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FAST SCRAMBLED EGGS

Serves 1

INGREDIENTS

90g (2 regular) Eggs 40ml (2 Tb) Skim milk 20g Grated cheese, reduced fat 40g Tomato 15g Basil Pinch of salt and pepper 30g (1 slice) Wholemeal bread

METHOD

- Whisk eggs and milk together and place in a medium microwave-safe container
- **2.** Dice tomatoes and add to the eggs, along with the cheese and basil.
- **3.** Season with salt and pepper and microwave on high for 30 seconds.
- **4.** Remove from microwave, stir, and return to microwave for a further 70-80 seconds or until the eggs are fluffy and set.
- **5.** Serve with a slice of wholegrain toast.

CHOC-BANANA PORRIDGE

Serves 1

INGREDIENTS

40g (0.5 cup) Rolled oats
125ml Reduced fat cow's milk or
milk of choice
125ml Water
50g (0.5 medium) Banana, ripe
1.3g (0.5 tsp) Cinnamon
3.6g (2 tsp) Cocoa or
cacao powder
1.3g (0.25 tsp) Vanilla extract
Pinch of salt

METHOD

- **1.** Place oats in saucepan, and cover with milk and water.
- 2. Use a fork to mash the banana and mix through the oats along with the cinnamon, cocoa/cacao, vanilla extract and salt.
- 3. Place oats in refrigerator and leave to soak overnight for extra creaminess prior to cooking. You may need to add extra water to loosen the mixture in the morning.
- **4.** Alternatively, cook the oats right away. Bring to the boil over a high heat before reducing to a low heat.
- **5.** Allow the oats to simmer for 5 minutes or until the porridge is thick and creamy.

MUSHROOM BRUSCHETTA

Serves 1

INGREDIENTS:

4.6g (1 tsp) Extra virgin olive oil
40g Spinach
85g Button mushrooms
5g Fresh parsley
10g Fresh (or 1tsp dry) thyme
3g (1 clove) Garlic
30g (1 slice) Sourdough bread
1 Egg

- **1.** Prepare ingredients by slicing mushrooms and garlic finely. Roughly chop herbs and set aside.
- **2.** Heat 1 tsp (4.6g) olive oil over a medium heat in a frying pan. Add garlic, stirring until fragrant.
- **3.** Add mushrooms to garlic and cook until softens, for approximately 5 minutes.
- **4.** Push mushrooms to one side of pan to keep warm, and crack egg in middle of pan. Cook egg for 3 minutes or until egg whites have set.
- **5.** Remove egg from pan. Prior to removing mushrooms from pan, stir through herbs, spinach and season with salt and pepper.
- **6.** Serve on top of lightly toasted sourdough.



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APPLE PIE QUINOA PORRIDGE

Serves 1

INGREDIENTS

50g Uncooked quinoa 125ml Skim milk 75g (0.5 medium) Apple 1.3g (0.5 tsp) Cinnamon 8g (2 tsp) Sultanas 100ml Water

METHOD

- 1. Wash and grate the apple and set aside in a small bowl.
- 2. Rinse quinoa under running water and allow to drain.
- 3. Add rinsed guinoa, water and milk to a saucepan over high heat. Bring to the boil.
- 4. Reduce heat, add apple, cinnamon and sultanas and simmer for a further 10-15 minutes
- **5.** Serve with additional cinnamon, as to liking.

TOMATO AND RICOTTA **TOASTS**

Serves 1

INGREDIENTS

60g (2 slices) Wholemeal or sourdough bread 10g (2 Tb) Fresh basil 150g Tomatoes 4.6g(1 tsp) Extra virgin olive oil 65g Low fat ricotta cheese 5g (1 tsp) Balsamic vinegar Pinch of salt and pepper

METHOD

- 1. Slice the tomato thickly and place in a small bowl.
- 2. Drizzle with olive oil and balsamic vinegar, and season with salt and pepper.
- 3. Toast the bread to your liking and spread the ricotta evenly over two slices.
- **4.** Layer the dressed tomato on to the toast and finish with freshly torn basil leaves.

