Cookin' In Quarantine

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Let's face it, COVID-19 has made things boring. But... my friends in Oregon, and one in Canada, have been baking so many new things. Some recipes are inspired by others but the rest are completely random concotions that are so obvious yet impossible to come up with on your own. You will meet 2 amature chefs, including myself, who are gracious enough to share their recipes with you.

Meet Lilah. She was born and raised in Portland, OR, but headed off to California for college. Whilst under her parents roof she loved to cook but would only do so occasionally. However, once she headed to college she stopped. This unfortunate pandemic has allowed her to rekindle her love for baking.



What shes been making:
Bread
Chickpea Salad Sandwich
Thai Coconut, Broccoli, Celantro soup
Overnight ats

Hello! I'm Claire. Just like Lilah I am fom portland, OR and love to cook! While at school I would cook a lot, however, I didn't have access to an oven so making things I love made that a little more difficult. I like following recipes but I am also constantly creating some random conction that somehow work.



What I've been making:
Tomato, Sweet Pepper, and Goat Cheese Toast
Easy Salmon
Summer Pasta
Olive Oil Cake
Banana Bread
Chia Seed Pudding

Chickpea Salad Sandwich

Drain one 15oz can of Chickpeas, place in a large bowl and smash.

Add to the bowl:

1 thinly sliced stalk of celery

3 thinly sliced green onions

2 tbs mayonaise

1 tbs fresh lemon juice

1 to 2 tbs dried dill

1/2 tbs tumeric (Optional)

a few medium sized smashed cubes of butternut squash

1/4 tps kosher salt

Fresh ground pepper to taste

To assemble spread hummus or goat cheese on bread, place the salad and top with veggies of your choice. We reccommend microgreens, arugula, tomato, and advocado.



Bread

In big bowl mix:
3 c of flour (up to one can be whole wheat)
2 tsp salt
1/4 tsp yeast
Stir in 1 5/8 cup of water until it makes a ball.
(you can also add a few tbs of cinnamon if you want extra flavor!)

Cover for about 18 hours

Dump out onto floured surface and fold over a few times. After 15 mins shape into a ball. Cover with plastic wrap and dish towel over the plastic wrap. Let sit for 2 hours.

30 minutes before the two hours is up, put baking pan in oven and preheat to 450. After that 30 minutes is up and the dough has been sitting for 2 hours, take the pan out of the oven and put the dough in. Bake for 45 minutes. It can be finished after about 25-30 so keep a close eye on it after about 30 minutes. Top of it should be brown. (if pan has lid take it off after 30min of cooking)





Thai Coconut, Broccoli, and Cilantro Soup

In a medium to large sauce pan place 1/2 c Green Curry paste (store-bought) Cook for about 1 minute medium heat Once fragrant add: 7 oz canned coconut milk 1 1/2 c water seasalt and cracked pepper Bring to a boil

Add 1/2 lbs broccoli florretts cook until tender

Remove from heat and add 2 c baby spinach leaves 1 c chopped cilantro 1/2 advocado 2 scallions, chopped

Use an immersion blender and blend until smooth and serve with a side of garlic naan or foccatia bread.



Easy Salmon

Adjust ingredients to salmon size

1lb piece of salmon (rec. chinook or sockeye salmon) Marinate with:

2-3 tbs of soy sauce

3 tbs olive oil

1-2 large cloves of minced garlic

Juice of 1/4 lemon

Cook salmon skin down at 325 degrees for around 12 minutes.

The fish tastes best if it is cooked on a food grade cedar plank

Garnish with large grain salt to taste. Serve with wild rice and roasted veggies.



Tomato, Sweet Pepper, and Goat Cheese Toast

In a medium sized pan over medium high heat put 1/3-1/2c water
1 tbs olive oil
1/2 large red bell pepper
Cover and cook until soft, ass peppers cook you may need to add more water.

Once the peppers are tender, drain remaining water. Then add to the peppers
1 tbs olive oil
1 medium sized tomato, sliced
aprox. 3 tbs balsamic vinegar
Cook over meduim low heat until tomato becomes
mushy.

Toast 1 piece of bread (pumpernickle is recommended)

Spread generous amount of soft goat cheese or hummus on the toast. Place arugula, micro greens, and any other desired toppings on the bread. Then place cooked pepper and tomato on top and drizzle with remaining sauce from the pan on top.

It may not look pretty but it is delicious!





Summer Pasta

Fill a pot with water and salt, cook any type of pasta accordingly

In a medium size pan over medium high heat place:

2 ths olive oil

1/2 c water

2 c chopped broccolini

1 medium yellow squash sliced

1 zucchini sliced

1 large garlic clove, sliced

Cover and let broccolini soften

In a separate pan, over medium heat 1/2 a medium white onion, diced Cook until they are soft and slightly browned then add 3 large cloves of garlic, minced Cook for about 1 minute, or until fragrant

Combine the two pans and add 2 c fresh spinach, packed 1/2 c white wine
Cover and let the spinach wilt

Drain pasta and add to the pan along side 2 c halved cherry tomatos.

Cover and let sit while choice of meat cooks.

I reccommend spicy sausage. Combing the meat and pasta, serve on top of arugula, add salt and pepper to taste then top with fress grated parmesian and red chili flakes.





Chia Seed Pudding

In a close-able container combine

3/4 c milk of choice (I recommend oat milk)
1/4 c chia seeds
1tbs maple syrup (agave or honey work too)
1/2 tsp vanilla extract
1/4 cup mashed strawberries

Mix ingredients and close container. Leave in the fridge over night, or at least until liquid has been obsorbed.

Garnish with chopped strawberries and mint!



Overnight Oats

In a close-able container 1 c old fashion oatmeal

Mash in 1 ripe banana 1/2 c frozen blueberries

Add

1 1/4 c milk of choice (I recommend coconut milk)1 tbs chia seeds1 tbs ground flax seed1 tsp vanilla extract

Close the container and shake until all ingredients are thuroughly combined. Leave in the fride overnight, or at least until liquid has been obsorbed.



Banana Bread

Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees

Combine 1 c all purpose flour 3/4 c whole wheat flour

In another bowl beat until creamy 1/3 c margarine 1/2 c white sugar Blend in 2 eggs 1 1/4 c ripe banana pulp

Mix dry ingredients into wet ingredients. Then fold in 3/4 c dark chocolate chips 1/2 c crushed walnuts

Place batter into a greased pan. Bake for about 1 hour or until knife comes out clean.



Olive Oil Cake

Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees and grease 9in springform pan, line the bottom with parchment paper.

In medium bowl combine:

2 c flour

1 1/2 c white sugar

1 tsp salt

1 tsp baking powder

1/2 tsp baking soda

In a larger bowl combine:

1/4 c melted butter

2/3 c oat milk

2/3 c olive oil

3 eggs

2 tbs grapefruit juice

2 tbs orange zest

2 tsp lemon zest

1/4 c fresh grapefruit juice

3 tbs fresh orange juice

2 tbs fresh lemon juice

Bake for 45min to 1hr or until top is golden and springs back with lightly pressed. Let cool and top with powdered

sugar.



Fresh Lime Soda

In 12 oz. glass combine 1 tbs agave nectar 2-3 tbs fresh lime juice Mix thuroughly then add 1 1/2 c sparking water

ENJOY!

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