Best Diabetic-Friendly Recipes You Can Make At Home!

Zucchini Egg Bake

Serves 4 | Prep. time 10 minutes | Cooking time 50-55 minutes

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup finely diced onion
- 8 eggs
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 2 small zucchini, finely diced (about 2 cups)
- ½ teaspoon seasoned salt
- ½ cup parmesan cheese, grated (divided)
- 1 cup milk
- Chopped fresh parsley, chives, or thyme to garnish (optional)

Directions

- 1. Heat the olive oil over medium heat in a medium saucepan or skillet.
- 2. Add the onion and zucchini and stir-cook for 5–6 minutes until tender.
- 3. Whisk the eggs in a mixing bowl. Add the milk and seasoned salt; mix well.
- 4. Mix in the zucchini mixture and ¼ cup of the parmesan cheese.
- 5. Preheat the oven to 350°F (175°C). Grease an 8-inch square baking dish with some cooking spray or melted butter.
- 6. Pour in the egg mixture and sprinkle the remaining parmesan cheese on top.
- 7. Bake for about 40–45 minutes until the eggs are cooked well and the omelet is set.
- 8. Slice and serve warm with fresh herbs on top.

Nutrition (per serving)

Calories 249, fat 15 g, total carbs 8.5 g, sugar 5 g, Protein 19 g, sodium 632 mg

Mediterranean Chicken Breasts

Serves 4 | Prep. time 5 minutes | Cooking time 35 minutes

Ingredients

- 4 (4-ounce) boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 1 (15-ounce) can artichoke hearts, drained and chopped
- 1/3 cup low-sodium, fat-free chicken broth
- 3 tablespoons parmesan cheese, grated

Directions

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350°F (175°C). Grease a baking pan or dish with some cooking spray.
- 2. Place the chicken breasts in a plastic bag and pound them to ½ inch thick.
- 3. Pour the lemon juice over the chicken breasts and season with garlic powder and pepper.
- 4. Place the chicken breasts in the baking pan and bake for about 25 minutes.
- 5. Heat the olive oil over medium heat in a medium saucepan or skillet.
- 6. Add the garlic and stir cook for 1 minute until softened.
- 7. Add the artichoke hearts; stir-cook for about 3 minutes.
- 8. Add the chicken broth and simmer for 5 minutes. Mix in the cheese until it melts.
- 9. Pour the artichoke mixture over chicken breasts and bake for 10 more minutes until the chicken is cooked to perfection. Serve warm.

Nutrition (per serving)

Calories 215, fat 7 g, total carbs 9 g, sugar 1 g, Protein 28 g, sodium 340 mg

Turkey Spinach Meatballs

Serves 5 | Prep. time 10–15 minutes | Cooking time 25 minutes

Ingredients

- 3½ ounces fresh or thawed frozen spinach, chopped
- 1¼ pounds ground turkey
- 2 celery sticks, finely chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- ¼ cup oats
- 2 egg whites
- ½ cup parsley
- 1 teaspoon thyme
- ½ teaspoon ground turmeric
- ½ teaspoon cumin
- 1 teaspoon mustard powder
- ½ teaspoon chipotle pepper
- ½ green bell pepper, chopped
- ½ red onion, finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Pinch of pepper

Directions

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350°F (175°C). Grease a baking sheet lined with parchment paper with some cooking spray.
- Add the onion, garlic, spinach, green peppers and celery to a mixing bowl. Mix well.
- 3. To another mixing bowl, add the egg whites, turkey, oats and spices; mix well and be sure not to leave any lumps.
- 4. Combine the mixtures and mix well. Prepare golf ball size meatballs from the mixture.
- 5. Place over the baking sheet and bake for about 25 minutes until evenly brown.
- 6. Serve warm.

Nutrition (per serving)

Calories 183, fat 2.5 g, total carbs 12 g, sugar 3 g, Protein 30.5 g, sodium 582 mg

Baked Garlic Lemon Salmon

Serves 4 | Prep. time 5 minutes | Cooking time 15 minutes

Ingredients

- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 4 medium-sized salmon fillets
- 1/4 cup unsalted butter, melted
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- A handful of parsley, finely chopped
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions

- Preheat the oven to 400°F (200°C). Line a baking dish or tray with tin foil; grease with some cooking spray.
- Place the salmon fillets over the baking dish.
- Add the butter, garlic, lemon juice, salt and pepper to a mixing bowl. Mix well.
- Brush the salmon fillets with the butter sauce, reserving some sauce.
- Bake for around 15 minutes, or until the salmon is easy to flake. Bake for 2–3 minutes more if needed.
- Brush with the reserved sauce and sprinkle some lemon juice on top.
- Serve with chopped parsley on top.

Nutrition (per serving)

Calories 350, fat 25 g, total carbs 2 g, sugar 0.5 g, Protein 28.5 g, sodium 68 mg

Bean Dip with Veggie Sticks

Serves/yield 1 1/2 cups | Prep. time 10 minutes | Cooking time 0 minutes

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons fresh parsley, minced
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 (15-ounce) can chickpeas, rinsed and drained
- ½ cup olive oil
- 1-2 cloves garlic, peeled
- 1 green onion, cut into 3 pieces
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- Assorted fresh vegetables (celery sticks, carrots sticks, cucumber sticks, blanched green beans, radish wedges, etc.)

Directions

- 1. Add all ingredients except assorted vegetables to a blender or food processor and blend to make a smooth mixture.
- 2. Transfer the mixture to a bowl and refrigerate for at least half an hour and at most two days.
- 3. Serve the chilled dip with assorted vegetables of your choice.

Nutrition (per 2 tablespoons)

Calories 114, fat 10 g, total carbs 6 g, sugar 1 g, Protein 1g, sodium 96 mg

***These recipes and more can be found in Madison Miller's *Diabetes Cookbook: Quick and Easy Diabetes Type 2 Recipes - 14-Day Quick Start Meal Plan.* To get your copy, click on the cover or click here.

