprinkle lemon juice, salt and pepper to taste on top of each bowl or food container. Enjoy!

Chicken Waldorf Salad Lettuce Wraps

4 servings, 20-25 minutes (10 minutes prep time & 10 minute cook time)

Ingredients:

- 1 lb boneless, skinless chicken (or use rotisserie chicken to save time)
- 1/3 cup low-fat, plain Greek yogurt
- 1 lemon (or 1-2 tbsp lemon juice)
- ½ teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 2 apples diced
- 4 celery sticks, diced
- ½ lb red grapes, diced

- 1 small package of chives
- 1 head of lettuce
- 1 tbsp of olive oil
- 1 tsp honey
- ¼ cup walnuts, chopped
- ¼ tsp of salt and pepper

Directions:

- 1. If cooking chicken: Dice or chop chicken & season with salt and pepper.
- 2. Heat skillet on medium heat. Add 1 tbsp of olive oil to the skillet. Cook chicken until done, 4-6 minutes per side.
- 3. In a large bowl, whisk low-fat, plain Greek yogurt, lemon juice, honey, Dijon mustard, salt and pepper together.
- 4. Chop, dice or halve grapes, apples and chives. Add all to the large bowl with the dressing.
- 5. Add the cooked chicken to the bowl & mix together. Add this mixture to lettuce to create the lettuce wraps & enjoy!