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I hope you have as much fun with our new recipes as I did creating them.

Enjoy!!

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Strawberry Daiquiri

Pour mix into a blender with ice and blend.

Pour into a cocktail glass; add rum (if desired).

Garnish with lime slice

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Strawberry Daiquiri

1-½ cups of strawberry daiquiri mix1 cup ice



/ ½ to 1 oz. light rum (optional)/ Lime, sliced thin and halved for garnish

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Hol	iday	Spl	lash
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Combine all the stuff in a glass.

Add a splash of grenadine – do not mix.

Garnish with a sprig of mint

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Holiday Splash

- J 2 oz. pineapple juice
- 2 oz. strawberry/kiwi juice
- 2 oz. sparkling Spumante (sparkling grape juice)



Optional: Substitute champagne for spumante

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Abbreviations

Stuff Ingredients for the recipe

tsp. Teaspoon tbs. Tablespoon lb. Pound

Substitutions

For You Can Use

1 cup milk ½ cup evaporated milk

and ½ cup water

1 cup heavy cream 2/3 cup milk

and 1/3 cup butter

1 cup sugar 1 cup honey; reduce

other liquid 1/4 cup;

reduce baking temp 25°

1 garlic clove 1/8 tsp. garlic powder

OR ¼ tsp. garlic salt; Reduce salt 1/8 tsp.

A "non-reactive pan" means anything but stainless steel. If you use stainless steel, the chicken will begin cooking in the lime juice (yeah, for real!). This is true for any meat or fish that is being marinated with citrus (pineapple is citrus too).

White Chocolate Brownie with Raspberry-Wine Sauce

Brownie

Microwave unsweetened chocolate and butter in large microwavable bowl on high for 2 minutes or until butter is melted. Stir until chocolate is completely melted.

Stir in sugar and cool mixture; add eggs and vanilla when cool and mix well.

Add flour and almonds, stir until well blended.

Spread into greased 9" x 13" baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Do not over bake! Cool in pan.

Raspberry-Wine Sauce

Over medium heat, melt butter and sugar; add berries and wine. Cook for 2-3 minutes.

To serve spoon berry mixture over brownie and top with shaved chocolate.

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White Chocolate Brownie with Raspberry-Wine Sauce

Brownie

- J 4 squares of unsweetened white baking chocolate
- J 34 cup of butter
- 2 cups of sugar
-) 3 eggs
- J 1 tsp. vanilla
- J 1 cup of flour
- J 1 cup of shaved almonds

Raspberry-Wine Sauce

- J 1 cup of sugar
-) ½ cup of white wine
- J 3 cups of raspberries (you can use frozen)
- / ½ stick (2 oz.) butter

Grilling Tips, Steak & Fish

Here's a great marinade we showed last summer.

Steak

- 2 tbs. spicy mustard1 tbs. raspberry dressing
- 1 tbs. Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tbs. balsamic vinegar



Mix well in a small bowl and pour over steak; chill for 2 hours.

Fish

- Your favorite fish
- 1/8 tsp. lemon juice
-) 2 tbs. extra virgin olive oil

Make sure the grill is HOT!!! Never bring a grill up to temperature with meat or fish on it. This will dry out the fish and make the meat tough.

In a bowl, add the lemon juice, and olive oil (you can add garlic powder, cayenne pepper or lemon pepper, to your taste). Brush the mixture over the fish; place on the grill, coated side down.

Don't turn fish for 2 to 3 minutes. Repeat for the other side. Cook until flaky.

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Summer Sensations

In a dessert glass, layer crushed cookies, yogurt and chopped strawberries; do this 2 times; the last layer should be pineapple cream cheese.

Top with whipped topping and garnish with fresh mint.

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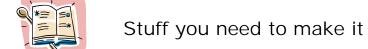
When working with softened cream cheese, be sure to dip the back of a spoon in warm water to smooth out. The warm water makes the cream cheese easier to work with.

Drinks to go "With"

Pour strawberry-orange or apple-mango juice in a glass of ice; add 1 tsp. lime juice and a splash of grenadine.

Garnish with fresh strawberry and mint.

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Summer Sensations

- 1 carton of your favorite yogurt
- 5 large strawberries, chopped
- 1 carton softened pineapple cream cheese
- 3 graham crackers or favorite cookie, crushed
- Whipped cream topping (you can used flavored topping if you like)
- Fresh mint

Appetizers



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Afterburners

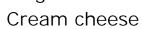
Serve with a spicy queso dip



12 unpeeled medium-sized fresh shrimp

12 fresh jalapeno peppers

6 bacon slices, halved lengthwise



Mozzarella or Ricotta cheese

1 green onion, chopped

Lemon juice

TIP

The easiest spicy queso dip in the world 1 can of diced tomatoes and chilies

4 oz. Velveeta cheese

Put the can of tomatoes and chilies in a microwave safe bowl

Cube cheese (so it melts better) add to bowl Microwave on high for 1 minute; stir; repeat until all the cheese is melted. Serve hot!

