#### 1. Classic Tiramisu

## Ingredients:

- 24 ladyfingers
- 1 cup espresso (cooled)
- 1 1/2 cups mascarpone cheese
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1/4 cup sugar
- Unsweetened cocoa powder (for dusting)

#### **Process:**

- 1. Brew the espresso and let it cool to room temperature. In a shallow dish, pour the cooled espresso.
- 2. In a separate bowl, whip the heavy cream and sugar until stiff peaks form.
- 3. Gently fold the mascarpone cheese into the whipped cream, creating a smooth, creamy mixture.
- 4. Dip each ladyfinger into the espresso for a couple of seconds (don't soak them too long) and layer them in the bottom of a baking dish.
- 5. Spread half of the mascarpone mixture over the ladyfingers, smoothing it out with a spatula.
- 6. Repeat with another layer of dipped ladyfingers, followed by the remaining mascarpone mixture.
- 7. Cover and refrigerate for at least 4 hours or overnight. Just before serving, dust with cocoa powder.

# 2. Chocolate Chip Cookies

# Ingredients:

- 1 cup butter (softened)
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 cups chocolate chips

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350°F (175°C). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
- 2. In a large mixing bowl, cream together butter, brown sugar, and granulated sugar until smooth and fluffy.
- 3. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Stir in vanilla extract.
- 4. In a separate bowl, combine flour, baking soda, and salt. Gradually add this dry mixture to the wet mixture, stirring just until incorporated.
- 5. Fold in chocolate chips.
- 6. Drop rounded tablespoons of dough onto the prepared baking sheet, spacing them about 2 inches apart.
- 7. Bake for 10-12 minutes or until golden brown around the edges. Let cool on the baking sheet for a few minutes before transferring to a wire rack.

### 3. Spaghetti Carbonara

## Ingredients:

- 1 lb spaghetti
- 4 oz pancetta (diced)
- 2 large eggs
- 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 cloves garlic (minced)
- Salt and pepper (to taste)

#### **Process:**

- 1. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil and cook spaghetti according to the package instructions.
- 2. Meanwhile, heat a large skillet over medium heat and cook pancetta until crisp. Add garlic and cook for another minute, then remove from heat.
- 3. In a bowl, whisk together eggs, grated Parmesan, salt, and pepper.
- 4. Drain the cooked pasta, reserving 1 cup of pasta water.
- 5. Add the hot pasta to the pancetta and garlic in the skillet, tossing to combine.
- 6. Quickly pour the egg mixture over the pasta, tossing to coat. Add reserved pasta water as needed to create a creamy sauce.
- 7. Serve immediately, topped with extra Parmesan and freshly ground black pepper.

# 4. Chicken Caesar Salad

# Ingredients:

- 4 cups Romaine lettuce (chopped)
- 2 grilled chicken breasts (sliced)
- 1/2 cup Caesar dressing
- 1/2 cup croutons
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

#### **Process:**

- 1. Grill chicken breasts until cooked through, then slice into strips.
- 2. In a large salad bowl, toss chopped Romaine lettuce with Caesar dressing until evenly coated.
- 3. Add sliced chicken, croutons, and grated Parmesan cheese.
- 4. Toss again and serve immediately for a fresh and satisfying salad.

# 5. Vegetable Stir-Fry

# Ingredients:

- 2 cups broccoli florets
- 1 bell pepper (sliced)
- 1 carrot (sliced)
- 2 tbsp soy sauce
- 1 tbsp sesame oil
- 1 garlic clove (minced)
- 1 tsp fresh ginger (grated)

### **Process:**

- 1. Heat sesame oil in a large pan or wok over medium-high heat.
- 2. Add minced garlic and ginger, stirring for about 30 seconds until fragrant.
- 3. Add sliced vegetables and stir-fry for 5-7 minutes, until tender-crisp.
- 4. Pour soy sauce over the vegetables and toss to coat evenly.
- 5. Serve over steamed rice or noodles for a healthy and delicious meal.

# 6. Banana Bread

# Ingredients:

• 2 ripe bananas (mashed)

- 1/2 cup butter (softened)
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt

#### **Process:**

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°F (175°C). Grease a loaf pan.
- 2. In a bowl, mix mashed bananas, softened butter, and sugar until smooth.
- 3. Add eggs one at a time, mixing well after each.
- 4. In a separate bowl, combine flour, baking soda, and salt. Add to the banana mixture, stirring just until combined.
- 5. Pour the batter into the prepared pan and bake for 60-65 minutes, or until a toothpick comes out clean.
- 6. Let cool in the pan for 10 minutes, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.

# 7. Beef Tacos

# Ingredients:

- 1 lb ground beef
- 1 packet taco seasoning
- 8 small tortillas
- Lettuce (shredded)
- Cheese (shredded)
- Salsa

- 1. Cook the ground beef in a skillet over medium heat until browned, breaking it apart with a spoon.
- 2. Stir in taco seasoning and follow the instructions on the packet, adding water as required.
- 3. Warm tortillas in a pan or microwave.
- 4. Assemble tacos by filling each tortilla with seasoned beef, shredded lettuce, cheese, and salsa.
- 5. Serve with lime wedges or guacamole if desired.

#### 8. Homemade Pizza

### Ingredients:

- 1 pizza dough (store-bought or homemade)
- 1/2 cup pizza sauce
- 1 1/2 cups mozzarella cheese (shredded)
- Toppings: pepperoni, mushrooms, olives, etc.

### **Process:**

- 1. Preheat your oven to 475°F (245°C).
- 2. Roll out pizza dough on a floured surface to your desired thickness.
- 3. Spread pizza sauce over the dough, leaving a small border around the edges.
- 4. Sprinkle shredded mozzarella evenly over the sauce and add toppings of your choice.
- 5. Bake for 10-15 minutes, or until the crust is golden and the cheese is bubbling.
- 6. Slice and enjoy hot out of the oven.

#### 9. Chicken Alfredo

## Ingredients:

- 2 chicken breasts (grilled and sliced)
- 8 oz fettuccine pasta
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 tbsp butter
- 2 cloves garlic (minced)

- 1. Cook fettuccine pasta according to the package instructions.
- 2. In a large skillet, melt butter and sauté garlic until fragrant.
- 3. Add heavy cream and bring to a simmer, then stir in Parmesan cheese until the sauce thickens.
- 4. Add sliced chicken and cooked pasta, tossing to coat.
- 5. Serve with additional Parmesan on top.

# 10. Apple Pie

# Ingredients:

- 6-8 apples (peeled and sliced)
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- 2 tbsp butter
- 1 pie crust (top and bottom)

- 1. Preheat your oven to 425°F (220°C).
- 2. In a large bowl, combine apples, sugar, cinnamon, and lemon juice.
- 3. Place the bottom pie crust in a pie pan and fill with the apple mixture.
- 4. Dot with butter and cover with the top crust. Trim any excess dough and crimp the edges.
- 5. Cut small slits in the top crust to allow steam to escape.
- 6. Bake for 45-50 minutes, or until the crust is golden brown and the apples are tender.