## The Book of Cook

The only true guide to creating deliciousness

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#### 1 **Beans**

## Classic Black Beans and Rice



 $15 \, \mathrm{minutes}$ 



20 minutes

4 Portions

Calories 340

#### Preparation

Cook rice in chicken stock with peas

Meanwhile, dice and saute onion, pepper, and garlic over medium-high heat in a pot until tender, about 8-10 minutes

Stir in remaining ingredients, and bring to a boil

Reduce heat, and simmer 10 minutes

Serve over rice

#### Ingredients

white rice 1 cup

 $1 \, \mathrm{tsp}$ chicken buillon

 $2\,\mathrm{tb}$ frozen peas

 $2 \, \mathrm{tb}$ olive oil

onion, finely

chopped

green pepper,

finely chopped

1/2Habanero

pepper, finely

chopped

2 cloves garlic, minced

15.5oz can Goya Black

Beans

(undrained)

 $3/4 \,\mathrm{cup}$ water

 $1 \operatorname{tsp}$ Oregano

1 packet Sazon Goya

without Annatto

1tb white wine

#### Chicken 2

# Cajun Chicken

Add additional spices to taste

Serve hot cajun chicken/broccoli mixture over

 $20\,\mathrm{minutes}$ 

20 minutes

4 Portions

#### Preparation

Preparation		Ingredients	
1	Mince garlic and onion	2 lb	Chicken
$\frac{1}{1}$	Cut chicken into small even bit sized chunks	4 Cloves	Garlic Yellow Onions
$\frac{2}{2}$	Mix Paprika, Chile Powder, Dried Oregano, Onion	$1\mathrm{tbsp}$	Olive Oil
Q	Powder, Garlic Powder, Black Pepper, Crushed Red	$2  \mathrm{Heads}$ $1/2  \mathrm{Cup}$	Broccoli Julliened Sun
Pepp	per Flakes, Salt, and Cayenne Pepper	/ <b>T</b>	Dried Tomatoes
4	Dry-rub chicken in spice mix	1 Bunch	Scallions (Green Onions)
5	Start to boil water for pasta	$1\mathrm{pint}$	Heavy Cream
	Sautee garlic and onion in olive oil until onion is	1 Box	Penne (Or favorite Pasta)
U	translucent	$3\mathrm{tbsp}$	Paprika
7	Add and sautee chicken	$3\mathrm{tbsp}$ $3\mathrm{tbsp}$	Chile Powder Dried Oregano
	Cut broccoli heads into small chunks	$2\mathrm{tbsp}$	Onion Powder
Š			Garlic Powder
9	Add broccoli and cover, allow steam to cook broccoli (turn bright green, but not mushy, 4 minutes)	$2\mathrm{tbsp}$ $1\mathrm{tbsp}$	Black Pepper Crushed Red
O	(turn bright green, but not mushy, 4 minutes)	1 005p	Pepper Flakes
1(	Pour in heavy cream and add sun dried tomatoes	$1\mathrm{tsp}$	Salt
Τ(	and scallions; bring to simmer	$1 \operatorname{tsp}$	Cayenne Pepper
1 -	Cook pasta while sauce simmers		

### Chicken Cacciatore



10 minutes



40 minutes

#### O 4 Portions

#### Preparation

1 cut the chicken into bite sizes pieces, salt and pepper, and saute in olive oil over medium heat

2 remove chicken, and saute onions, bay leaves, rosemary, and sage until onions are golden (about 5 minutes) over medium-high heat

add minced garlic, and saute about 30 seconds (without browning)

add chicken, chicken stock, red wine, and tomatoes

bring to a boil (high heat), then reduce heat and simmer, covered, for 25 minutes

Add mushrooms (sliced), and black olives

If serving with pasta, cook now

Continue simmering, covered, an additional 10 minutes

Add seasoning to taste

#### **Ingredients**

2 lbs chicken

1 yellow onion

1 14.5 oz can diced

tomatoes

1 cup chicken stock

 $1/2 \,\mathrm{cup}$  dry red wine

8 oz mushrooms

8 oz sliced olives

2 bay leaves

3 cloves garlic

1 tsp rosemary

1 tsp sage

1 tsp salt

1 tsp pepper

#### Hint

you can swap the rosemary/sage palette for oregano/basil!

