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## 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

#### **METHOD**

- 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.
- 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.

## 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.

# BLUEBERRY OVERNIGHT OATS

#### Serves 1

#### **INGREDIENTS**

45g Rolled oats 250ml Skim milk 1.3g (0.5 tsp) Cinnamon 60g Frozen blueberries or raspberries 2.5g (0.5 tsp) Vanilla extract

- **1.** Place the oats in a glass, jar or small bowl.
- **2.** Add milk, vanilla extract and frozen berries to oats and sprinkle with cinnamon.
- **3.** Mix well and place in fridge overnight, or until creamy and thick.



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## BASIL & CHILI SCRAMBLED EGGS

#### Serves 1

#### **INGREDIENTS**

2 Eggs

4.6g (1 tsp) Extra virgin olive oil 10g Fresh basil

20g Reduced fat fetta 0.5 Small red chilli or a good sprinkle of dry flakes

30g (1 slice) Sourdough or wholemeal bread

#### **METHOD**

- Crack eggs into a bowl and whisk together with a fork. Finely slice the chilli and remove the seeds (optional). Add the chilli to the eggs and season with salt and pepper.
- 2. Heat a small saucepan with olive oil over a low heat. Once the oil has heated, slowly pour in the eggs.
- **3.** Use a wooden spoon or spatula to slowly stir the eggs. Stir using an inwards direction to keep the mixture from sticking to the sides of the pan.
- **4.** When the eggs begin to look silky but still runny, roughly tear the basil leaves and add to the eggs. Crumble the feta over the eggs and remove from the heat.
- **5.** Serve with a slice of toasted bread.

## RASPBERRY YOGHURT POTS

#### Serves 1

#### **INGREDIENTS**

70g Frozen raspberries 1.3g (0.5 tsp) Cinnamon 200g No fat Greek yoghurt 40g Rolled oats

#### **METHOD**

- **1.** Heat raspberries with cinnamon in a saucepan over a medium heat.
- 2. Cook for 5 minutes or until berries are heated through and the liquid has reduced.
- **3.** Place yoghurt in a jar or small bowl. Pour over the berries.
- **4.** Garnish with rolled oats and enjoy.

## CAPRESE BREAKFAST SALAD

### Serves 1

### **INGREDIENTS**

45g (1 regular) Egg
15g (4 whole) Pitted olives
15g (0.25 cup) Basil leaves
90g Rocket
40g (2 small) Bocconcini
250g Kumata or other
sweet tomatoes
10g (2 tsp) Balsamic vinegar
15g (0.5 slice) Wholemeal bread

#### **METHOD**

- 1. Bring a saucepan of water to the boil over a high heat, and then lower the heat to create a rapid simmer.
- **2.** Add the egg slowly to prevent it from cracking, and cook for

5 minutes for a runny yolk, or 7 minutes if you prefer a harder yolk.

- **3.** While the egg is cooking, prepare the salad. Slice the tomatoes, olives and bocconcini and add to a bowl.
- **4.** Roughly tear the basil leaves and add to the bowl, along with the rocket.
- **5.** Once cooked, peel the egg and place on top of the salad.
- 6. Drizzle with balsamic vinegar.

## MANGO YOGHURT PARFAIT

#### Serves 1

### **INGREDIENTS**

200g Fat free Greek yoghurt 140g Frozen diced mango 3.6g (1 tsp) Chia seeds 20g Rolled oats 5g (1 tsp) Vanilla extract 3.8g (1 tsp) Lime juice Zest from 1/2 Lime 40g (2 Tb) Water

- 1. Blend mango, vanilla extract, lime juice and zest with water in a blender or food processor. If the mixture is too thick, add additional water until you reach a puree consistency.
- 2. Using a container, glass or jar, assemble the parfait alternating with layers of mango, chia seeds and yoghurt.
- **3.** Leave overnight or enjoy immediately, sprinkling with oats right before serving.



