Best of 2015



Meal Plans

Family Recipes

drain

Baked Chimichangas serves 4

1 tbsp low-sodium soy sauce**
2 tsp fresh lemon juice

2-3 tbsp Taco or Fajita seasoning

15-oz can chickpeas

15-oz can refried beans

4 flour tortillas

4-oz guacamole

1 cup salsa

Directions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 400F.
- 2. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside.
- 3. Combine soy sauce, lemon, seasoning and chickpeas, stirring to coat.
- 4. Place on baking sheet and bake 20-25 minutes, until crispy but not hard.
- 5. Increase oven temperature to 425F.
- 6. Mash chickpeas with a fork until no whole beans are left and set aside.
- 7. Spread refried beans in the middle of each tortilla. Top with guacamole and mashed chickpeas.
- 8. Roll into a burrito, place cut-side-down on the baking sheet and bake for 15-20 minutes, or until the tortillas are browned and crispy.
- 9. Serve warm and top with cool salsa.

Per serving: 425 calories, 11.4g fat, 65g carbs, 16.1g fiber, 3.2g sugar, 18g protein

**Use tamari (GF) or coconut aminos (SF).

Lower Fat: Sub 2 sweet potatoes for guac.

Add-on: Add a side salad.

Prep: Make ahead and reheat.

Bang Bang Chickpea Pasta serves 4

10-oz dry pasta

2-3 garlic cloves mince 15-oz can chickpeas drain, ri

drain, rinse

Bang Bang Sauce

½ cup vegan mayo (or yogurt) 6 tbsp sweet red chili sauce 1 tbsp fresh lime juice 1½ tsp honey or agave nectar Sriracha, to taste (optional)

To Make Bang Bang Sauce: Whisk all ingredients until well combined.

Directions:

- 1. Cook pasta via package instructions.
- 2. Drain, rinse under cool water. Set aside.
- 3. Line a skillet with ¼-cup water and sauté garlic until fragrant.
- 4. Add chickpeas and cook until they are slightly browned.
- 5. Toss garlic and chickpeas with cooked pasta and Bang Bang Sauce.

Per serving: 419 calories, 2.6g fat, 76.2g carbs, 11.5g fiber, 13.3g sugars, 16.5g protein

Add-on: Add greens like spinach or kale.

Prep: Make everything ahead. Store sauce separately or premix together.

Banh Mi Burgers

serves 4

4 Portobello "Steaks" (follows) **Pickled Vegetables** (follows)

4 burger buns or tortillas sliced jalapeños, cilantro (optional)

Portobello "Steaks"

2 cups **No-Beef Broth** (or veg broth) dice ½ onion 2 garlic cloves mince 1/3 cup balsamic vinegar 2 tbsp sherry or mirin 4 portobello mushrooms stem

To Make "Steaks":

- 1. Line a large pan with ¼-cup broth.
- 2. Sauté onion and garlic for 2 minutes.
- 3. Add remaining ingredients & more broth.
- 4. Reduce heat to medium.
- 5. Cover and cook 5 minutes.
- 6. Flip mushrooms over and cook for 5 minutes more.
- 7. Repeat until desired tenderness is reached, adding more broth as needed.

Pickled Vegetables

10-oz shredded carrots 2 cucumbers thinly slice pinch of raw sugar ½ cup rice vinegar

To pickle veggies: Combine carrots and cucumbers with 1 tsp salt and sugar. Rest 5-10 minutes. Drain, combine with vinegar. Add water until covered. Marinate 15-20 minutes.

Sriracha Mayo

½ cup vegan mayo (or yogurt) 1 tbsp Sriracha (may reduce)

To Make Mayo: Whisk together until combined. **Add-on:** Add a side baked potato.

Assembly directions: Spread Sriracha Mayo on bun, top with "steak" and pickled veggies, sliced jalapeños and cilantro.

Per serving: 268 calories, 3.2g fat, 46.4g carbs, 7.9g fiber, 12.6g sugars, 13.2g protein

Note: Recipe for No-Beef Broth in forums.

Add-on: Add side of grains or steamed veggies.

Prep: Store components separately.