### Chicken Piccata

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20 minutes

20 minutes

O 4 Portions

#### Preparation

Start to boil water for pasta

Slice Chicken into thin fillets and dredge with flour (add salt and pepper to taste)

Sautee chicken in olive oil and butter, 1 tbsp olive oil and 2 tbsp butter per 1/2 lb of chicken added incrementally as fillets are sauteed

Mince three quarters of the fresh parsley

Crush and mix boulion cubes with water (1 Cup water per cube), add juice from lemons, capers, and half the minced parsley

Return all fillets to pan and pour in boulion-lemon mixture; bring to simmer

(Optional) Add used lemon halves to pan and simmer with chicken (adds more lemon flavor and can be added to visual presentation on plates)

Optional) Add a dash of heavy cream or more butter or corn starch to adjust consistency (creamy vs. buttery vs. brothy)

Cook pasta while sauce simmers

Add additional spices to taste (black pepper, oregano, parsely, lemon)

Serve hot chicken and sauce over pasta, present with a half lemon, sprig of parsley, and sprinkled with minced fresh parsley.

2 lb Chicken

1 Pile Flour

8 tbsp Butter

4 tbsp Olive Oil

3 Lemons

2 Boulion Cubes

1 Jar Capers

1 Bunch Fresh Parsley

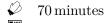
1 Dash Heavy Cream

(Optional)

1 Box Linguine (Or

favorite Pasta)

## Chicken Teriyaki



20 minutes4 Portions

#### Preparation

Heat together all ingredients except chicken, cornstarch, rice, bok choy and one clove of garlic in a small saucepan until sugars dissolve

Let mixture cool a bit

Cut up chicken into bite size chunks, mix in large plastic bag with sauce mixture

Marinate for about an hour

Start cooking rice

Remove chicken from bag and separate from sauce

Stir-fry chicken

Add sauce back into pan, allow it to boil off a bit, while adding cornstarch until sauce thickens and glazes chicken

Stir-fry bok choy with the last clove of garlic, vegetable oil, and black pepper

Serve chicken and bok choy over rice

#### Ingredients

$1\mathrm{Cups}$	Soy Sauce
$1\mathrm{Cups}$	Granulated Sugar
$3/2 \operatorname{tsp}$	Brown Sugar
7 Clove	Diced Garlic
$2\mathrm{tbsp}$	Fresh Grated
	Ginger
$1\mathrm{tsp}$	Ground Black
	Pepper
$1\mathrm{tsp}$	Ground White
	Pepper
$1\mathrm{tbsp}$	Honey
1	Cinnimon Stick
$1\mathrm{tbsp}$	Pineapple Juice
$4  \mathrm{lb}$	Chicken Breast
$2\mathrm{tbsp}$	Corn Starch
$2\mathrm{Cups}$	Cooked Rice
1 Bunch	Baby Bok Choy

### **Curried Coconut Chicken**

 $\bigcirc$  10 minutes

■ 40 minutes

O 4 Portions

#### Preparation

Mince garlic and habanero, and dice onion, combining in a bowl

2 Cut the chicken into bite sized pieces, and season with salt + pepper

Cover a large saute pan with the oil (and a tad more), and heat over medium high heat

When hot, add the curry paste, (removing from heat while you stir it in, then returning to heat)

Cook the curry paste, stirring constantly, for about 2 minutes (until thick)

Add the garlic, habanero, and onion, cooking for about 1 minute

Add the chicken, and cook through (until no pink shows, about 7 minutes)

Add coconut milk, tomatoes, tomato sauce, and sugar to pan, stirring to combine

Cover and simmer, stirring occasionally, for 30-40 minutes. Meanwhile, prepare rice

Serve hot over rice

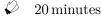
#### Ingredients

2 lbs chicken breast  $2 \, \mathrm{tb}$ sesame oil  $1 \, \mathrm{tsp}$ salt + pepperred curry paste  $3 \, \mathrm{tb}$ large yellow onion 4 cloves garlic habanero pepper 14 oz can coconut milk  $14.5\,\mathrm{oz}\,\mathrm{can}$ diced tomatoes, drained tomato sauce 8 oz

sugar

1 tb

## Ginger Chicken



20 minutes

O 4 Portions

#### Preparation

Stir together sherry, soy sauce, water, and cornstarch.

