# ULTIMATE TASTE Recipe Book OCTOBER EDITION

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## **OCTOBER** Autumn time favourites

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# BREAKFAST

## **STRAWBERRY SMOOTHIE**





DIFFICULTY

EASY

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COOKING N/A

PORTION ONE

#### INGREDIENTS

- 10 strawberries hulled (approx 175g)
- 1 small banana sliced
- 100ml orange juice chilled

#### INSTRUCTION

Blitz the strawberries in a blender with the banana and orange juice until smooth.

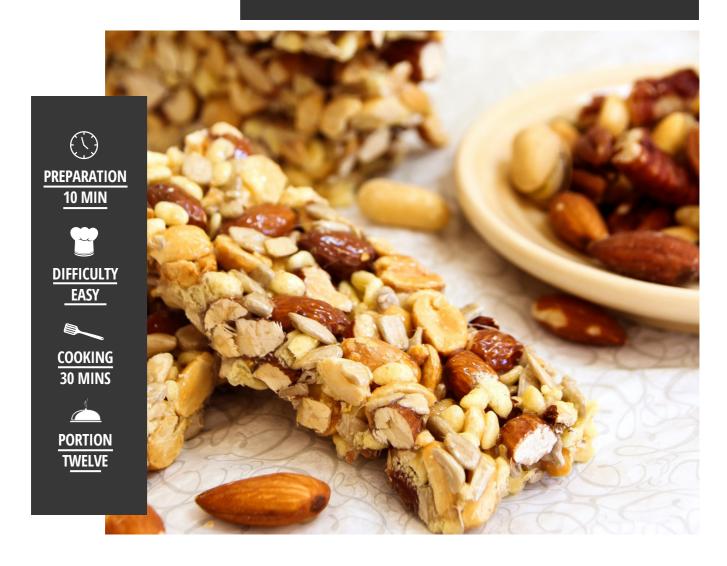
Pour the smoothie into a tall glass to serve.



### ON THE RUN Breakfast Bar

#### INGREDIENTS

- 100g butter
- 3 tbs golden syrup
- 85g demerara sugar
- 140g porridge oat
- 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 50g desiccated coconut
- 2 tbsp linseeds, slightly crushed
- 1 tbsp sesame seeds
- 100g chopped hazelnut



#### INSTRUCTION

Heat oven to 160C/fan 140C/gas 3 and butter a 22cm square baking tin.

Melt the butter, syrup and sugar in a pan. Pour in the oats, cinnamon, coconut, seeds and nuts, mix and pour into tin.

Bake for 30-35 mins. Leave to cool for 5 mins, then cut into slices.

Will keep for 1 week in an airtight container.



### BLUEBERRY & LEMON PANCAKES





#### INGREDIENTS

- 200g plain flour
- 1 tsp cream of tartar
- ½ tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 1 tsp golden syrup
- 75g blueberry

INSTRUCTION

- zest of 1 lemon
- 200ml milk
- 1 large egg
- butter, for cooking

Put the flour, cream of tartar and bicarbonate of soda in the bowl. Mix them well with the fork. Drop the golden syrup into the dry ingredients along with the blueberries and lemon zest.

Pour the milk into a measuring jug and break in the egg and mix well with a fork. Pour most of the milk mixture into the bowl and mix well with a rubber spatula. Keep adding more milk until you get a smooth, thick, pouring batter. Heat the frying pan and brush with a little butter. Then spoon in the batter, 1

tbsp at a time, in heaps. Bubbles will appear on top as the pancakes cook – turn them at this stage, using the metal spatula to help you. Cook until brown on the second side, then keep warm on a plate, covered with foil. Repeat until all the mixture is used up.