BBO Sweet Potato Sliders serves 4

½ red onion dice 2 garlic cloves mince 2 raw sweet potatoes shred 15-oz can pinto beans drain, rinse 2 chipotle chiles in adobo dice

2 tbsp tomato paste

⅓ cup ketchup

1 tbsp yellow mustard

1 tbsp low-sodium soy sauce**

2 tsp chili powder

1 tsp liquid smoke

½ tsp smoked paprika

4 cups fresh spinach

8 slices bread or 4 tortillas

Directions:

- 1. Line a large pot with ¼-cup water.
- 2. Sauté onion and garlic for 5 minutes.
- 3. Stir in sweet potato, cover, and cook until tender, about 7 minutes.
- 4. Stir in remaining ingredients through smoked paprika.
- 5. Continue to cook over low, stirring occasionally, to heat through.
- 6. Stir in spinach and cook for another minute or until wilted.
- 7. Spoon onto bread for a sandwich.

Per serving: 355 calories, 3.5g fat, 66.2g carbs, 13.4g fiber, 17.2g sugars, 17.3g protein

** Use tamari (GF) or coconut aminos (SF)

Prep: Make filling ahead.

Big Mac Potatoes serves 4

2½ cups cooked lentils (not red)

¼ cup ketchup

1-2 tbsp yellow mustard

1 tsp Worcestershire sauce

2 tsp onion powder

1/4 tsp garlic powder

4 cooked potatoes

2 cups lettuce shred 2 tomatoes dice

Secret Sauce

½ cup vegan mayo (or yogurt)

1 tbsp ketchup

2 tsp dill relish

1 tsp white vinegar

½ tsp garlic powder

1/2 tsp onion powder

1 tsp paprika

sweetener (optional)

To make Secret Sauce: Combine all ingredients in a bowl and mix well. Add sweetener if desired.

Directions:

- 1. Mash cooked lentils slightly, if desired.
- 2. Transfer to a mixing bowl, and stir in ketchup, mustard, Worcestershire sauce, and onion and garlic powders.
- 3. Slice potato in half and top with lentil mixture, lettuce and tomato and drizzle with Secret Sauce.

Per serving: 418 calories, 1.6g fat, 80.3g carbs, 23.6g fiber, 13.1g sugars, 22.1g protein

Add-on: Add a side salad or steamed broccoli.

Prep: Make lentils and sauce ahead, store separately. Assemble before eating.

Buffalo Chickpea Potato Bowls serves 4

4 carrots dice 4 celery ribs slice

30-oz can chickpeas drain, rinse

1 cup Frank's hot sauce (may reduce)

2 tbsp pure maple syrup

4 cooked potatoes

4 green onions slice

Directions:

- 1. Line a skillet with ¼-cup water.
- 2. Add carrots and celery and sauté until tender-crisp, about 3 minutes.
- 3. Add chickpeas, hot sauce, maple syrup and salt and pepper to taste.
- 4. Stir well and cook until sauce has thickened, about 2 minutes.
- 5. Slice potato in half and add chickpea mixture.
- 6. Garnish with green onions.

Per serving: 424 calories, 2.1g fat, 81.8g carbs, 14.8g fiber, 11.6g sugars, 16.9g protein

Note: Use Frank's RedHot Original Cayenne Pepper Sauce, not the wing sauce.

Add-on: Add a side salad or steamed veggies.

Prep: Make ahead. Store components separately.

Coconut Chickpea Curry serves 4

8-oz dry linguine
1 onion dice
2 garlic cloves mince
1-inch fresh ginger root peel, mince
1 tbsp mild curry powder
½ tsp ground cumin
14-oz can lite coconut milk
15-oz can chickpeas drain, rinse
14-oz diced tomatoes
1 tsp ground coriander
garam masala, cilantro (optional)

Directions:

- 1. Cook noodles via package instructions.
- 2. Drain, rinse under cold water. Set aside.
- 3. Line a large skillet with ¼-cup water.
- 4. Sauté onion until translucent.
- 5. Add garlic and ginger, cooking until fragrant, about 1 minute.
- 6. Add curry powder and cumin, and cook for 30-50 seconds.
- 7. Stir in coconut milk, chickpeas, tomatoes (with juices), and ¼-tsp garam masala.
- 8. Bring to a boil; reduce heat to low, and simmer 15 minutes uncovered, or until it thickens into a creamy curry.
- 9. Add coriander and stir to combine.
- 10. Turn off heat and wait 5 minutes.
- 11. Add more garam masala to taste.
- 12. Serve veg curry over cooked noodles.
- 13. Garnish with cilantro.

Per serving: 411 calories, 7.9g fat, 71.9g carbs, 12.9g fiber, 6.1g sugars, 16.1g protein

Chef's Note: You can add a small amount of turmeric for yellow coloring.