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### **SWEET CRACKERS**

#### Serves 1

### **INGREDIENTS**

15g (6 regular round) Brown rice crackers

40g (2 Tb) Reduced fat ricotta 50g (6 small) Strawberries

#### **METHOD**

- 1. Cut strawberries in half.
- 2. Spread ricotta evenly across crackers.
- 3. Top crackers with strawberries and serve.

#### **BERRY YOGHURT CUP**

#### Serves 1

#### **INGREDIENTS**

100g (0.5 tub) No fat Greek yoghurt 25g (2 Tb) Frozen raspberries 3.6g (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.

# 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.

#### **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.

## TOMATO RICOTTA CRISP

#### Serves 1

#### **INGREDIENTS**

11g (1 crispbread) Ryvita crispbread

75g (0.5 medium) Tomato 20g Reduced fat ricotta cheese

#### **METHOD**

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

## EGG & TOMATO CRACKER

#### Serves 1

#### **INGREDIENTS**

45g (1 regular) Egg 6g (1 slice) Ryvitacrispbread 15g (0.25 cup) Fresh basil 75g (0.5 medium) Tomato

#### **METHOD**

- **1.** Bring saucepan of water to a boil over high heat.
- **2.** Boil egg for 8-10 minutes over medium-high heat.
- **3.** Allow egg to cool slightly and peel from shell.
- **4.** Slice tomato and egg and arrange on Ryvita with fresh basil leaves.

# CHOC HAZELNUT BALLS

(makes 4 balls) Serving size 1

#### **INGREDIENTS**

30g (3 Tb) Hazelnuts 2g (1 tsp) Cacao powder 40g (0.25 cup) Medjool dates 2.5g (0.5 tsp) Vanilla extract 15g (2 Tb) Rolled oats 1.3g (0.5 tsp) Cinnamon

#### **METHOD**

 Combine all ingredients in food processor or blender, adding 1 Tb of water if necessary to help combine.

**Note:** These can be made in large batches and frozen for use at a later date.



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## SIMPLE VEGETABLE **LASAGNE**

#### Serves 1

#### **INGREDIENTS**

100g (1 small) Zucchini

85g (1 cup) Mushrooms

135g (0.5 medium) Red capsicum 135g (0.5 cup) Store bought pasta sauce 65g (0.25 cup) Reduced fat ricotta cheese 4.6g (1 tsp) Extra virgin olive oil 10g Parmesan cheese 70g (1.5 cup) Spinach 3g (1 clove) Garlic

### **METHOD**

1. Heat olive oil in a frypan over medium heat.

30g (1 fresh) Lasagne sheets

- 2. Roughly cut mushrooms, zucchini and capsicum into equal bite size pieces.
- 3. Add to frypan and cook for 8 minutes or until vegetables soften.
- 4. Preheat oven to 180 degrees.
- **5.** Line a small baking dish with baking paper. Cut pasta sheet in half and add one half to the bottom of the baking dish.
- 6. Pour over half of the vegetables, spinach and pasta sauce.
- 7. Repeat using remaining vegetables, spinach, sauce and lasagne sheets to create a second layer.
- 8. Smooth ricotta cheese over the top layer and sprinkle with parmesan cheese.
- 9. Bake for 20 minutes or until edges are golden.

## **PUMPKIN & CHICKPEA** STEW WITH PEARL **COUS COUS**

#### Serves 1

#### **INGREDIENTS**

50g (1/3 cup) Canned chickpeas 35g (0.5 small) Carrot 100g Pumpkin 35g (0.25 medium) Brown onion 500ml (2 cup) Vegetable stock, salt reduced 20g (1 Tb) Tomato paste, reduced salt 10g (1 large stick) Celery 10g (2 Tb) Parsley 10g (2 Tb) Mint 2.7g (1 tsp) Cumin 2.7g (1 tsp) Oregano 30g (3 Tb) Pearl cous cous 20g (1 Tb) Fat free Greek yoghurt