### **OVERNIGHT OATS WITH APRICOTS & YOGHURT**





#### **INSTRUCTION**

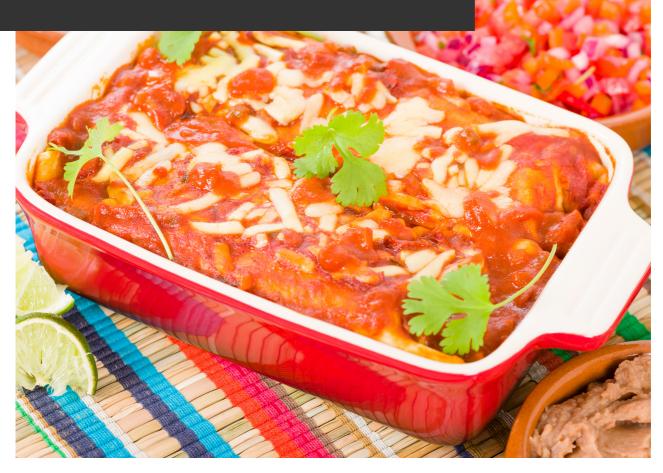
Mix the oats and chia in a bowl with the vanilla and almond milk. Cover and chill overnight.

Heat the oil in a small non-stick pan. Add the apricots in a single layer, then cover the pan and cook over a low heat for 5 mins, until softened. Stir well and cook a few minutes more if needed – they will cook a little more in the residual heat as they cool. Cover and keep chilled until needed.

The next day, stir the yogurt into the oats and spoon into tumblers, small jars or small bowls. Top with the cooked apricots and sunflower seeds. Will keep covered and chilled for up to four days.



# **CHICKEN & CHORIZO RAGU**







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COOKING

40 MIN

PORTION

FOUR

INGREDIENTS

- 120g cooking chorizo, chopped
- 1 red onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, grated
- 1 tsp hot smoked paprika
- 80g sundried tomatoes, roughly chopped

#### INSTRUCTION

- 600g skinless and boneless chicken thighs
- 400g can chopped tomatoes
- 100ml chicken stock
- 1 lemon, juiced
- jacket potatoes, chopped parsley and soured cream, to serve (optional)

Fry the chorizo over a medium heat in a large saucepan or flameproof casserole dish for 5 mins or until it releases its oil and starts to char at the edges. Add the onion and fry for 5 mins more or until soft. Tip in the garlic and cook for 2 mins before stirring in the paprika and sundried tomatoes. Add the chicken thighs and fry for 2 mins each side until they are well coated in the spices and beginning to brown.

Pour in the chopped tomatoes and stock, and turn the heat down. Cover and cook for 40 mins until the chicken is falling apart and the sauce is thick. Stir the lemon juice through. Serve by piling spoonfuls of the ragu into hot jacket potatoes with parsley sprinkled over and a dollop of soured cream, if you like.

MACROS PER PORTION



### INDIAN CHICKEN Protein Pots

#### INGREDIENTS

- 90g pack Indian spiced lentils
- 160g cherry tomatoes, quartered
- 150g cooked, skinless chicken breast, chopped
- handful fresh coriander, chopped
- 4 tbsp tzatziki



#### INSTRUCTION

Tear the corner from the lentil pack and microwave on High for 1 min and Leave to cool.

Tip into 2 large packed lunch pots. Top with the cherry tomatoes and chicken, add the fresh coriander then spoon on the tzatziki.

Seal until ready to eat



# **NUTTY CHICKEN SATAY STRIPS**





#### INGREDIENTS

- 2 tbsp chunky peanut butter (without palm oil or sugar)
- 1 garlic clove, finely grated
- 1 tsp Madras curry powder
- few shakes soy sauce

#### INSTRUCTION

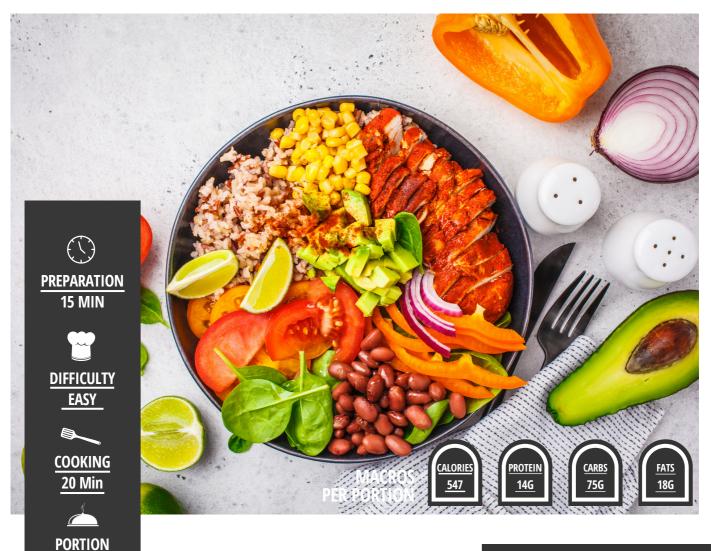
- 2 tsp lime juice
- 2 skinless chicken breast fillets (about 300g) cut into thick strips
- about 10cm cucumber, cut into fingers
- sweet chilli sauce, to serve

Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 4 and line a baking tray with non-stick paper. Mix 2 tbsp chunky peanut butter with 1 finely grated garlic clove, 1 tsp Madras curry powder, a few shakes of soy sauce and 2 tsp lime juice in a bowl. Some nut butters are thicker than others, so if necessary, add a dash of boiling water to get a coating consistency.

Add 2 skinless chicken breast fillets, cut into strips, and mix well. Arrange on the baking sheet, spaced apart, and bake in the oven for 8-10 mins until cooked, but still juicy.

Eat warm with roughly 10cm cucumber, cut into fingers, and sweet chilli sauce. Alternatively, leave to cool and keep in the fridge for up to 2 days.

# **VEGAN BURRITO BOWL**



#### INSTRUCTION

Tip the rice and 600ml water into a pan, then stir in the tomato purée, cumin, chilli and bouillon powder. Cover and cook over a low heat for 20 mins until the rice is tender and it has absorbed the liquid. Remove from the heat and stir in the black beans.

Meanwhile, mix the tomatoes with the red onion, coriander and the juice of 1 lime to make a salsa. Roughly mash the remaining lime juice with the avocados to create a chunky texture.

Spoon the rice into four bowls or rigid containers (cool the half you are saving for another day first). Top with the tomato salsa, avocado and corn. The rice will keep for up to two days – just make the toppings fresh on the day.

#### INGREDIENTS

- 250g easy-cook brown rice
- 1 tbsp tomato purée
- 1 tsp cumin seeds
- 1/2 tsp hot chilli powder
- 1 tsp vegetable bouillon powder (gluten-free, if needed)
- 400g black beans, drained
- 4 tomatoes, chopped
- 1 small red onion, finely chopped, about 75g
- 20g fresh coriander, chopped
- 2 limes, juiced
- 2 avocados
- 2 x 198g cans of sweetcorn



# **CHEESY SEAFOOD BAKE**



- 300g medium potatoes (about 3), thinly sliced
- 2 tbsp milk
- 40g mature cheese, finely grated
- 1 tsp rapeseed oil
- 1 onion (160g), finely chopped
- 1 red pepper, deseeded and finely diced (270g)
- 2 tsp balsamic vinegar

- 1 tsp vegetable bouillon powder
- 400g can chopped tomatoes
- 1/2 x 30g pack basil, leaves picked and finely chopped
- 1 garlic clove, finely grated
- 280g pack skinless cod loins
- 100g frozen small Atlantic cooked prawns, defrosted
- 160g broccoli florests

#### INSTRUCTION

PORTION

TWO

Boil the potato slices for 10 mins then drain, tip into a bowl and gently mix in the milk and half the cheese. Don't worry if the potatoes break up a little.

Meanwhile, heat the oil in a large frying pan and cook the onion until softened. Stir in the pepper and cook for 5 mins more. Spoon in the balsamic vinegar and bouillon powder, then stir in the tomatoes, basil and garlic. Lay the cod fillets on top, then cover and cook for 6-8 mins until the cod flakes when tested. Heat the grill to high. Take off the heat, stir in the prawns and tip into a shallow baking dish, breaking up the cod into large chunks. Cover with the potatoes and sprinkle with the remaining cheese.

Grill until golden. While it's grilling, steam or boil the broccoli to serve with the bake.



# LOW-FAT TURKEY BOLOGNESE



#### INGREDIENTS

- 400g lean turkey mince
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 large carrot, chopped
- 3 celery sticks, chopped
- 250g pack brown mushrooms, finely chopped
- pinch of sugar

#### INSTRUCTION

- 1 tbsp tomato purée
- 2 x 400g cans chopped tomatoes with garlic & herbs
- 400ml chicken stock, made from 1 low-sodium stock cube
- cooked wholemeal pasta and fresh basil leaves (optional), to serve

Heat a large non-stick frying pan and dry-fry the turkey mince until browned. Tip onto a plate and set aside.