Lower Fat: Sub soy or almond milk and a drop or two of coconut extract (opt) for coconut milk.

Add-on: Add cauliflower florets or cashews.

Prep: Make ahead.

Crispy Tofu Strips serves 4

30-oz extra-firm tofu press, slice
1 cup (8-oz) soy or almond milk
½ cup flour
½ cup breadcrumbs
½ cup fine cornmeal
¼ cup nutritional yeast
1 tsp garlic powder
1 tsp chili powder
1 tsp smoked paprika
dipping sauce (i.e. ketchup, mustard, etc)

To press tofu: Wrap tofu in a dish towel and place between two cutting boards. Place a small pot on the top board and fill it with water or a sturdy heavy object. Press tofu for 20 minutes.

Directions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 425F and line baking sheet with parchment paper.
- 2. Place milk in a shallow dish.
- 3. In another shallow dish, combine flour, breadcrumbs, cornmeal, nutritional yeast, garlic powder, chili powder, smoked paprika, and salt to taste.
- 4. Use one hand to dip tofu slice in milk.
- 5. Using the other hand, dredge it in the breadcrumb mixture. Cover it fully and tap off excess.
- 6. Place on baking sheet and repeat with remaining slices.
- 7. Bake for 20 minutes, flip, and bake for another 15 minutes.
- 8. Serve with ketchup, mustard, or preferred dipping sauce.

Per serving (without dipping sauce): 342 calories, 11.4g fat, 39.2g carbs, 8.9g fiber, 2.4g sugars, 28g protein

Add-on: Add a side baked potato.

Prep: Make to order.

Lentil Quesadillas

serves 4

1 cup cooked lentils

1 cup salsa

4 flour tortillas

12-oz broccoli florets steamed

Potato Queso

1 cup carrots chopped

1 cup mashed potatoes

34 cup nutritional yeast

1 tsp onion powder

1 tsp garlic powder

½ tsp smoked paprika

2 tbsp yellow mustard

1 tbsp miso paste**

dash of cayenne (optional)

To Make Queso: Boil carrots (and potatoes if not using leftover) in 1 cup water until VERY tender. Drain, reserving cooking liquid. Transfer to a food processor and combine with remaining ingredients, adding hot cooking water as necessary, about ½ to ¾-cup. Taste, adding more miso or seasonings if desired.

Quesadilla Directions:

- 1. Pulse cooked lentils in a food processor so they're chewed up or leave whole. You can also mix lentils with some salsa.
- 2. Spread Queso on tortillas, top with lentil mix, and fold over. Heat in dry skillet or bake 5-10 mins at 375F if desired.
- 3. Serve with salsa and broccoli on side.

Per serving: 406 calories, 9.8g fat, 59.3g carbs, 25.5g fiber, 9.5g sugars, 30.4g protein

** Use chickpea miso (SF)

Note: Queso gets firmer and stickier after 30 minutes chilling. Store in air-tight container.

Add-on: Avocado or guacamole.

Prep: Make lentils and Queso ahead.

"Lobster" Rolls

serves 4

chop

mince

2-12 oz jars artichoke hearts kelp granules or dulse

1/4 tsp Old Bay seasoning

½ tsp garlic powder

2 celery ribs

1-3 tbsp fresh lemon juice

¼-½ cup vegan mayo low-sodium soy sauce**

4 hot dog buns or tortillas

4 cooked ears of corn

1 lb boiled red potatoes

Directions:

- 1. Line a large pan with thin layer water.
- 2. Add artichokes, kelp or dulse, and Old Bay seasoning, stirring to coat.
- 3. Cook over medium heat, stirring as needed, for 5-8 minutes.
- 4. Add garlic powder and cook 1-2 minutes.
- 5. Transfer to a bowl and set aside to cool.
- 6. Add celery, lemon, mayo, a drizzle of soy sauce, and salt and pepper to taste.
- 7. Stir to combine, taste, and adjust seasonings as needed.

Sandwich Assembly Directions: Toast buns if desired. Spoon filling into buns and serve with corn on the cob and potatoes, sprinkling both with Old Bay and lemon juice to boost flavor.

Per serving: 368 calories, 3.7g fat, 75.5g carbs, 15.0g fiber, 8.4g sugars, 15.5g protein

**Use tamari (GF) or coconut aminos (SF).

Add-on: Side salad.