#### **METHOD**

1. Heat olive oil in saucepan over medium heat.

4.6g (1 tsp)Extra virgin olive oil

- 2. Dice onion and add to pan, sautéing for 5 minutes.
- 3. Chop carrot, celery and pumpkin into small cubes and add to onion along with tomato paste. Stir for 1 minute before adding vegetable stock and chickpeas. Season with salt and pepper.
- 4. Cook for 10 minutes and then add cous cous to the pan. You may need to add extra water or stock if the mixture has reduced too much.
- **5.** Cook for a further 5 minutes or until cous cous is tender. then serve in bowl with Greek yoghurt, mint and parsley.

## **LEMON GARLIC TOFU & GRIDDLED VEGETABLE BOWL**

#### Serves 1

## **INGREDIENTS** 100g Firm tofu

100g (1 small) Zucchini 110g (0.5 small) Red capsicum 90g (1.5 cup) Mixed rocket and spinach leaves 15g (0.25 cup) Fresh basil 40g (3 Tb) Canned chickpeas 4.6g (1 tsp) Extra virgin olive oil 10g (2 tsp) Balsamic vinegar 30g (1 slice) Sourdough bread 2.7g (1 tsp) Oregano 1.5g (0.5 clove) Garlic 20ml (1 Tb) Lemon juice

- 1. Preheat griddle pan over medium heat.
- 2. Slice tofu into long strips and marinate in bowl, with garlic, lemon juice, oregano and olive oil. Set aside to marinate for 5 minutes.
- 3. Slice zucchini and red capsicum thinly. Season with salt and pepper and add to griddle pan and cook for 4 minutes each side or until tender and grill lines form.
- 4. Remove from pan and add tofu, cooking for 5 minutes, rotating often.
- 5. Assemble by adding tofu, griddled vegetables, basil, canned chickpeas, rocket and spinach to a bowl. Dress with balsamic vinegar and serve with toasted sourdough.



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### **ZUCCHINI, PEA &** MINT FRITTERS WITH HERBED YOGHURT

#### Serves 1

### **INGREDIENTS**

100g (1 small) Zucchini 20g (2 Tb) Wholemeal selfraising flour 45g (1 regular) Egg 15g (1 regular) Spring onion, green part only 4.6g (1 tsp) Extra virgin olive oil 30g (2 Tb) Green peas, frozen 10g (2 Tb) Mint 40g (2 Tb) Fat free Greek yoghurt 20ml (1 Tb) Lemon juice 3g (1 tsp) Minced garlic 30g (1 small) Wholemeal pita bread 35g (1 cup) Mixed lettuce leaves 120g (1 small) Tomato 40g (0.25) Red onion

## **METHOD**

- 1. Grate zucchini into a bowl and season with salt and pepper. Set aside for 10 minutes, and then use paper towel to soak up excess moisture.
- 2. Finely slice the mint and green part of the spring onion.
- 3. Whisk egg and add to zucchini, along with the flour, peas, spring onion and half of the mint.
- 4. Combine yoghurt, lemon juice, minced garlic and remaining mint to create the herbed yoghurt.
- **5.** Heat olive oil over a medium heat. Use a tablespoon to transfer fritter mixture into the pan. Cook for 1-2 minutes each side, or until crispy and golden.

- 6. Prepare simple salad by slicing red onion finely and dicing tomato. Cut pita in half and add salad filling.
- 7. Fill pita with fritters and herbed yoghurt and serve.