Add the oil and gently cook the onion, carrot and celery until softened, about 10 mins (add a splash of water if it starts to stick). Add the mushrooms and cook for a few mins, then add the sugar and tomato purée, and cook for 1 min more, stirring to stop it from sticking.

Add the tomatoes, turkey and stock with some seasoning. Simmer for at least 20 mins (or longer) until thickened. Serve with the pasta and fresh basil, if you have it.









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# MEXICAN BEAN BURGERS WITH LIME YOGURT & SALSA





- rinsed and drained
- 100g breadcrumb
- 2 tsp mild chilli powder
- small bunch coriander, stalks and leaves chopped
- 1 egg
- 200g tub fresh salsa
- 150ml low fat natural yoghurt
- juice 1/2 lime
- 6 wholemeal burger buns, sliced avocado, sliced red onion and salad leaves, to serve

#### INSTRUCTION

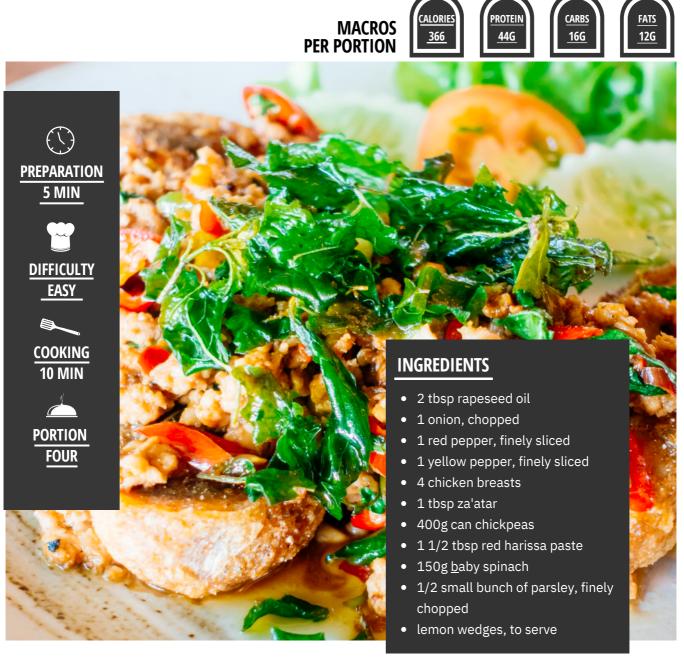
Heat grill to high. Tip the beans into a large bowl, then roughly crush with a potato masher. Add the breadcrumbs, chilli powder, coriander stalks and 1/2 the leaves, egg and 2 tbsp salsa, season to taste, then mix together well with a fork.

Divide the mixture into 6, then wet your hands and shape into burgers. The burgers can now be frozen. Place on a non-stick baking tray, then grill for 4-5 mins on each side until golden and crisp. To cook from frozen, bake at 200C/fan 180C/gas 6 for 20-30 mins until hot through. While the burgers are cooking, mix the remaining coriander leaves with the yogurt, lime juice and a good grind of black pepper. Split the buns in half and spread the bases with some of the yoghurt.

Top each with leaves, avocado, onion, a burger, another dollop of the lime yogurt and some salsa, then serve.



### CHICKEN WITH CRUSHED HARISSA CHICKPEAS



#### INSTRUCTION

Heat 1 tbsp of oil in a frying pan over a medium heat and fry the onions and peppers for 7 mins until softened and golden. Meanwhile, put the chicken between two sheets of baking parchment and lightly bash until about 2cm thick. Mix together the remaining oil and the za'atar, then rub over the chicken. Season to taste. Heat the grill to high. Put the chicken on a baking tray lined with foil, and grill for 3-4 mins each side, or until golden and cooked through.

Heat the chickpeas in a pan with the harissa paste and 2 tbsp water until warmed through, then roughly mash with a potato masher. Wilt the spinach in a pan with 1 tbsp of water or in the microwave in a heatproof bowl. Stir the pepper and onion mixture, spinach and parsley through the chickpeas. Serve with the sliced chicken and the lemon wedges for squeezing over.

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