Prep: Store components separately.

Sassy Sofritas

serves 4

15-oz extra-firm tofu

 $\frac{1}{2}$ onion dice 1 tomato dice

2-oz diced green chilies

2 chipotle chilies in adobo (may reduce)

2 tbsp adobo sauce (may reduce)

1 tbsp dried oregano

1/2 tsp garlic powder

¼ tsp ground cumin

15-oz pinto beans drain, rinse

4 flour tortillas

2 cups lettuce chop

½ cup salsa

4-oz guacamole

To press tofu: Wrap tofu in a dish towel and place between two cutting boards. Place a small pot on the top board and fill it with water or a sturdy heavy object. Press tofu for 20 minutes.

Directions:

- 1. Line a skillet with ¼-cup water.
- 2. Add onions and sauté until translucent.
- 3. Add tomatoes and cook for 3 minutes.
- 4. Add chilies, adobo sauce, spices and cook for another 2 minutes.
- 5. Add ½-cup water to the sauce and let it cook down for 2 minutes.
- 6. Crumble pressed tofu with your fingers into the pan.
- 7. Add beans, stir, and let simmer for 10 minutes. If it's too watery cook longer.

Assembly directions: Layer tortilla with lettuce, sofritas, salsa, and guacamole. Roll up and enjoy.

Per serving: 403 calories, 13.3g fat, 53.1g carbs, 12.5g fiber, 6.7g sugars, 22.6g protein

Soy-Free: Sub 1-15 oz can chickpeas (mashed)

for tofu.

Lower Fat: Sub 2 sweet potatoes for guac.

Add-on: Add a side sweet potato.

Prep: Store components separately.

Summer Enchiladas

serves 4

2 cups corn divided
2 garlic cloves mince
1 red onion dice
1 zucchini dice

15-oz can refried beans

12 corn tortillas 16-oz salsa verde

½ avocado

cilantro (optional)

Directions:

- 1. In a blender or food processor, puree 1½ cups corn and 1 garlic clove until well blended; set aside.
- 2. Line a large skillet with ¼-cup water.
- 3. Sauté onion and remaining garlic until softened and fragrant.
- 4. Add zucchini and remaining corn, cook until veggies are tender.
- 5. Pour in corn sauce; mix until combined.
- 6. Remove from heat and set aside.

Assembly Directions: Add a small amount of beans down the center of tortilla. Top with spoonful of filling. Roll tortilla up tightly and transfer to the prepared baking dish with the seam-side down. Repeat with remaining tortillas. Pour salsa verde over enchiladas.

Cover with foil and bake for 10-15 minutes at 400F (optional). Top with avocado and cilantro, if using.

Per serving: 418 calories, 9.2g fat, 75.0g carbs, 15.2g fiber, 7.1g sugars, 14.8g protein

Lower Fat: Sub 2 sweet potatoes for avocado.

Add-on: Add side of grains.

Prep: Make ahead. Add avocado before serving.

Thai PB&J

serves 4

8 slices bread or 4 tortillas ½ cup peanut butter ¼ cup orange marmalade 1 tsp mild curry powder Sriracha ¼ cup fresh basil

Directions:

- 1. Toast bread (optional).
- 2. <u>Per sandwich:</u> slather one slice of bread with 2 tbsp peanut butter. Slather the other with 1 tbsp orange marmalade.
- 3. Sprinkle both with mild curry powder.
- 4. Add a few drops of Sriracha (to taste).
- 5. Top with fresh basil (whole leaves or place leaves in top of each other, roll-up like a sleeping bag, and slice thinly) and combine to make a sandwich.

Per serving: 383 calories, 18.1g fat, 44g carbs, 6.1g fiber, 18.1g sugars, 15.4g protein

Lower Fat: Replace peanut butter with 1 cup plain hummus plus an additional 3-4 tbsp marmalade and 1-2 tbsp Sriracha. (Mix additional marmalade and Sriracha into hummus to taste, then spread on toast. Add remaining marmalade, basil, etc. on top). Enjoy ½ orange (per serving) on the side as well.

Add-on: Add a side of broccoli or oranges.

Prep: Make to order.

Triple Green Quesadillasserves 4

4 garlic cloves

mince

- 12-oz broccoli florets
- 4 cups fresh spinach
- 4 flour tortillas
- 1 avocado
- 1 cup plain hummus

Chipotle Sauce

1-2 chipotle peppers in adobo (may reduce) 6-oz plain vegan yogurt

To make sauce: Combine chipotle peppers and yogurt in a blender and blend until smooth. Taste and adjust salt level as necessary.