Heat a wok or large skillet over high heat, with 1 tb of oil

**9** Stir-fry ginger root for about 45 seconds

Add carrots, and stir-fry until tender (about 5 minutes)

Add bok choy, pea pods, and scallions, then stir fry until bok choy wilts (about 5-7 minutes)

Remove vegetables from the wok, and place in separate bowl

Add remaining cooking oil, and cook chicken in wok until done (about 5 minutes)

Push chicken from center of wok, stir soy sauce mixture, and add to center of wok

Cook until mixture is thickened and bubbly

Return vegetables to wok, and stir to coat with sauce

Cook and stir about 1 minute or until heated through, then serve

#### **Ingredients**

1 Bunch

 $3/2 \,\mathrm{Cups}$ 

4 tbsp Dry Sherry Soy Sauce 3 tbsp Water 1 tbsp  $1 \operatorname{tsp}$ Corn Starch Chicken Breast 1 lb (bite sized pieces) 2 tbsp Cooking Oil Medium Ginger Root  $3/2 \,\mathrm{Cups}$ Bias-sliced Carrots  $7/2 \,\mathrm{Cups}$ **Bok Choy** 2 Cups Fresh Pea Pods

Scallions Habanero

Cooked Rice

## Red Curry Chicken



20 minutes

4 Portions

#### Preparation

Skin and dice sweet potatoes, start to boil until slightly soft

Start to cook rice

Trim and wash string beans

Skin, wash and slice carrots

Boil water for potatoes

C Wash and slice scallions

Cut chicken into small even bit sized chunks, salt and pepper to taste

8 Briefly sautee red curry paste in olive oil until fragrent (2 minutes)

Sautee chicken in red curry paste

Add string beans and carrots and cover, allow steam to cook string beans (turn bright green, but not mushy, 4 minutes)

11 Uncover, pour in coconut milk and add cooked sweet potatoes and scallions; bring to simmer

Add cumin, tumeric, corriander, etc. to taste.

**Q** Serve hot curry mixture over rice

#### Hint

Replace chicken with shrimp for a twist!

#### Ingredients

1 Cup

Chicken  $2 \, \mathrm{lb}$  $2\,\mathrm{tbsp}$ Red Curry Paste Olive Oil 1 tbsp 1 lb String Beans Large Carrots Large Sweet Potatoes (Yams) Scallions (Green 1 Bunch Onions) 2 Cans Coconut Milk

Rice (long grain)

#### Cocktails 3

## Boulevardier

 $\bigcirc$  2 minutes

 $0 \, \mathrm{minutes}$ 

1 Portions

#### Preparation

Serve neat with a dash of chocolate bitters

#### Ingredients

 $3/2 \, \mathrm{oz}$ Bourbon

 $3/4 \, \mathrm{oz}$ Campari

3/4 oz Sweet Vermouth 1 dash Chocolate Bitters

# Cherryhattan



2 minutes



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O 1 Portions

#### Preparation

1 2 3 Muddle cherries in a rocks glass

Pour rye and vermouth into glass

Add a dash of bitters

#### Ingredients

2 oz Rye Whisky

1/4 oz Sweet Vermouth

3 Muddled cherries

1 dash Angostura Bitters

#### Hint

Best served neat, on the rocks masks the powerful fragrance.