Strawberry-Lemon Cake

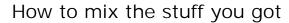
Bake cake according to directions. When cake is cooled, poke holes with a toothpick. Set aside.

In a small saucepan over medium heat, melt butter and one cup of sugar with strawberries. Bring to a simmer, about 5 minutes. Set aside.

In a small bowl, add 1 cup sugar and lemon juice and mix well.

Pour lemon juice mixture over cake and wait 5 minutes then top with strawberry sauce.

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Strawberry-Lemon Cake

- 1 box of lemon cake mix
- J 2 cups of sugar
-) 2 cups of lemon juice
- 2 cups of frozen or fresh strawberries
- / ½ stick butter

Afterburners

Serve with a spicy queso dip

Peel shrimp and de-vein, if desired.

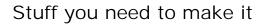
Cut a slit in each jalapeno pepper; remove seeds and membranes.

Carefully place one shrimp, a knife-full of cream cheese, a slice of mozzarella or ricotta cheese and a pinch of chopped green onion in cavity of each pepper.

Wrap each pepper with 1 strip of bacon, and secure with a wooden pick.

Place in a jellyroll pan. Broil 5-½ inches from heat 6 to 7 minutes on each side, or until bacon is cooked. Serve warm. Top with lemon juice.

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Football Salsa Dip

2 lbs. ground sirloin

4 tbs. extra virgin olive oil

1 tbs. garlic powder

1 small can diced green chilies



1 12 oz. can diced tomatoes

1 12 oz. can green chilies and tomatoes, diced

16 oz. sour cream

2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

1 16 oz. can of black beans

ig) 1 medium red onion, diced

Cathy's Strawberry Shortcake

In a small sauce pan over medium heat, melt butter then add champagne and cream cheese.

Stir until the stuff is blended.

Spoon over desert cups and top with chopped strawberries.

Man oh man, how good does it get? YUMMY!

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How to mix the stuff you got



Cathy's Strawberry Shortcake

4 large strawberries, chopped

1 cup champagne or white wine

8 oz. strawberry cream cheese

Dessert cups

½ stick of butter



Football Salsa Dip

Brown the meat in a large skillet with the olive oil and garlic powder.

Add all remaining stuff and stir until well mixed.

°Lower heat and simmer for 5 to 10 minutes stirring occasionally.

TIP

For a lower-fat recipe, substitute chicken or turkey for the ground sirloin.

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How to mix the stuff you got



Cathy's "Get It Done Quick" Appetizer

-) 1 lb. Italian sausage
- 1 1/2 medium white onion, diced
- 1 cup sliced mushrooms
- 1 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- 8 oz. sour cream
- J 1 cup Monterrey Jack cheese
- J 3 four oz. cans chopped green chilies
- J 3 eggs
- 1 cup milk

Summer Dessert

Prepare pudding according to package directions; chill for 5 minutes.

Set aside a few pieces of the fresh fruit for garnish.

Melt butter in microwave or on top of the stove.

Put crushed graham crackers on the bottom of a small pan; pour melted butter over crackers; mix and then press crackers to create a crust.

Fold fresh fruit or strawberries into the pudding.

Spoon fruit and pudding mixture over the graham cracker crust; top with fresh fruit or strawberries.

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How to mix the stuff you got



Summer Dessert

- 1 package instant vanilla pudding
- 1 package cinnamon graham crackers, crushed
- 1 cup strawberries or other fresh fruit, thickly sliced
-) 1 stick butter (4 oz.), melted
- 12 oz. container whipped cream topping

Cathy's "Get It Done Quick" Appetizer

In a large skillet, cook sausage with garlic powder, then sauté the onions and mushrooms with the sausage.

In a bowl, combine eggs, milk and sour cream; whisk until smooth.

When sausage is browned, place in a square baking pan. Layer the sausage with green chilies and top with Monterrey Jack cheese.

Pour egg mixture over the top and bake uncovered at 425 degrees for 40 minutes.

Cut and serve with salsa.

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How to mix the stuff you got



Hot Spinach Jalapeno Cheese Dip

- 1-½ cups skim milk
- J 2 tbs. all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup finely chopped onion
- J 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- J 1-8 oz. package of Mexican pasteurized prepared cheese product with jalapeno chilies; cut into small pieces (add ½ cup of sliced jalapenos for more kick)
- J 2 packages (9 oz. each) frozen spinach in a pouch, thawed, squeeze to drain

Chocolate-Covered Strawberries (or any fruit)

Put the Hershey bar(s) in a glass container and microwave for 30 seconds.