BLUE-BANANA SMOOTHIE

Serves 1

INGREDIENTS

30g Frozen blueberries 50g Banana 30g Rolled oats 250ml Skim milk 40g Fat free Greek voghurt Ice to blend

METHOD

1. Place all ingredients in blender, and blend until smooth.

SPINACH & FETA OMELETTE

Serves 1

INGREDIENTS

90g (2 regular) Eggs 20g Cold water 20g Reduced fat feta cheese 45g Spinach 30g (1 slice) Wholemeal bread 4.6g(1 tsp) Extra virgin olive oil Pinch of salt and pepper

- 1. Whisk eggs, water, salt and pepper in a small bowl until combined.
- 2. Heat a frypan over medium heat. Add the eggs to the pan and gently use a spatula to push the egg from the corners of pan into the centre, so that the uncooked egg can reach the hottest surface of the pan.
- 3. When there is no visible liquid remaining and the egg is set, add the spinach and feta to one half of the omelette.
- 4. Fold omelette in half with the spatula to enclose the filling.
- 5. Cook for a further minute to melt the feta and then remove from heat.
- 6. Serve with slice of toast



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3-INGREDIENT BANANA SMOOTHIE

Serves 1

INGREDIENTS

50g (0.5 medium) Banana 1.3g (0.5 tsp) Cinnamon 150ml Skim milk

METHOD

1. Combine all ingredients in blender and blend.

SWEETENED YOGHURT

Serves 1

INGREDIENTS

150g (3/4 tub) Fat free Greek yoghurt 3.6g (0.5 tsp) Honey

METHOD

1. Mix honey through Greek yoghurt and serve.

TOMATO RICOTTA CRISP

Serves 1

INGREDIENTS

11g (1 crispbread) Ryvita crispbread75g (0.5 medium) Tomato20g Reduced fat ricotta cheese

METHOD

- **1.** Slice tomato thickly and season with salt and pepper.
- Spread ricotta evenly over Ryvita.
- 3. Top with tomato slices to serve

BERRY YOGHURT CUP

Serves 1

INGREDIENTS

100g (0.5 tub) No fat Greek yoghurt

25g (2 Tb)Frozen raspberries3.6g (0.5 tsp) Honey

METHOD

- **1.** Microwave raspberries on high with 1 Tb of water for 3 minutes.
- 2. Drain excess liquid.
- **3.** Stir berries through yoghurt and drizzle with honey to finish.

BERRY SMOOTHIE

Serves 1

INGREDIENTS

75g (0.5 cup) Frozen mixed berries 150ml Reduced fat milk 3.5g (0.5 tsp) Honey

METHOD

1. Blend all ingredients until combined and serve.

HOMEMADE TORTILLA CHIPS

Serves 1

INGREDIENTS

25g (1 regular) Rye mountain bread 4.6g (1 tsp) Olive oil 1.3g (0.5 tsp) Cumin 1.3g (0.5 tsp) Paprika 1.3g (0.5 tsp) Dried oregano

- 1. Preheat oven to 180 degrees.
- **2.** Cut mountain bread into triangles.
- **3.** Place on baking tray lined with baking paper.
- **4.** Drizzle over olive oil and sprinkle with cumin, paprika and dried oregano.
- **5.** Bake for 5 minutes or until golden and crisp.



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TOFU WITH LEMON AND SPINACH RICE

Serves 1

INGREDIENTS

80g Tofu 35g (0.25 small) Leek, white

part only 10g (0.5 Tb) Tomato paste, salt reduced

20ml (1 Tb) Lemon juice

1 tsp Lemon zest

90g (2 cup) Spinach

4.6g (1 tsp) Extra virgin olive oil

3g (1 clove) Garlic

50g (1/4 cup) Brown rice, uncooked

150ml Vegetable stock, salt reduced

1.3g (0.5 tsp) Dried basil 1.3g (0.5 tsp) Dried thyme 5g (1 tsp) Balsamic vinegar

METHOD

- 1. Slice tofu into cubes and marinate in garlic, balsamic vinegar, basil and thyme. Allow to stand for 10 minutes.
- 2. Heat olive oil in saucepan over medium heat. Cook tofu for 5 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from heat and set aside.
- 3. Slice the garlic and white part of the leek thinly and add to saucepan, stirring for 4 minutes.
- **4.** Add spinach and lemon zest, stirring for 3 minutes or until the spinach wilts and reduces in size.
- 5. Add tomato paste and rice, stirring for 1 minute to coat the rice in the herbs and tomato paste.

- **6.** Add vegetable stock and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to a simmer, cover, and cook around 20 minutes or until the rice is tender. You may need to add more water/ stock if necessary.
- 7. Return tofu to the saucepan for 2 minutes to heat through and squeeze over lemon juice prior to serving.