## Chocolate Midnight Martini

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2 minutes



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O 1 Portions

#### Preparation

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Combine ingredients (except for espresso) in shaker

Pull shot, and add to shaker

Fill shaker with ice, and shake to chill

Serve in a chilled martini glass

#### Ingredients

1 shot Espresso

1.5 oz Vodka

1 oz Kahlua

1 oz Creme de Cacao

## Farmer's Daughter

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2 minutes

0 minutes

1 Portions

#### Preparation

Pour gin, lemon juice, simple syrup, and grapefruit juice into a shaker

2

Fill with ice and strain into a chilled glass

3

Add bitters

Add sliced strawberries if desired as garnish, or berries skewered on a toothpick

#### Ingredients

2 oz St. George Terroir

Gin

1/4 oz Lemon Juice

1/4 oz Thyme Simple

Syrup

6 oz Grapefruit Juice

5 dashes Rhubarb Bitters

## **Gin And Tonic**

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2 minutes

 $0 \, \text{minutes}$ 

© 1 Portions

#### Preparation

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Muddle two thin slices of cucumber in a lowball glass

Fill glass halfway with crushed ice

Pour in Gin, fill with tonic and stir a bit

Add thick cucumber slice to rim and drop in rose mary sprig for garnish  $\,$ 

#### Ingredients

3/2 oz Gin

1 Splash Tonic Water 3 slices Cucumber

1 sprig Rosemary

## Goldrush



 $2 \, \mathrm{minutes}$ 



 $0\,\mathrm{minutes}$ 

© 1 Portions

#### Preparation

123

Combine ingredients in shaker...shake.

Strain into chilled glass on the rocks

Add lemon twist as garnish

### Ingredients

2 oz Bourbon

1 oz Honey Syrup

3/4 oz Lemon juice

1 Lemon twist

## Manhattan

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 $2 \, \mathrm{minutes}$ 



 $0 \, \mathrm{minutes}$ 

O 1 Portions

#### Preparation

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Pour rye and vermouth into a rocks glass

Add a dash of bitters

Drop in lemon twist garnish

#### Ingredients

2 oz Rye Whisky

 $1\, oz \quad Sweet \ Vermouth$ 

1 dash Angostura Bitters

1 twist Lemon Rind

#### Hint

Best served neat, on the rocks masks the powerful fragrance.

## Sazerac

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2 minutes



 $0 \, \mathrm{minutes}$ 

O 1 Portions

#### Preparation

Coat the inside of a chilled rocks glass with Absinth

Stir remaining ingredients seperately in shaker with ice

Pour remaining absinth out of the glass and strain mixture into glass

Add lemon twist for garnish

#### Ingredients

3/2 oz Rye Whisky

1/4 oz Absinth

1 tsp Sugar

 $3\, {\rm dashes} \quad {\rm Peychaud's \ Bitters}$ 

1 twist Lemon Rind

## Sierra Madre Sunrise



2 minutes



0 minutes

O 1 Portions

#### Preparation

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Fill shaker with ice

Add Mezcal, Aperol, lemon juice, and bitters

Shake well, until chilled

Fill rocks glass with fresh ice

Add club soda to glass

Strain cocktail on top

Garnish with lemon peel

#### Ingredients

1 oz Mezcal

3/4 oz Aperol

1/2 oz Lemon juice

3 dashes Chocolate Bitters

3 oz Club Soda

1 peel Lemon

## TNT



 $2 \, \mathrm{minutes}$ 



 $0\,\mathrm{minutes}$ 

© 1 Portions

#### Preparation

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Shake cognac, absinth, and cointreau in shaker with ice

2

Strain into chilled glass and add bitters

Add lemon twist as garnish

### Ingredients

1 oz Cognac

1 oz Absinth

1 oz Cointreau

5 dashes Angostura Bitters

1 twist Lemon Rind

## The Currant Favorite

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 $2 \, \mathrm{minutes}$ 

 $0 \, \mathrm{minutes}$ 

O 1 Portions

#### Preparation

 $\frac{1}{2}$ 

Combine in shaker over ice

Shake well, serve on the rocks

Add lemon twist for garnish

### Ingredients

2 oz Gin

1 oz Honey Syrup

3/4 oz Lemon Juice

1/4 oz Creme de Cassis

1 twist Lemon Rind

# Whisky Ginger

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2 minutes



 $0 \, \mathrm{minutes}$ 

O 1 Portions

### Preparation

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Mix ingredients in glass with ice