Stir chocolate with a spoon. Dip fresh strawberries (or any fruit) into the chocolate; hold upright for 1 minute.

Put a sheet of waxed paper on a pan; place the chocolate covered fruit on the pan and when finished put pan in refrigerator until cool.

Double yum!!

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How to mix the stuff you got



Chocolate-Covered Strawberries (or any fruit)

1 or 2 Hershey Milk Chocolate bars

Fruit for "dipping"

Try this for dessert with the Orange Roughy, Valentine's Day Lobster or go for broke and serve them with the Football Widows' Ouiche.

Hot Spinach Jalapeno Cheese Dip

Put 1-1/4 cups milk in a large nonstick sauce pan over medium high heat.

In a small bowl, combine the remaining ¼ cup milk and flour; blend with wire whisk until smooth. Add to the milk in the sauce pan. Cook about 5 minutes stirring constantly until thickened.

Add onion, pepper, and Worcestershire sauce and mix well. Bring just to a boil; reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes or until onion is tender; stirring occasionally.

Add cheese and stir until melted. Add spinach; mix well. Cook until thoroughly heated.

Serve with slices of baguette-style French bread or assorted cut up fresh veggies. (This dip is also a great topping for baked potatoes, noodles or rice—something to keep in mind for leftovers.)

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How to mix the stuff you got



Hot-Sweet Quesadillas

1 eight oz. can sliced pineapple with juice1 package skirt steak

OR

1 package boneless, skinless chicken breast

1 Poblano pepper, sliced

1 red bell pepper, sliced

1 yellow onion, sliced

4 cups shredded cheddar cheese

1 package large flour tortillas

4 tbs. extra virgin olive oil

/ ¼ tsp. cayenne pepper

) ½ tsp. lemon pepper

1/2 tsp. garlic powder

Christmas Tarts

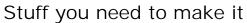
Prepare the Banana Nut Bread package as directed.

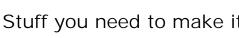
Spoon batter into tart pans and bake, at package temperature, until toothpick comes out clean.

In a small sauce pan over medium heat, add ¼ tsp. butter, melt it then add the cup of walnuts and the cup of sugar. Stir until sugar melts.

Drizzle sauce over the hot tarts. Yum!

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Christmas Tarts

One package banana nut bread

1/4 tsp butter

1 cup walnuts

1 cup brown sugar



Hot-Sweet Quesadillas

In a non-reactive container, marinate meat in pineapple juice for 2 hours.

Over a hot grill, heat 2 tbs. oil until smoking and grill meat. Once meat is done, slice and set aside.

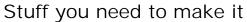
Using the rest of the oil, heat until smoking and add all vegetables and sliced pineapple. Grill, stirring constantly for 2 to 3 minutes; remove from direct heat.

In a large flour tortilla, add ½ cup shredded cheese, cooked veggies and meat.

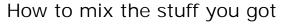
Place on a hot grill or in a pan and fold in half. Turn after 20 seconds repeating until cheese is melted.

Cut and serve hot!!

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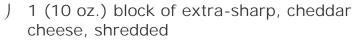




Monster Eye Balls



1 lb. of hot or mild pork sausage



72 small pimiento-stuffed olives

Holiday Pecan Pie

In a bowl, add flour and dredge pecans.

Add remaining stuff and mix well.

Pour into pastry crust and bake at 325 degrees for 1 hour and 15 minutes.

Let stand 15 minutes before cutting.

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How to mix the stuff you got



Holiday Pecan Pie

- 1 cup pecans
- J 3/4 cup molasses
- / ½ cup sugar
- J 3 eggs
- 4 tbs. butter
- J 1 Pie crust, thawed



Monster Eye Balls

In a large bowl, combine the biscuit mix, sausage and cheese; mix until blended. Chill the combination for two hours.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Shape sausage mixture into one-inch balls and place on lightly greased baking sheets.

Press 1 olive deeply in the center of each ball and bake for 20 minutes or until lightly browned.

Great fun for Halloween!

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New Year's Rattlers

- 1 tbs. Extra virgin olive oil
- 1 lb. hot sausage
- 1 small can chopped green chilies
- J 1 small white onion, chopped
- J 2 to 4 oz. grated pepper jack cheese
- 1 can crescent rolls



 8 large fresh jalapeno peppers, seeded then butterfly cut, be careful not to cut all the way through

Desserts





Drinks





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New Year's Rattlers

Cook sausage, onions, and chilies in olive oil over medium high heat.

Add the grated cheese and cook for 10-15 minutes.

Unroll and separate crescent dough into individual pieces.

Stuff jalapenos with sausage mixture and roll up in crescent pieces.

Cook at 350 degrees and serve with guacamole and sour cream mixture.