WARM LENTIL SALAD WITH POACHED EGG

Serves 1

INGREDIENTS

90g (0.5 cup) Tinned brown lentils, rinsed 20g (4 Tb) Fresh parsley 4.6g (1 tsp) Extra virgin olive oil 5g (1 tsp) Balsamic vinegar 30g(1 slice) Sourdough bread 45g (1 regular) Egg 60g (1 cup) Rocket 45g (1 cup) Spinach 40g (0.25 medium) Red onion 60g Cherry tomatoes

METHOD

1. Heat a saucepan of water over medium heat. Add 1 tsp of vinegar to the water.

5g (1 tsp) Wholegrain mustard

- 2. Crack the egg into a cup and using a knife or spoon, stir the water in a clockwise direction to create a whirlpool.
- 3. When the water is rapidly simmering, lower the egg into the centre of the whirlpool and cook for 3-4 minutes or 5-6 minutes for a harder boiled egg.
- 4. Roughly chop the onion, tomatoes and parsley.

- **5.** Assemble the salad while the egg is cooking, by combining the lentils, chopped parsley, rocket, spinach, red onion and tomatoes in a bowl.
- 6. Combine the mustard, balsamic vinegar and olive oil in a bowl and then pour over salad.
- 7. Serve the salad with a freshly poached egg and toasted sourdough bread.



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HONEY PUMPKIN & CARAMELISED ONION PITA PIZZA

Serves 1

INGREDIENTS

reduced salt

100g Butternut pumpkin 65g (1 regular round) Wholemeal pita bread 20g (1 Tb) Tomato paste,

15g (2 tsp) Store bought

caramelised onion 100g (1 small) Zucchini

1.5g (0.5 tsp) Minced garlic

7g (1 tsp) Honey

15g (1 Tb) Canned brown lentils

4.6g (1 tsp) Extra virgin olive oil 60g (1 cup) Rocket

2.7g (1 tsp) Dried rosemary 5g (1 tsp) Balsamic vinegar

METHOD

- 1. Preheat oven to 200 degrees.
- Cut pumpkin into small cubes and add to baking tray lined with baking paper. Sprinkle over garlic, honey, rosemary and olive oil and mix to coat well.
- **3.** Bake in oven for 20-25 minutes or until soft when poked with a fork.
- **4.** Prepare pizza by spreading tomato paste along the base of the pita. Add caramelised onion and smooth over pita base.
- 5. Slice zucchini longways into long thin strips and spread across pita. Add pumpkin pieces and lentils and cook in oven for 10 minutes, or until base is crisp.
- **6.** Serve with rocket on top of pita, and drizzle over balsamic vinegar to finish.

BRAISED EGGPLANT & CHICKPEAS WITH YOGHURT & POMEGRANATE

Serves 1

INGREDIENTS

200g (0.5 can) Canned tomatoes, salt reduced 320g (1 small) Eggplant 10g (2 Tb) Fresh coriander 20g (1 Tb) Fat free Greek yoghurt 5g (2 tsp) Pomegranate seeds (or dried cranberries if preferred) 2.7g (1 tsp) Cumin 250ml (1 cup) Salt reduced vegetable stock 45g (0.25 cup) Canned chickpeas 45g (1 cup) Spinach 3g (1 clove) Garlic 45g (0.25 cup) Wholemeal cous cous

METHOD

- **1.** Heat olive oil in frypan over medium heat.
- 2. Cut eggplant into cubes.
- **3.** Add garlic and eggplant, season with salt and pepper and cook, stirring for 3 minutes.
- **4.** Add cumin, stirring for a further 30 seconds, before adding chickpeas, canned tomatoes and half of the vegetable stock. Bring to the boil, then reduce heat to a simmer and cook for 15 minutes covered, or until the eggplant is tender.
- 5. Meanwhile, prepare cous cous by heating remaining vegetable stock in the microwave and pouring over cous cous. Allow to stand, covered, until all the liquid is absorbed. Fluff cous cous with fork prior to serving.

- **6.** Add spinach to eggplant and stir to wilt leaves. Cook for a further minute before taking off the heat.
- 7. Serve braised eggplant and chickpeas with cous cous, roughly chopped coriander, Greek yoghurt and a sprinkling of pomegranate seeds.