Directions:

- 1. Line a pan with ¼-cup water.
- 2. Add garlic and cook for 30 seconds.
- 3. Add the broccoli plus salt to taste.
- 4. Cook, stirring frequently, until bright green and tender, about 7 minutes.
- 5. Add spinach and continue to cook and stir, until soft and wilted. Set aside.
- 6. Spread avocado on tortillas.
- 7. Top half of each tortilla with broccoli mixture and a dollop of hummus.
- 8. Fold over and press down.
- 9. Toast in a nonstick pan for 3-4 minutes on each side or until warm and crisp.
- 10. Drizzle chipotle sauce over quesadillas.

Per serving: 396 calories, 18.1g fat, 47.4g carbs, 14g fiber, 5.7g sugars, 16.2g protein

Lower Fat: Sub 4 sweet potatoes for avocado.

Add-on: Add a side sweet potato or corn.

Prep: Make to order. Can make sauce ahead.

Vegan Pho serves 4

12-oz dry linguine
¼ cup fresh basil
4 green onions slice
3 limes (juice)

Pho Broth

1 onion cut into quarters ¼ cup fresh ginger root peel, mince
1 quart (4 cups) veg broth
3 tbsp low-sodium soy sauce**
3 stars of anise
1 cinnamon stick (or ½ tsp ground cinnamon)
1 tsp fennel seeds
½ tsp whole cloves (or ¼ tsp ground cloves)

Broth Directions:

- 1. Broil onions and ginger until the outside layers are almost charred.
- 2. Transfer to a large pot, add remaining broth ingredients, plus 3 cups water.
- 3. Cover, bring to a boil, then uncover and simmer for 60-90 minutes.
- 4. Use a kitchen strainer to pour the broth into a separate container, discarding the vegetables and spices.

Pho Directions:

- 1. Cook noodles via package instructions.
- 2. Drain, rinse under cool water.
- 3. Place noodles in large soup bowls and pour hot broth over the top.
- 4. Top with fresh basil, green onions and a squeeze of fresh lime juice.

Per serving: 403 calories, 3.2g fat, 81.2g carbs, 9.8g fiber, 4.9g sugars, 13.6g protein

**Use tamari (GF) or coconut aminos (SF)

Add-on: Add tofu, shiitakes or stir-fry veggies.

Prep: Store noodles & broth separately.

Individual Recipes

Baked Chimichangas serves 2

1½ tsp low-sodium soy sauce**
1 tsp fresh lemon juice
1-2 tbsp Taco or Fajita seasoning
¾ cup prepared chickpeas
¾ cup refried beans
2 flour tortillas
4-oz guacamole
½ cup salsa

Directions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 400F.
- 2. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside.
- 3. Combine soy sauce, lemon, seasoning and chickpeas, stirring to coat.
- 4. Place on baking sheet and bake 20-25 minutes, until crispy but not hard.
- 5. Increase oven temperature to 425F.
- 6. Mash chickpeas with a fork until no whole beans are left and set aside.
- 7. Spread refried beans in the middle of each tortilla. Top with guacamole and mashed chickpeas.
- 8. Roll into a burrito, place cut-side-down on the baking sheet and bake for 15-20 minutes, or until the tortillas are browned and crispy.
- 9. Serve warm and top with cool salsa.

Per serving: 429 calories, 13.3g fat, 62.8g carbs, 17.1g fiber, 2.8g sugar, 17.1g protein

**Use tamari (GF) or coconut aminos (SF).

Lower Fat: Sub 1 sweet potato for guac.

Add-on: Side salad.

Prep: Make ahead and reheat.

Bang Bang Chickpea Pasta serves 2

4-oz dry pasta 1 garlic clove

mince

1 cup prepared chickpeas

Bang Bang Sauce

¼ cup vegan mayo (or yogurt) 3 tbsp sweet red chili sauce 1½ tsp fresh lime juice 1 tsp honey or agave nectar Sriracha, to taste (optional)

To Make Bang Bang Sauce: Whisk all ingredients until well combined.

Directions:

- 1. Cook pasta via package instructions.
- 2. Drain, rinse under cool water. Set aside.
- 3. Line a skillet with ¼-cup water and sauté garlic until fragrant.
- 4. Add chickpeas and cook until they are slightly browned.
- 5. Toss garlic and chickpeas with cooked pasta and Bang Bang Sauce.

