# **Delicious and Healthy Daniel Fast Recipes**

# **Inspiring Blueberry Muffins**

Healthy muffins that are bursting with healthy blueberries and bananas. These tasty muffins get extra flavor from the warm spices.

Makes 10 | Prep time 15 minutes | Cooking time 25 minutes

### Ingredients

- Olive oil cooking spray
- 1 cup oat flour
- 1 cup old-fashioned oats
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cardamom
- 1 cup unsweetened applesauce
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> cup date honey
- 2 medium ripe bananas, peeled and mashed
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- $1\frac{1}{3}$  cups fresh blueberries

#### Directions

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350°F.
- 2. Lightly grease 10 cups of a regular muffin tin with cooking spray.
- 3. In a large mixing bowl, mix the oat flour, oats, and spices.
- 4. In a second bowl, beat the applesauce, honey, and bananas until well combined.
- 5. Add the flour mixture and mix until just combined.
- 6. Gently fold in the blueberries.
- 7. Transfer the mixture into the prepared muffin cups.
- 8. Bake for 20–25 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.
- 9. Remove from oven and place on a wire rack to cool for about 10 minutes.
- 10. Carefully invert the muffins onto the wire rack to cool completely before serving.

#### Nutrition (per serving)

Calories 145, fat 2.7 g, carbs 32.3 g, sugar 18 g, Protein 3.1 g, sodium 3 mg

## **Bright Green Soup**

A healthy and delicious soup with a creamy texture from avocado.

Serves 4 | Prep time 15 minutes | Cooking time 35 minutes

## Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon coconut oil
- 1 stalk celery, chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped white onion
- Salt as required
- 1 teaspoon ground turmeric
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 large head broccoli, cut into florets
- ¼ teaspoon grated fresh ginger
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- Pepper as required
- 5 cups low-sodium vegetable broth
- 1 small avocado, peeled, pitted, and chopped
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons fresh parsley, chopped

## Directions

- 1. Heat the oil in a large soup pan over medium heat and saute the celery, onion, and a little salt for about 3–4 minutes.
- 2. Add the turmeric and garlic and saute for about 1 minute.
- 3. Add more salt, if required, and the remaining ingredients except for the avocado, lemon juice, and parsley. Bring to a boil.
- 4. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer, covered, for 25–30 minutes.
- 5. Remove from heat and set aside to cool slightly.
- 6. Add the soup and avocado to a blender in batches and pulse until smooth.
- 7. Drizzle with lemon juice and serve immediately with a garnishing of parsley.

## Nutrition (per serving)

Calories 185, fat 133.6 g, carbs 12.5 g, sugar 2.2 g, Protein 5.7 g, sodium 157 mg

## **Beet and Spinach Salad**

A salad that's great as a light lunch. Sweet roasted beets are a great match for the bright spinach, crunchy walnuts, and dressing.

Serves 2-4 | Prep time 30 minutes | Cooking time 1 hour

### Ingredients

- 2 large beets, trimmed
- 10 ounces fresh spinach, torn
- 1/2 cup toasted walnuts
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- Salt and pepper as required

### Directions

- 1. Preheat the oven to 425°F.
- 2. Arrange the beets on a baking sheet and roast for about 1 hour.
- 3. Remove from oven and set aside until cool enough to handle.
- 4. Peel the beets and then chop them. Let cool completely.
- 5. Place the chopped beets, spinach, and walnuts in a salad bowl and mix.
- 6. Place the olive oil, vinegar, salt, and pepper in a bowl and beat until well combined.
- 7. Pour the dressing over the salad and toss to coat.
- 8. Serve immediately.

### Nutrition (per serving)

Calories 196, fat 16.6 g, carbs 9.1 g, sugar 4.5 g, Protein 6.6 g, sodium 134 mg

## **Traditional French Ratatouille**

A traditional French veggie main dish with a super delicious flair, ratatouille is packed with fresh veggies like tomatoes, eggplant, zucchini, and yellow squash.