Optionally add sliced strawberries as a garnish

#### Ingredients

2 oz Bourbon Whisky

1 bottle Reed's Extra

Ginger Ginger Beer

1/4 oz Lime Juice

1 splash Pomegranate Juice

#### 4 Pasta

## **Baked Macaroni and Cheese**

- $\checkmark$  45 minutes
- $30 \, \text{minutes}, \quad 350^{\circ} \, \text{F}$
- © 8 Portions

#### Preparation

- 1 Preheat oven to 350
- Melt butter over medium low heat in a medium sized dutch oven
- Whisk in butter gradually, and heat until thick and smooth (about 1 minute). Make sure to whisk constantly, to prevent lumps
- Remove the roux from the heat, and whish in the milk gradually
- Return to the heat, and raise to medium
- 6 Bring to a simmer, whisking constantly to keep smooth (about 20 minutes)
- Once thick and smooth, add salt, pepper, and nutmeg to taste (I recommend about 1tsp each), and also sherry, chives, onions, paprika, bay leaves, and habenero
- Bring to a simmer, and cook covered voer low heat for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally
- Meanwhile, cook cellentani according to package
- Grate cheeses, and mix together in a large mixing bowl
- 1 Add 2/3 cheese to the sauce, and add salt and pepper to taste
- $\overline{1}\,\overline{0}$  Drain the noodles, and mix with sauce
- Add half the mixter to a 9 x 13 baking tray, then sprinkle half the remaining heese on top
- Add the remaining mixture, top with remaining cheese, and sprinkle with bread crumbs

#### Ingredients

- 8 tb unsalted butter
- $1/2 \,\mathrm{cup}$  flour
- 4 cups milk
  - salt, pepper, nutmeg, chives
  - 4 tsp sherry
    - 2.5 onions
- $1/2 \operatorname{tsp}$  sweet paprika
  - 2 bay leaves
  - 1 lb cellentani noodles
- 1/2 lb white cheddar
  - cheese
- 1/4 lb swiss cheese
- 1/4lb jarlsberg cheese
  - 1 habenero
    - breadcrumbs

1 5 Bake for 30 minutes. Let cool 5 minutes before seving.

## Lasagne

- $\bigcirc$  30 minutes
- **■** 60 minutes, **↓** 375° F
- O 4 Portions

#### Preparation

- Heat cumin in olive oil in dutch over or large saute pan until fragrant
- Saute garlic until brown
- Add onions, mushrooms, and habanero, and saute until tender
- Add ground beef, and cook through

  Meanwhile, cook lasagna, and preheat oven to 375

  Add tomato sauce to meat mixture, and heat through
  - Layer baking pan until full noodles, ricotta, mozzarella, parmesan, then sauce

#### O Bake for 45 minutes

#### **Ingredients**

$2\mathrm{tb}$	olive oil
$1\mathrm{tb}$	cumin seed
$5\mathrm{cloves}$	garlic, minced
$8\mathrm{cups}$	tomato sauce
$1/2  \mathrm{cup}$	mushrooms, diced
1	habanero, diced
2	onions, diced
$2  \mathrm{lb}$	ground beef
$4  \mathrm{cloves}$	garlic
$16\mathrm{oz}$	ricotta cheese
$1/2  \mathrm{lb}$	mozzarella cheese
$4\mathrm{oz}$	grated parmesan
$12  \mathrm{sheets}$	lasagne noodle

## Penne With Chicken And Pesto

✓ 15 minutes

■ 10 minutes

O 4 Portions

#### Preparation

1 Bring water to a boil, and add penne

Meanwhile, heat olive oil over medium high heat in a large pan

Saute garlic until fragrant, and add chicken

4 Season with salt, pepper, and oregano, and cook through

Drain penne (11 minute cook time to al dente), and combine chicken, pasta, and pesto in a large mixing bowl