Per serving: 392 calories, 2.5g fat, 70.7g carbs, 10.7g fiber, 14.1g sugars, 15.7g protein

Add-on: Make more pasta or add greens.

Prep: Make everything ahead. Store sauce separately or premix together.

Best of 2015 Meal Plans 9

Banh Mi Burger serves 1

1 Portobello Steak (follows)
Pickled Vegetables (follows)

1 burger bun or tortilla sliced jalapeños, cilantro (optional)

Portobello "Steaks"

1 cup **No-Beef Broth** (or veg broth)

½ small onion dice 1 garlic clove mince

3 tbsp balsamic vinegar

1 tbsp sherry or mirin

2 portobello mushrooms stem

To Make "Steaks":

1. Line a large pan with ¼-cup broth.

2. Sauté onion and garlic for 2 minutes.

3. Add remaining ingredients & more broth.

4. Reduce heat to medium.

5. Cover and cook 5 minutes.

6. Flip mushrooms over and cook for 5 minutes more.

7. Repeat until desired tenderness is reached, adding more broth as needed.

Pickled Vegetables

1 carrot peel, grate
½ cucumber slice
pinch raw sugar
1 tbsp rice vinegar

To pickle veggies: Combine carrots and cucumbers with ¼-tsp salt and sugar. Rest 5-10 minutes. Drain, combine with vinegar. Add water until covered. Marinate 15-20 minutes.

Sriracha Mayo

2 tbsp vegan mayo (or yogurt)

1 green onion slice

1 tsp Sriracha (may reduce)

To Make Mayo: Whisk together until combined.

Assembly directions: Spread Sriracha Mayo on bun, top with "steak" and pickled veggies, sliced jalapeños & cilantro.

Per serving:284 calories, 2.5g fat, 54.6 carbs, 9.2g fiber, 18.5g sugars, 11.2g protein

Note: Recipe for No-Beef Broth in forums.

Add-on: Add side of grains or steamed veggies.

Prep: Store components separately.

Big Mac Potato

3/3 cup cooked lentils (not red)

1 tbsp ketchup

½ tsp yellow mustard

½ tsp Worcestershire sauce

½ tsp onion powder garlic powder

1 cooked potato

1 cup lettuce shred 1 tomato dice

Secret Sauce

2 tbsp vegan mayo (or yogurt)

½ tsp ketchup

1/2 tsp dill relish

¼ tsp white vinegar

dash of garlic powder

dash of onion powder

dash of paprika

sweetener (optional)

To make Secret Sauce: Combine all ingredients in a bowl and mix well. Add sweetener if desired.

Directions:

- 1. Mash cooked lentils slightly, if desired.
- 2. Transfer to a mixing bowl, and stir in ketchup, mustard, Worcestershire sauce, onion powder and dash of garlic powder.
- 3. Slice potato in half and top with lentil mixture, lettuce and tomato and drizzle with Secret Sauce.

Per serving: 426 calories, 1.6g fat, 82g carbs, 24.1g fiber, 13.6g sugars, 22.5g protein

Add-on: Add a side salad or steamed broccoli.

Prep: Make lentils and sauce ahead, store separately. Assemble before eating.

Buffalo Chickpea Potato Bowl serves 1

1 carrot dice
1 celery rib slice
3/4 cup prepared chickpeas
1/4 cup Frank's hot sauce (may reduce)
11/2 tsp pure maple syrup
1 cooked potato
1 green onion slice

Directions:

- 1. Line a skillet with ¼-cup water.
- 2. Add carrot and celery and sauté until tender-crisp, about 3 minutes.
- 3. Add chickpeas, hot sauce, maple syrup and salt and pepper to taste.
- 4. Stir well and cook until sauce has thickened, about 2 minutes.
- 5. Slice potato in half and add chickpea mixture.
- 6. Garnish with green onions.

Per serving: 391 calories, 1.9g fat, 76.6g carbs, 13.6g fiber, 11.6g sugars, 15.2g protein

Note: Use Frank's RedHot Original Cayenne Pepper Sauce, not the wing sauce.

Add-on: Add a side salad or steamed veggies.

Prep: Make ahead. Store components separately.

