Onion Quinoa Bites

Prep Time: 25 minutes Cook Time: 10 minutes Total Time: 35 minutes Yield: 4 servings Calories per serving: 274 Fat per serving: 7.8g

Ingredients

- 2 cups cooked quinoa
- 1 large onion, chopped
- ¼ cup cheddar cheese or Daiya (optional)
- ¼ cup chopped chives
- ³/₄ cup quinoa flour (I prefer toasted or flour of choice)
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 2 eggs or flax eggs (2 tablespoons ground flax seeds + 6 tablespoons warm water)
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- Coconut or organic canola oil, for cooking

Instructions

- 1. If using flax eggs, combine ground flax seeds with warm water and mix well. Set aside to thicken. (Skip this step if you are using eggs.)
- 2. In a medium bowl combine quinoa, cheese, onion and chives. Add flour, cayenne pepper and sea salt. Toss until coated.
- 3. Beat eggs and lemon juice together. Combine with quinoa mixture and mix well.
- 4. Form into small balls and refrigerate for 15 minutes.
- 5. Heat a large skillet to medium heat and coat well with oil. (Make sure you allow your skillet to get warm before adding quinoa) Cook for 5 to 7 minutes per side or until brown.

Notes

Servings 4, Calories 274, Fat 7.8g, Carbohydrates 38.4g, Protein 11.9g, Cholesterol 89mg, Sodium 549mg, Fiber 4.3g, Sugars 2.7g, WW Pts 6

To make the dipping sauce combine 1/2 cup Greek yogurt or vegan sour cream with 2 teaspoons minced garlic (more or less to taste), 2 tablespoons chopped fresh chives, 1/2 teaspoon sea salt, 1/4 teaspoon fresh ground pepper and 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper (optional). Mix well and refrigerate until ready to serve.

Never toasted quinoa flour? It's really simple but completely optional. I do it because I love the nutty and less earthy taste that it brings out. All you need to do is line a baking sheet with parchment paper and spread the flour out to about 1/4 inch deep. (I do a box at a time.) Bake on 220 degrees for 2 1/2 hours. Allow to cool completely and then store in a sealed container in the refrigerator or freezer.

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