BAKED PUMPKIN EGGS

Serves 1

INGREDIENTS

90g (2 regular) Eggs
30g (1 slice) Sourdough
100g Pumpkin
50g (0.5 small) Zucchini
200g (0.5 can) Canned tomatoes
55g (0.25 small) Capsicum
10g (3 tsp) Breadcrumbs
10g (2 Tb) Parsley
1.3g (0.5 tsp) Sweet paprika
1.3g (0.5 tsp) Cumin
4.6g (1 tsp) Extra virgin olive oil

- 1. Preheat oven to 180 degrees.
- 2. Finely dice capsicum, grate pumpkin and zucchini, and mix in small bowl with canned tomatoes.
- **3.** Heat olive oil in frypan over medium heat. Add paprika and cumin, stirring for 1 minute.
- **4.** Pour tomato mixture into pan and cook for 5 minutes, or until sauce reduces.
- 5. Transfer mixture to small baking dish lined with baking paper. Crack eggs into centre of the dish, sprinkle over breadcrumbs, and bake for 12 minutes or until egg whites are set.
- **6.** Serve with fresh parsley and sourdough bread.



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SHAKSHUKA EGGS WITH SOURDOUGH

Serves 1

INGREDIENTS

45g (1 regular) Egg 200g Canned tomatoes, salt reduced 15g (0.25 cup) Parsley 40g Feta, reduced fat 30g (1 slice) Sourdough bread 60g (0.25 small) Red capsicum 70g (1.5 cup) Spinach 2.7g (1 tsp) Cumin 1.3g (0.5 tsp) Paprika 4.6g (1 tsp) Extra virgin olive oil 40g (0.25) Red onion

METHOD

- 1. Heat olive oil in frypan over medium heat.
- 2. Dice onion and add to frypan, cooking for 4 minutes, until translucent.
- 3. Add red capsicum, cooking for a further 3 minutes.
- 4. Add paprika and cumin, stirring for 1 minute until fragrant and then add the canned tomatoes.
- 5. Cook for 5 minutes, until sauce thickens and then stir though spinach. Cook for 1 minute, until spinach wilts and then use a spoon to create a well in the centre of the tomato sauce.
- 6. Crack egg into the centre of the sauce and cover frypan with lid. Cook for 3 minutes or until egg whites are set.
- 7. Crumble feta over the top of the shakshuka eggs, sprinkle with fresh parsley and serve with freshly toasted sourdough bread.

HERBED BEETROOT & BEAN PATTIES WITH GREENS

Serves 1

INGREDIENTS

120g (0.5 cup) Canned cannellini beans

30g (2 Tb) Wholemeal cous cous, uncooked

60ml (3 Tb) Vegetable stock, salt reduced

10g (2 Tb) Fresh parsley 10g (2 Tb) Fresh dill 45g (0.25 cup) Canned beetroot 15g (1 regular) Spring onion 3g (1 clove) Garlic

4.6g (1 tsp) Extra virgin olive oil 140g (1 cup) Green beans 140g (1 cup) Asparagus

METHOD

- 1. Heat vegetable stock in the microwave. In a small bowl. add cous cous and cover with stock. Allow to stand, until liquid is absorbed.
- 2. Reserve 1 Tb of juice from the canned beetroot. In a food processor, combine the beetroot, beetroot juice, cous cous, cannellini beans, parsley, dill, garlic and spring onion.
- 3. Process to combine all ingredients.
- 4. Use hands to form mixture into 2 patties.
- **5.** Heat olive oil in frypan over medium heat.
- 6. Cook patties 4 minutes each side, until golden and crisp. Transfer to plate lined with paper towel.
- 7. In a separate non-stick griddle pan, add green beans and asparagus. Cook, rotating frequently, for 10 minutes or until tender.
- 8. Serve herbed patties with griddled greens.

BROCCOLI LEMON & CHILLI RICOTTA LINGUINE

Serves 1

INGREDIENTS

140g (1.5 cup) Broccoli florets 65g (0.25 cup) Reduced fat ricotta 40ml (2 Tb) Lemon juice 20g (1 Tb) Fat free Greek yoghurt 55g (0.5 cup) Wholemeal pasta 7g (0.5 medium) Red chilli (optional)

4.6g (1 tsp) Extra virgin olive oil 200g Zucchini

- 1. Boil a saucepan of water and season well with salt.
- 2. Add wholemeal pasta, cooking as per packet instructions or until al dente.
- 3. While the pasta is cooking, use a spiraliser or vegetable peeler to create long strips of zucchini or zucchini noodles.
- 4. In a small bowl, combine yoghurt, ricotta, lemon juice and olive oil.
- 5. In final 5 minutes of cooking. add broccoli florets to the pasta, and cook until tender.
- 6. Drain pasta and broccoli and stir through zucchini noodles.
- 7. Add ricotta sauce and mix well to combine.
- 8. Finely slice chilli and sprinkle on top of pasta, if using, to finish.