TIP

Guacamole and sour cream mixture

Mix 1 package prepared guacamole with 8 ounces of sour cream

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How to mix the stuff you got



Poppy Seed Pinwheels

- 1/2 cup finely chopped celery
-) 8 oz. cream cheese
- 1 4 oz. sour cream
- 1 cup sun-dried tomato and basil mozzarella or cheddar salsa with tomato and jalapeno peppers (specialty cheese)
- 6 oz. pre-cooked southwestern chicken strips

Spinach Calzones

Sauté mushrooms, spinach and garlic in olive oil over medium heat for 5 minutes. (Add the optional items here and heat them with the other stuff.)

Spoon mixture into the middle of tortilla; fold in half.

Spread olive oil on both sides of tortilla; push edges together with a fork.

Bake at 325 degrees for 20 minutes or until golden brown.

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How to mix the stuff you got



Spinach Calzones

- 1 pod of garlic, chopped
- 1 package of sliced mushrooms
- 1 package of frozen, chopped spinach, thawed
- J 3 tbs. extra virgin olive oil
- 1 package of shredded parmesan cheese
- 1 package medium flour tortillas
- J Optional: shredded turkey, sausage, or beef

Poppy Seed Pinwheels

Soften cream cheese to room temperature, add sour cream and blend; add celery, diced chicken strips, salsa and mix well.

Spread crescent dough onto a sprayed baking sheet; pinch dough together to make one sheet.

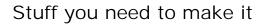
Spread cheese mixture over dough staying 1 inch from the sides.

Roll up carefully and pinch together. Top roll with egg wash and sprinkle with poppy seeds.

Bake using crescent roll instructions.

Let roll rest 5 minutes before slicing; slice into 2" pinwheels and serve.

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Cathy's Summer Tarts

´	2 cans of large biscuits 3 heaping tbs. mayonnaise 1 cup shredded Mozzarella cheese ½ cup diced tomatoes ½ cup diced fresh zucchini
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J	1 eight-ounce container of fresh lump crab meat
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J	1 eight-ounce can of lump crab meat
J	⅓ tsp. dill
J	½ tsp. garlic powder
J	1/4 tsp. salt
	1/4 tsp. fresh ground pepper
J	Dried parsley
J	Egg wash

Ruben Sandwich

In two large sauce pans, heat the sauerkraut and corned beef over medium-high heat; for about 5 minutes.

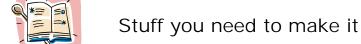
Toast 2 slices of rye bread. Spread dressing over each slice of bread.

Top with a half pound of corned beef and sauerkraut. Make it thick! Add one or two slices of Swiss cheese. Top with second piece of toasted rye.

Cut in half; serve with potato salad.

Makes four servings

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Ruben Sandwich

- J 1-1/2 lbs. SHAVED corned beef
- J 2 large cans sauerkraut
- J 1/2 pound sliced Swiss cheese
- 1 loaf rye bread
- 1 jar or bottle of Thousand Island dressing

Cathy's Summer Tarts

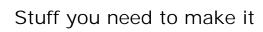
In a large bowl, combine all the stuff except biscuits, egg wash and parsley. Stir until thoroughly mixed.

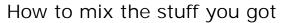
Flatten out biscuits one at a time; spoon crab filling in the middle of each biscuit. Fold and seal edges using the tip of a fork and pressing edges down all the way around.

Brush with egg wash and sprinkle tops with parsley. Put tarts on baking sheet and bake tarts at 325 degrees for 20 minutes or until tarts are golden brown.

Serve with honey mustard dressing.

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Chunky Shrimp Salsa

1 eight oz. can petite diced tomatoes
 3 pods of fresh garlic, chopped
 2 tbs. fresh cilantro, chopped
 1 fresh jalapeno pepper, seeded and diced



- 1 small white onion, diced1 cup green bell pepper, diced1 cup red bell pepper, diced1 tbs. lemon juice
- 6 large shrimp, peeled and de-veined
- 3 tbs. extra virgin olive oil



Roasted Roast Beef Sandwich

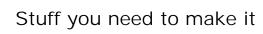
In a shallow pan, place sliced peppers and tomatoes; add oil and sprinkle with cilantro; bake at 450 degrees for 10 to 15 minutes or until veggies are tender.

Slice bread and generously spread with sauce. Pile on roast beef. Top with cheese.

Place in 450 degree oven until cheese melts; top meat and cheese with roasted vegetables.

Serve with extra sauce for dipping and fresh carrots or blue mesa chips. YUM!

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Roasted Roast Beef Sandwich

-) ½ lb. shaved roast beef
- 4 slices horseradish cheddar cheese



1 medium green bell pepper, sliced thin

) 1 medium tomato, sliced about ½" thick



- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- J 1 tsp. chopped fresh cilantro
- J Gourmet bread—roasted garlic and herb is great with this

Sauce

- J ½ cup garlic ranch dressing
- J 2 tbs. Honey Dijon mustard

Chunky Shrimp Salsa

In a large skillet, heat oil until smoking; add peppers, onion, garlic and jalapeno. Cook on high heat stirring constantly for 3 minutes.