Mix well to coat, and add sun dried tomatoes

#### **Ingredients**

1 tb olive oil

1/2 cup pesto sauce
1 lb penne pasta
1 lb chicken breast,
cubed

4 cloves garlic, minced
1/4 cup sun dried tomatoes,
cut fine
salt, pepper and

oregano to taste

### Penne With Vodka Sauce

30 r

30 minutes

20 minutes 4 Portions

#### Preparation

- Heat cumin seeds in olive oil over medium heat in a large frying pan (with cover) until fragrent
- 2 Saute half of garlic until brown (about 1 minute)
- Saute sausage until brown on both sides (about 2 minutes per side)
- A Remove sausage from frying pan, and add butter, moving to coat bottom
- Saute onions until tender (about 5 minutes)
- Add remaining garlic to onions, saute until fragrent

  Dice plum tomatoes, and add tomatoes, vodka, crushed peppers, and sausage to pan
- Simmer briskly, covered, for 10 minutes
- Add 1/2 cup heavy crem and heat through. Meanwhile, cook penne (10 minutes for al dente)
- Season sauce to taste, and add 12 leaves of basil and 1/2 cup grated parmesean cheese for garnish
- 11 Combine penne and sauce in a large mixing bowl, and stir well to coat
- 1 9 Serve hot, with parsley as a garnish

#### Ingredients

1 lb	penne
$28\mathrm{oz}\mathrm{can}$	whole plum
	tomatoes
2	large yellow
	onions diced
$1\mathrm{tsp}$	cumin seeds
$6  \mathrm{cloves}$	garlic, minced
$1\mathrm{tb}$	butter
$1\mathrm{tb}$	olive oil
$1/4  \mathrm{cup}$	vodka
$1/2 \operatorname{tsp}$	crushed red
	pepper flakes
$2\mathrm{lbs}$	hot italian
	sausage, sliced
	into 1 inch pieces
$1/2 \mathrm{cup}$	heavy cream
	salt + pepper to

taste

#### 5 Rice

## Vegetable Fried Rice

 $\bigcirc$  20 minutes

20 minutes

O 4 Portions

#### Preparation

Cook rice in chicken stock

Meanwhile, heat cumin seeds in olive oil in a wok until fragrant

Mince garlic, and add to wok. Saute until brown, about 2 minutes

Dice onions and carrots, and add to wok with peas

Saute, stirring constantly, until softened (about 5 minutes)

Move vegetables to side of wok, and crack all 6 eggs into the bottom of the wok

Cook the eggs through, moving to mix the yolk and whites

Mix eggs and vegetables together, add cooked rice

Cut scallions into 1 inch pieces, and add to the rice

Add soy sauce, and mix well

Season with salt, pepper, and additional soy sauce to taste

#### Ingredients

1 tb olive oil 1 tsp cumin seeds

 $4\, {\rm cloves} \quad {\rm garlic}$ 

2 cups Basmati rice 2 tsp chicken buillion

4tb soy sauce

2 onions

1 bunch scallions

4 large carrots

 $1/2 \,\mathrm{cup}$  frozen peas

6 eggs

### 6 Salad Dressings

# Balsamic Vinaigrette



#### Preparation

Mix ingredients and stir!

### Ingredients

1/4 cup balsamic vinegar 1/4 cup olive oil 1 clove garlic, mince 1 pinch mustard, ground 1 pinch salt 1 pinch pepper

#### 7 Salads

## Strawberry and Spinach Salad



#### Preparation

Heat olive oil over medium high heat in a skillet

Cook the chicken breasts whole over medium heat until cooked through, about 10 minutes

Meanwhile, combine spinach, strawberries, feta,

Meanwhile, combine spinach, strawberries, feta cranberry raisins, and red onion in a salad bowl

Dress with balsamic vinaigrette, mix and serve

Cut chiken into bite sized pieces, and add to bowl

#### **Ingredients**

 $2 \, \mathrm{tb}$ olive oil 1lb chicken breast (skinned, boneless) baby spinach leaves 5 oz1lb strawberries, sliced crumbled Feta  $4 \, \mathrm{oz}$ cheese red onion, sliced cranberry raisins  $1/3 \,\mathrm{cup}$  $1/2 \,\mathrm{cup}$ balsamic vinaigrette

### 8 Side Dishes

## **Baked Asparagus**

- $\bigcirc$  15 minutes
- $\blacksquare$  12 minutes,  $400^{\circ}$  F
- O 4 Portions

#### Preparation

1 Preheat oven to 400

Cut bottom 2 inches off asparagus

Combine asparagus and olive oil in large mixing bowl, and toss to coat

Place asparagus in a baking tray, and sprinkle salt, pepper, and parmessan over

Bake for 12 minutes until crispy
Serve hot!