Serves 6 | Prep time 20 minutes | Cooking time 1 hour 13 minutes

### Ingredients

- 4 tablespoons olive oil (divided)
- 1 red bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1 (26-ounce) jar tomato basil pasta sauce
- 2 yellow squash, sliced into thin coins
- 2 zucchinis, sliced into thin coins
- 2 small eggplants, sliced into thin coins
- 5 Roma tomatoes, sliced into thin coins
- 1 teaspoon garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons fresh parsley, chopped
- 2 tablespoons fresh basil, chopped
- 2 teaspoons fresh thyme, chopped
- Sea salt and pepper as required

#### Directions

- 1. Preheat the oven to 375°F.
- 2. Heat 1 teaspoon of the oil in a nonstick frying pan over medium-high heat and sauté the bell pepper for 3–4 minutes.
- 3. Add the pasta sauce and stir to combine.
- 4. Adjust the heat to low and simmer for 2–3 minutes or until just warmed.
- 5. Remove from heat.
- 6. Add the garlic, fresh herbs, sea salt, pepper, and remaining oil and mix well.
- 7. Place the sauce in the bottom of a 12-inch cast-iron skillet.
- 8. Arrange the vegetables over the sauce in a spiral pattern.
- 9. Drizzle the vegetables with the herb mixture.
- 10. Cover the skillet with a piece of foil and bake for approximately 40–45 minutes.
- 11. Remove the foil and bake for approximately 15–20 minutes more.
- 12. Serve hot.

### Nutrition (per serving)

Calories 281, fat 13.5 g, carbs 38 g, sugar 22.3 g, Protein 6.8 g, sodium 554 mg

# **Anti-Inflammatory Smoothie**

This recipe makes a highly refreshing smoothie with the tasty flavor of pineapple and carrot. Delightful!

Serves 2 | Prep time 10 minutes

### Ingredients

- 1 cup frozen pineapple
- 1 large ripe banana, peeled and sliced
- 1/2 tablespoon fresh ginger, peeled and chopped
- 1/4 teaspoon ground turmeric
- 1 cup unsweetened almond milk
- 1/2 cup fresh carrot juice
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

### Directions

- 1. Add all the ingredients to a high-power blender and pulse until creamy.
- 2. Pour the smoothie into two glasses and serve immediately.

### Nutrition (per serving)

Calories 132, fat 2.2 g, carbs 29.3 g, sugar 16.9 g, Protein 2 g, sodium 113 mg

## **Power-Packed Energy Bites**

An easy to assemble nutty and fruity treat, this snack combines the subtle sweetness of dates, the freshness of oranges, and the tartness of cranberries.

Serves 10 | Prep time 15 minutes

### Ingredients

- 1/2 cup raw pistachios, divided
- <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup raw almonds
- Pinch of salt
- 6 Medjool dates, pitted and chopped
- 1 teaspoon fresh orange zest, grated
- 1-2 teaspoons fresh orange juice
- 1/3 cup dried cranberries

### Directions

- 1. Line a large cookie sheet with parchment paper.
- 2. Add ¼ cup of the pistachios to a food processor and pulse until finely ground.
- 3. Transfer the ground pistachios to a shallow dish.
- 4. To the food processor, add the remaining pistachios, almonds, and salt and pulse until finely chopped.
- 5. Add the dates, orange zest, and juice and pulse until smooth.
- 6. Add the cranberries and pulse until cranberries are chopped finely.
- 7. Make 20 equal-sized balls from the mixture.
- 8. Roll the balls in the reserved ground pistachios.
- 9. Arrange the balls on the prepared baking sheet in a single layer.
- 10. Refrigerate to set for about 1 hour.

### Nutrition (per serving)

Calories 100, fat 5 g, carbs 13.4 g, sugar 9.8 g, Protein 2.6 g, sodium 32 mg

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