Coconut Chickpea Curry serves 2

1 small onion dice
2 garlic cloves mince
1" fresh ginger root peel, mince
1 tbsp mild curry powder
½ tsp ground cumin
1 tsp ground coriander
14-oz lite coconut milk
15-oz can chickpeas drain, rinse
14-oz diced tomatoes

garam masala and cilantro (optional)

Directions:

- Line a large skillet ¼-cup water.
- 2. Sauté onion until translucent.
- 3. Add garlic and ginger, and cook until fragrant, about 1 minute.
- 4. Add curry powder and cumin, and cook 30-50 seconds.
- 5. Stir in coconut milk, chickpeas, tomatoes (with juices), and ¼-tsp garam masala.
- 6. Cover and bring to a boil.
- 7. Uncover, reduce heat to low and simmer 15 minutes, or until it thickens.
- 8. Turn off heat and stir in coriander.
- 9. Wait 5 minutes and taste.
- 10. Add more garam masala to taste.
- 11. Garnish with cilantro.

Per serving: 415 calories, 12.3g fat, 60.6g carbs, 13.7g fiber, 8.1g sugars, 18g protein

Chef's Note: You can add a small amount of turmeric for yellow coloring.

Lower Fat: Sub soy or almond milk and a drop of coconut extract (opt) for coconut milk.

Add-on: Add cauliflower florets or cashews.

Prep: Make ahead.

Crispy Tofu Strips serves 2

15-oz extra-firm tofu press, slice ½ cup (4-oz) soy or almond milk

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1/4 cup breadcrumbs

¼ cup fine cornmeal

2 tbsp nutritional yeast

½ tsp garlic powder

½ tsp chili powder

½ tsp smoked paprika

dipping sauce (i.e. ketchup, mustard, etc)

To press tofu: Wrap tofu in a dish towel and place between two cutting boards. Place a small pot on the top board and fill it with water or a sturdy heavy object. Press tofu for 20 minutes.

Directions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 425F and line baking sheet with parchment paper.
- 2. Place milk in a shallow dish.
- In another shallow dish, combine flour, breadcrumbs, cornmeal, nutritional yeast, garlic powder, chili powder, smoked paprika, and salt to taste.
- 4. Use one hand to dip tofu slice in milk.
- 5. Using the other hand, dredge it in the breadcrumb mixture. Cover it fully and tap off excess.
- 6. Place on baking sheet and repeat with remaining slices.
- 7. Bake for 20 minutes, flip, and bake for another 15 minutes.
- 8. Serve with ketchup, mustard, or preferred dipping sauce.

Per serving (without dipping sauce): 342 calories, 11.4g fat, 39.2g carbs, 8.9g fiber, 2.4g sugars, 28g protein

Add-on: Add a side baked potato.

Prep: Make to order.

"Lobster" Rolls serves 2

12-oz jar artichoke hearts chop kelp granules or dulse dash of Old Bay seasoning ¼ tsp garlic powder 1½ tsp-1½ tbsp fresh lemon juice 2 tbsp-¼ cup vegan mayo (or yogurt) low-sodium soy sauce** 2 hot dog buns or tortillas

2 cooked ears of corn ½ lb boiled red potatoes

Directions:

- 1. Line a large pan with ¼-cup water.
- 2. Add artichokes, kelp or dulse, and Old Bay seasoning, stirring to coat.
- 3. Cook over medium heat, stirring as needed, for 5-8 minutes.
- 4. Add garlic powder and cook 1-2 minutes.
- 5. Transfer to a bowl and set aside to cool.
- 6. Add lemon, mayo, a drizzle of soy sauce, and salt and pepper to taste.
- 7. Stir to combine, taste, and adjust seasonings as needed.

Sandwich Assembly Directions: Toast buns if desired. Spoon filling into buns and serve with corn on the cob and potatoes, sprinkling both with Old Bay and lemon juice to boost flavor.

Per serving: 368 calories, 3.7g fat, 75.5g carbs, 15.0g fiber, 8.4g sugars, 15.5g protein

**Use tamari (GF) or coconut aminos (SF).

Add-on: Side salad.

Prep: Store components separately.

Sweet Chili Quesadilla serves 1

1/2 red bell pepper seed, dice
1 tomato dice
1/2 cup cooked brown rice
1 flour tortilla

Sweet Chili Mustard Sauce

2 tbsp yellow mustard 1 tbsp pure maple syrup 1½ tsp Sriracha (may reduce or omit)

To Make Sweet Chili Mustard Sauce: Whisk all ingredients together with 1-2 tsp water.