#### Ingredients

 $\begin{array}{ccc} 1\,\mathrm{bunch} & \mathrm{asparagus} \\ & 2\,\mathrm{tb} & \mathrm{olive\ oil} \\ & \mathrm{salt} \\ & \mathrm{pepper} \\ & \mathrm{Parmesan\ cheese} \end{array}$ 

#### 9 Soups

## French Onion Soup

90 minutes

 $\square$  2 hours

O 4 Portions

#### Preparation

Heat butter and oil in a soup pot over medium heat until butter melts

Add onions and thyme, stir to coat

Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally and making sure onions do not scorch until onions begin to brown, about 15 minutes

Reduce the heat to medium-low and continue to cook, covered, stirring, until they are a rich brown, about 40 minutes

Stir in sherry/cognac, and increase heat to high

Cook, stirring constantly, until sherry/cognac has evaporated

Stir in broth, and bring to a boil

Reduce the heat and simmer, partially covered, for 20 minutes

Season with salt and pepper

Serve into bowls, then top bowls with one slice of french bread

Place one slice of provolone, then one slice of swiss on each bowl

Use broiler to melt cheese until it browns, then serve

#### Hint

580 calories per bowl

#### **Ingredients**

2 tbsp Butter

- 000p	D divior
$2\mathrm{tbsp}$	Olive Oil
5	Yellow Onions
1 pinch	Dried Thyme
$2\mathrm{tbsp}$	Dry Sherry or
	Cognac
$/2\mathrm{Cups}$	Vegetable Broth
$1\mathrm{tsp}$	Salt
$1/4 \operatorname{tsp}$	Black Pepper
$4  \mathrm{slices}$	French Bread
$4\mathrm{slices}$	Provalone Cheese

4 slices Swiss Cheese

# **Mushroom Barley Soup**

√ 75 minutes

1 hours

© 6 Portions

#### Preparation

Saute onion in butter for 5 minutes

Add barley, and simmer for 5 minutes

Add the rest of the ingredients (except mushrooms), and cook for 1 hour

Chop mushrooms and add before serving

#### Ingredients

1 Onion, Chopped

6 tbsp Butter

1 Cup Pearl Barley

8 Cups Boiling Water

6 tsp Bouillon

1 tsp Italian Seasoning

3 tbsp Garlic Powder

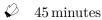
1/2 tsp Black Pepper

1 thing Mushrooms

#### Hint

580 calories per bowl

## Red Lentil Soup



45 minutes

O 4 Portions

#### Preparation

Saute onion, garlic, carrots in soup pot over mediumhigh heat for 10 minutes, until tender

Add water, lentils, buillon, and seasoning

Bring to a boil, and simmer (covered) for 25 minutes

Serve with lemon wedges + mint as garnish

#### Ingredients

$4/3 \mathrm{Cups}$	Red Lentils,
	picked
	through/rinsed
$7\mathrm{Cups}$	Boiling Water
$6\mathrm{Cubes}$	Vegetable
	Bouillon
1	Large Yellow
	Onion, diced
4	Large Carrots,
	sliced
$4\mathrm{Stalks}$	Celery, sliced
4 Cloves	Garlic, minced
$2\mathrm{tbsp}$	Tomato Paste
$1\mathrm{tsp}$	Ground Cumin
$1/4  \mathrm{tsp}$	Cayenne Pepper
	(to taste)
$1\mathrm{tbsp}$	Garlic Powder
$1\mathrm{tsp}$	Salt
$1\mathrm{tsp}$	Black Pepper
$1\mathrm{tsp}$	Italian Seasoning
$3/4 \operatorname{tsp}$	Fine Sea Salt (to
	taste)
1 bunch	Lemon Wedges
	(optional garnish)
$1\mathrm{bunch}$	Chopped Mint
	(optional garnish)

#### Hint

275 calories per bowl