Cut shrimp in 1" chunks and add to skillet; cook another minute then add diced tomatoes, cilantro and lemon juice.

Lower heat and simmer for 10 minutes.

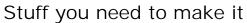
Pour into a non-reactive container and refrigerate for 2 hours; serve with tortilla chips.

TIP

Place fresh garlic in the microwave for 20 seconds on high.

The garlic POPS out of the skin making it easier to work with.

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Spinach Pancakes

- 1 ten-ounce package of chopped, frozen spinach; thaw and drain
- 4 pieces of cooked bacon, crumbled
- ½ cup mushrooms, chopped





8 eggs
¼ tsp. cayenne pepper
½ tsp. garlic powder
½ tsp. lemon pepper

Sour cream (to top pancakes)

March Madness Bad Boy Brisket Sandwich

Place brisket in a deep pan and add all the stuff.

Cook at 325 degrees for 4 to 6 hours. Let meat rest before serving.

Slice bread. Top with green leaf lettuce, sliced red onion, brisket and 4 tbs. brisket juice.

Enjoy!

TIP

Be sure to cover brisket pan tightly with foil. It will keep the brisket moist.

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March Madness Bad Boy Brisket Sandwich

- Brisket (trimmed)
- 4 cups spicy Bloody-Mary Mix
-) 2 cups white wine or 1 beer
- J 2 tsp. garlic salt
- J 2 tsp. black pepper

Spinach Pancakes

In a large mixing bowl, beat eggs and spices; add all the other stuff and stir to combine.

In a small skillet over high heat, add ¼ cup extra virgin olive oil and spoon in mixture to cover bottom of skillet.

Cook until the edges are lightly brown then flip it...yeah right, maybe flop it...whatever, get it turned over.

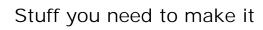
Cook an additional 4 to 5 minutes and put on a serving platter.

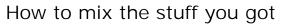
Continue until mixture is gone. Top each pancake with sour cream and serve hot.

TIP

Be sure to turn the pancakes only once!

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Stuffed Mushrooms

1 pound large fresh mushrooms
1 cup butter
1 cup minced onion
3 to 4 garlic cloves, minced
4 tbs. chopped parsley
1-½ tsp. salt
½ tsp. oregano leaves
1 cup dry bread crumbs

½ cup grated Parmesan cheese

Optional

OR

) 6 oz. white crab meat

6 oz. sausage

J 1 lb. shrimp



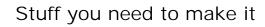
Lone Star Gourmet Sandwich

Spread ricotta on both sides of bread. Top with baby spinach, mushrooms and onions.

Slice tenderloin at an angle; place 3 or 4 pieces of meat on top of the veggies and top with dressing.

Serve with chips or a salad.

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Lone Star Gourmet Sandwich

Pork tenderloin sliced thin (grilled in extra virgin olive oil, cayenne pepper, garlic powder and lemon pepper)



Red onion, thin sliced

Ricotta cheese

Creole mustard dressing

Sourdough bread

Fresh mushrooms, sliced

Stuffed Mushrooms

Remove stems from mushroom caps; set caps aside and dice stems.

Melt butter in a sauce pan on medium heat; add mushroom stems, onions, garlic, parsley, salt and oregano. If you have chosen to add meat or shrimp, add at this time.

Cook together until onion is tender (about 5 minutes); stir in bread crumbs and cheese until mixed: remove from heat.

Fill mushroom caps and place stuffed sides up on a large flat pan or dish.

Place pan or dish 5 or 6 inches under broiler for 8 to 10 minutes, or until mushrooms are tender.

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Hot Buffalo Chicken Sandwiches

Cut celery and carrots into sticks for dipping.

Heat a large nonstick skillet over medium high heat.

Mix salt, paprika, pepper and chili powder and season chicken. Drizzle breast with a little extra virgin olive oil to coat. Pan grill chicken breasts 5 minutes on each side.

Heat a metal or oven safe glass bowl over low heat and melt butter in bowl. Add hot sauce to butter and stir.

When the chicken breasts are done, remove from pan and add to the bowl with the hot sauce mixture coating each piece.

Place chicken breasts on the bun bottoms and top with crisp lettuce.

In a medium bowl, combine sour cream, scallions and bleu cheese; stir until mixed. Slather bun tops with sour cream mixture.

Put bun tops on the sandwiches. Put the sandwiches on dinner plates with red onion slices, celery and carrot sticks; serve with remaining sour cream sauce for dip.