### ROAST CAULIFLOWER & WHITE BEAN SOUP WITH SOURDOUGH

#### Serves 1

#### **INGREDIENTS**

200g Cauliflower 3g (1 clove) Garlic 250ml (1 cup) Skim milk 250ml (1 cup) Reduced salt vegetable stock 60g (0.25 cup) Canned cannellini beans 2.7g (1 tsp) Thyme 2.7g (1 tsp) Oregano 70g (0.5 small) Leek, white part only 4.6g (1 tsp) Extra virgin olive oil 30g (1 slice) Sourdough

### **METHOD**

- 1. Preheat oven to 200 degrees.
- 2. Use hands to break apart cauliflower into chunks. Add to baking tray lined with baking paper, and dress with garlic, olive oil, thyme and oregano.
- 3. Slice the white part of the leek into large chunks and add to the baking tray along with the cannellini beans. Bake for 20 minutes or until cauliflower is tender.
- 4. Heat vegetable stock in a saucepan over medium heat. Remove from heat and add roast vegetables and milk.
- 5. Use a stick blender to puree soup until smooth. You may need more or less stock or water to reach the desired consistency.

6. Serve with a slice of freshly toasted sourdough.

### **ORZO & TOMATO SOUP**

#### Serves 1

#### **INGREDIENTS**

40g Dried orzo pasta 4.6g (1 tsp) Extra virgin olive oil 3g (1 clove) Garlic 125g (0.5 cup) Canned tomato, salt reduced 20g (1 Tb) Tomato paste, salt reduced 500ml Vegetable stock, salt reduced 2.7g (1 tsp) Dried oregano 2.7g (1 tsp) Dried basil 50g Brown onion 90g (2 cup) Silverbeet, stems removed 30g (1 slice) Sourdough bread

- 1. Heat olive oil in saucepan over medium heat.
- 2. Finely slice onion and add to saucepan, cooking for 4 minutes or until softened. Add garlic, cooking for a further 2 minutes.
- 3. Add tomato paste, oregano and basil to pan stirring for 1 minute. Add canned tomatoes and vegetable stock and bring the soup to the boil.
- 4. When boiling, add the orzo pasta, reduce the heat to a simmer and cook for 10 minutes.
- **5.** Remove the stems from the silverbeet and add the leaves to the soup. Cook for a final 3 minutes or until leaves wilt and reduce in size.
- 6. Serve soup with a slice of sourdough bread.



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## **LENTIL STUFFED EGGPLANT**

#### Serves 1

#### **INGREDIENTS**

320g (1 small) Eggplant 40g (0.5 cup) Mushrooms 45g (0.25 cup) Canned brown lentils 200g (0.5 can) Canned tomatoes 2.7g (1 tsp) Oregano 3g (1 clove) Garlic 1.3g (0.5 tsp) Cumin 15g (1 regular) Spring onion 20g (1 Tb) Fat free Greek yoghurt 5g (1 tsp) Tahini 10ml (0.5 Tb) Lemon juice 4.6g (1 tsp) Extra virgin olive oil

#### **METHOD**

1. Preheat oven to 200 degrees.

10g Parmesan cheese

10g (1 Tb) Breadcrumbs

- 2. Cut eggplant in half. Use a spoon to remove the eggplant flesh, leaving enough flesh so that the eggplant still holds it shapes when filled. Dice eggplant flesh finely and place remaining eggplant case on a baking tray lined with baking paper.
- 3. Heat frypan over medium heat and add olive oil and eggplant flesh.
- 4. Dice mushrooms, garlic and white part of spring onion and add to pan, cooking for 4 minutes or until mushrooms soften.
- **5.** Add oregano, cumin, brown lentils and canned tomatoes. Season with salt and pepper and cook for a further 5 minutes.

- 6. Remove mixture from pan and fill eggplant shells, allowing mixture to overfill.
- 7. Sprinkle with lemon juice, breadcrumbs, parmesan cheese and the green part of the spring onion. Bake for 30 minutes or until the eggplant is soft and breadcrumbs are browned.
- 8. Drizzle Greek yoghurt and tahini over eggplant prior to serving.

## **TOFU WITH LEMON** & SPINACH RICE

#### Serves 1

#### **INGREDIENTS**

80g Tofu 35g (0.25 small) Leek, white part only 10g (0.5 Tb) Tomato paste,

20ml (1 Tb) Lemon juice

1 tsp Lemon zest

salt reduced

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

- 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.