Directions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 400F.
- 2. Line a baking sheet with parchment.
- 3. Spread bell peppers into a single layer and roast for 15-20 minutes.
- 4. Combine cooked rice, bell peppers, tomatoes and sauce.
- 5. Spread into tortilla, fold over and enjoy.

Per serving: 340 calories, 4.2g fat, 69.5g carbs, 9.2g fiber, 18.3g sugars, 9.7g protein

Chef's Note: For a crispy quesadilla, pan fry assembled quesadilla or bake at 375F for 5-10 minutes until golden, careful not to burn.

Add-on: Add avocado or greens.

Prep: Store components separately.

Thai PB&J serves 1

2 slices bread or 1 tortilla 2 tbsp peanut butter 1 tbsp orange marmalade ¼ tsp mild curry powder Sriracha 1 tbsp fresh basil

Directions:

- 1. Toast bread (optional).
- 2. Slather one slice of bread with 2 tbsp peanut butter. Slather the other with 1 tbsp orange marmalade.
- 3. Sprinkle both with mild curry powder.
- 4. Add a few drops of Sriracha (to taste).
- 5. Top with fresh basil (whole leaves or place leaves in top of each other, roll-up like a sleeping bag, and slice thinly) and combine to make a sandwich.

Lower Fat: Replace peanut butter with ¼-cup plain hummus plus an additional 1½-tsp to 1 tbsp marmalade and ½-1 tsp Sriracha. (Mix additional marmalade and Sriracha into hummus to taste, then spread on toast. Add remaining marmalade, basil, etc. on top). Enjoy ½ orange on the side as well.

Add-on: Add a side of broccoli or oranges.

Prep: Make to order.

Triple Green Quesadilla serves 1

mince

1 garlic clove

1 cup broccoli florets

1 cup fresh spinach

2-oz guacamole

1 flour tortilla

3 tbsp plain hummus

Chipotle Sauce

2-oz plain vegan yogurt

½ chipotle pepper in adobo (may reduce)

To make sauce: Combine chipotle pepper and yogurt in a blender and blend until smooth. Taste and adjust salt level as necessary.

Directions:

- 1. Line a pan with ¼-cup water.
- 2. Add garlic and cook for 30 seconds.
- 3. Add the broccoli plus salt to taste.
- 4. Cook, stirring frequently, until bright green and tender, about 7 minutes.
- 5. Add spinach and continue to cook and stir, until soft and wilted. Set aside.
- 6. Spread guacamole on tortillas.
- 7. Top half of each tortilla with broccoli mixture and a dollop of hummus.
- 8. Fold over and press down.
- 9. Toast in a nonstick pan for 3-4 minutes on each side or until warm and crisp.
- 10. Drizzle chipotle sauce over quesadillas.

Per serving: 380 calories, 16.7g fat, 46.4g carbs, 13.5g fiber, 7.5g sugars, 15.6g protein

Lower Fat: Sub 1 sweet potato for quac.

Add-on: Add a side sweet potato or corn.

Prep: Make to order.

Vegan Pho

6-oz dry linguine 2 tbsp fresh basil

2 green onions slice

1 lime (juice)

Pho Broth

½ small onion cut into quarters 2 tbsp fresh ginger root peel, mince

2 cups veg broth

1½ tbsp low-sodium soy sauce**

1 star of anise

½ cinnamon stick (or ¼ tsp ground cinnamon)

½ tsp fennel seeds

1/4 tsp whole cloves (or 1/8 tsp ground cloves)

Broth Directions:

- 1. Broil onions and ginger until the outside layers are almost charred.
- 2. Transfer to a large pot, add remaining broth ingredients, plus 1½-cups water.
- 3. Cover, bring to a boil, then uncover and simmer for 60-90 minutes.
- 4. Use a kitchen strainer to pour the broth into a separate container, discarding the vegetables and spices.

Pho Directions:

- 1. Cook noodles via package instructions.
- 2. Drain, rinse under cool water.
- 3. Place noodles in large soup bowls and pour hot broth over the top.
- 4. Top with fresh basil, green onions and a squeeze of fresh lime juice.

Per serving: 393 calories, 3.2g fat, 78.7g carbs, 9.2g fiber, 4.6g sugars, 13.2g protein

**Use tamari (GF) or coconut aminos (SF)

Add-on: Add tofu, shiitakes or stir-fry veggies.

Prep: Store noodles & broth separately.