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Hot Buffalo Chicken Sandwiches

Chicken

- 4 pieces, 6 ounces each, boneless, skinless chicken breast
- J Salt and pepper
- 1 tsp. sweet paprika, 1/3 palm-full
- J 1 tsp. chili powder, 1/3 palm-full
- A drizzle extra virgin olive oil

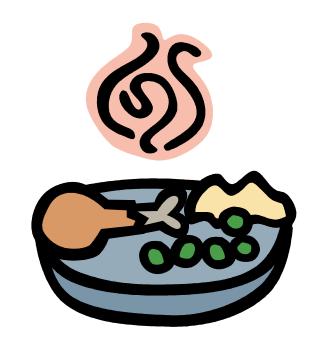
Sauce for chicken

- J 2 tbs. butter
- 1/2 cup, 4 ounces, cayenne pepper sauce

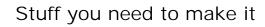
Sandwich

- J Bib or leaf lettuce leaves
- J 4 crusty rolls, split
-) 2 cups sour cream
-) 4 scallions, thinly sliced
-) ½ pound blue cheese, crumbled
- J Small red onion, thinly sliced
-) 8 ribs celery sticks, cut into sticks
- 2 large carrots, peeled and cut into sticks

Main Dishes



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Apple Pork Chops

- 4 pork chops
- 2 tbs. butter
-)1 tbs. extra virgin olive oil
- 1 large red apple, peeled and sliced
- √ ½ cup white wine
- 丿 2 tbs. brown sugar

If you want the sweet-hot combination, add

J 1 Poblano pepper, chopped



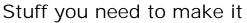
Zesty Pasta Salad

Cook elbow macaroni according to package directions; drain and rinse with cold water.

Stir together macaroni and all the remaining stuff; cover and chill at least 1 hour.

Garnish with fresh parsley.

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Zesty Pasta Salad

- J 1 (8 oz.) package elbow macaroni
- 1 (14-oz.) can or jar of quartered artichoke hearts, drained
- J 1 cup Caesar Salad Dressing
- 1 (2-1/4 oz.) can sliced ripe, black olives
- 1 pint cherry tomatoes, halved
- J 4 green onions, chopped

Apple Pork Chops

In a medium sauce pan over medium heat, melt butter with olive oil.

Add apple and brown sugar, stirring constantly. When mixture starts to boil, add wine.

Lower heat and simmer until thickened. Stir occasionally for about five minutes.

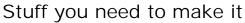
Spoon sauce over grilled pork chops.

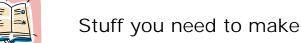
TIP

When cooking with butter, always use a little extra virgin olive oil.

This keeps the butter from burning.

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Baked Halibut with Lobster Cream Sauce

1 Halibut filet ½ cup plain bread crumbs 1/4 tsp. dried parsley flakes 1/8 tsp. dill Juice of 1 fresh lemon 4 oz. cream cheese

½ stick (2 oz.) butter

½ pint heavy whipping cream

1/4 cup white wine

1 cup broccoli florets - cooked and drained

1 cup cubed lobster

1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese

Fresh parsley



Taco Salad

In a skillet over medium-high heat, cook meat until juices run clear (about 5 minutes); add seasoning.

Cover a plate with romaine lettuce and some black olives; top with 3 tbs. meat mixture. Add sour cream and sliced jalapenos; serve with chips and salsa.

TIP

Add fresh avocado if desired.

To keep avocado from turning brown, sprinkle with lemon juice; this helps it stay fresh looking.

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Taco Salad

- 1 lb. lean ground meat
- 1 red onion, sliced
- 1 can whole, pitted black olives
- / cherry tomatoes
-) ½ cup shredded cheddar cheese
- ½ cup sliced jalapenos
- J 1 tbs. sour cream
- J 1 tsp. ground cumin
- J 3 tbs. taco or Mexican seasoning
- J Head of Romaine, torn up (leave some leaves whole to line plate)

OR

Romaine salad mix

Baked Halibut with Lobster Cream Sauce

Halibut

Spray a baking pan with cooking spray.

Place halibut on pan and top with bread crumbs, parsley and dill.

Top with lemon juice and bake at 350 degrees for 15-20 minutes.

Lobster Sauce

In a sauce pan over low-medium heat, add ½ stick of butter, 4 oz. cream cheese, ½ pint of heavy whipping cream, 1 cup cooked broccoli florets and 1 cup of cubed lobster.

Add wine and fold all the stuff until mixed.

Simmer for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Spoon sauce over halibut, sprinkle with grated parmesan cheese and garnish with fresh parsley.

TIP

If you don't like broccoli, use cubed zucchini, squash or spinach.

This is a versatile sauce. Use it with your imagination and enjoy!!

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How to mix the stuff you got



Chicken Cordon Bleu

Chicken

4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts

 Make sure you ask your butcher to cut the chicken breast in half, length wise

1 lb. shaved, smoked ham

2/3 lb. thinly sliced big-eye Swiss cheese

Freshly ground pepper

Toothpicks

1 tbs. extra virgin olive oil

White Wine Mushroom Sauce

1 stick of butter

1 package of sliced mushrooms

Salt and pepper to taste

½ pint cream

½ cup milk

1/4 cup white wine

1 tbs. flour

Side Dish

1 large red pepper, seeded and sliced

1 large zucchini squash, cubed

1 yellow squash, cubed

½ of a large red onion, sliced

1 tbs. extra virgin olive oil

1/4 tsp. Worcestershire sauce

½ tsp. garlic powder

Spring Spectacular Salad

Put all the stuff in a large salad bowl, toss well and add dressing.

This salad can be served immediately or chilled for 30 minutes and then served.

Enjoy!!

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How to mix the stuff you got



Spring Spectacular Salad

- 1 head of red leaf lettuce
- 1/4 red onion, sliced
- 1/4 cup crumbled blue cheese
- 2 large fresh strawberries, sliced
- 1 bottle raspberry vinaigrette

Chicken Cordon Bleu

Chicken

On a flat surface, tenderize (flatten) the chicken breast.

If you don't have a meat tenderizer, you can use your rolling pin.

Once the chicken breast is evenly flattened, sprinkle with freshly ground pepper.

Top the chicken breast with about ½ cup of shaved ham spreading it evenly over the chicken breast. Top the ham with a slice of Swiss cheese.

Roll the chicken breast, folding in the sides half way. Place toothpicks through the breast as needed to keep it together.

In a small pan, add the olive oil; heat on medium high. Sear the chicken on all sides and place the breasts in a shallow pan to bake, uncovered at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

White Mushroom Sauce

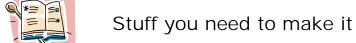
Melt butter in a large sauce pan over high heat and sauté mushrooms.

After 5 minutes, add flour and stir until incorporated. Add cream and milk; stir until combined. Lower heat to a simmer; add wine and simmer for 10 minutes. Spoon sauce over chicken breast when ready to serve.

Side dish

Heat olive oil in a large sauté pan over medium heat. Add all vegetables and Worcestershire sauce. Stir occasionally for 5 minutes; add seasonings. Lower heat and cover for 2 minutes.

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Cathy's Chicken Casserole

- 1 lb. boneless, skinless chicken tenders
- 1 package or box of seasoned croutons
- 2 small yellow squash, cubed
- 1 small red bell pepper or ½ large red bell pepper, cubed
- 1 medium green bell pepper, cubed
- 1 1 small white onion, cubed
- 1 package sliced, fresh mushrooms
- J 8 eggs
- 1-1/2 cups of milk
- 丿 ½ tsp. lemon pepper
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- √ ½ tsp. cayenne pepper
- 1 package (2 cups) shredded cheddar and jack cheese

Pea Salad, Chilled

Cook and drain peas according to package directions. Place peas in the refrigerator and chill for 30 minutes.

In a large mixing bowl, add all the remaining stuff and fold in the chilled peas.

Chill for another 30 minutes and serve.

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Pea Salad, Chilled

1 package frozen peas, cooked and drained
1 small red pepper, finely diced
1 cup red onion, diced
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
1 cup crisp bacon, crumbled
½ tbs. spicy mustard
1 tbs. mayonnaise
½ tsp. garlic powder
½ tsp. black pepper

Only in Texas do we celebrating fall by swimming in the pool because it is still 100 degrees! One of my favorite picnic foods is pea salad. It keeps nicely in an iced-down cooler and is the perfect side to grilled hot dogs or burgers. This will also make a nice side dish for the upcoming holiday season. As always, enjoy!!

Cathy's Chicken Casserole

Boil chicken tenders in water for 15 minutes; remove chicken and cube.

Spray a 9" x 13" pan with cooking spray.

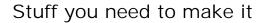
Pour croutons over the bottom, add cubed chicken and vegetables and stir.

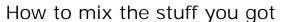
Put eggs in a bowl and fork-whip until smooth. Add milk, lemon pepper, garlic powder, cayenne pepper and stir until mixed.

Pour egg mixture over vegetables and chicken and top with cheese.

Cook at 375 degrees for 45 minutes and serve with picante sauce and tortilla chips.

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Easy Gourmet Pizza

1 grilled, boneless, skinless chicken breast



- 1/2 package of sun dried tomatoes, diced
- 1/2 package of sliced mushrooms8 oz. shredded mozzarella cheese
 - 1 Italian pizza crust
-) 1 package of pizza sauce

Cilantro Shrimp Salad

Put the spring salad mix in a large bowl and top with the cilantro ranch dressing. Mix well.

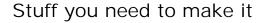
Divide salad onto the center of two plates and set aside.

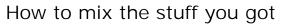
Heat olive oil in a large skillet until smoking. Add the peppers and sauté over medium-high heat for 2 minutes. Add shrimp and cilantro; cook 1 minute more stirring occasionally (remember, you're only heating the shrimp).

Squeeze lime juice over shrimp and split mixture over the two plates.

Top with grated Parmesan cheese, cherry tomatoes and diced avocado.

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Cilantro Shrimp Salad



- 12 large shrimp, tails on, deveined and cooked
- 1 small carton cherry tomatoes
- 1 medium yellow bell pepper, cubed
- 1 medium Poblano pepper, sliced
- 2 tbs. chopped cilantro
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil



- ½ fresh avocado, cubed
- Grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 package spring mix salad
- 1 bottle cilantro ranch dressing
- Juice of 1 small lime

Easy Gourmet Pizza

Dice the chicken breast.

Spread the pizza sauce on the crust. Add the toppings of your choice...this recipe calls for sun-dried tomatoes, diced chicken and sliced mushrooms.

Top with the mozzarella cheese last.

Bake on a baking sheet at 450 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes.

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Chipotle Grill

1 tbs. chipotle seasoning
2 tbs. extra virgin olive oil
1 Portobello mushroom, sliced thick
1 yellow bell pepper, sliced
Pepper Jack cheese

Use with your favorite meat for the grill

Happy August! Even though I'm ready for fall food, the temperatures are telling me otherwise. So, I'll follow suit and share a wonderful summer grill recipe. If you like spicy, then this is one for you! This recipe is very versatile, so try it on your favorite fish, chicken, pork or even burgers! Enjoy!

New Year's Chicken Salad

Heat extra virgin olive oil in a skillet; add chicken and spices.

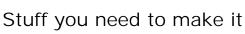
Cook about ten minutes on each side.

Allow chicken to cool, then slice it and add it to your favorite greens.

Use a light ranch dressing or balsamic and roasted garlic dressing.

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New Year's Chicken Salad

- Extra virgin olive oil
- Boneless, skinless chicken breast
- ½ tsp. garlic powder
- ½ tsp. lemon pepper
- 1/4 tsp. of cayenne pepper

Chipotle Grill

Hand rub the chipotle seasoning on your favorite cut of meat. Make sure you keep it a dry rub. If necessary, blot the cut of meat with a paper towel before rubbing.

Once the seasoning is on, place on one side of a hot grill.

On the other side of the grill, place a large piece of foil and put the vegetables in it. Sprinkle the veggies with the olive oil and turn occasionally.

When the meat is done, top it with the grilled veggies and add a slice of Pepper Jack cheese.

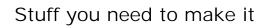
This grill can be served as a sandwich or with a salad.

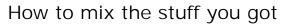
TIP

When working with chipotle seasoning, be sure to keep your hands away from your eyes!

Chipotle seasoning is made with dried jalapenos and it will burn!!

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Cilantro Bar-b-que

- 2 cups bar-b-que sauce
- 2 cups cilantro dressing
- 2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts



with

Cathy's Cilantro BBQ Sauce

- 2 cups of your favorite BBQ sauce
- 2 cups of cilantro dressing

Cilantro Dressing

- 1 bunch cilantro
- 4 cups extra virgin olive oil

Cathy's Sizzling Sirloin Salad

In a large skillet over medium heat, pour in olive oil. Heat olive oil to smoking point; add steak, garlic powder, lemon pepper and cayenne pepper (optional).

Sear for 2 minutes, turning once. Remove steak from pan and slice into bite-size portions; set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, add half the bottle of dressing first; then add all the other stuff and the steak, but not the peppercorn peppers.

Toss well and chill for 30 minutes.

Serve on a dinner plate, topping each salad with 3 peppercorn peppers. YUMMY!!

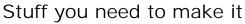
TIP

Always let steak rest for 5 minutes before slicing into it. This always gives you a better tasting steak and allows for even distribution of spices.

Health Tip

Try to stay away from iceberg lettuce; the health content of this type of lettuce is equal to that of cardboard!!

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Cathy's Sizzling Sirloin Salad (serves 4)

- 2 lbs. shaved top sirloin steak (any butcher will do this for you)
- 2 tbs. extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 tsp. lemon pepper
- 1 tsp. cayenne pepper (optional)
- 1 package mixed salad (this is pre-washed and ready to use)
- 1 can pitted, whole black olives
- 1 cucumber, thinly sliced
- 1 package cherry tomatoes (can be whole or cut in half)
- 1 package low-fat peppercorn feta cheese
- ½ red onion, sliced
- 1 jar peppercorn peppers
- 1 bottle low-fat Italian dressing

Cilantro Bar-b-que

Cilantro Dressing

Put cilantro and olive oil in blender: mix until well blended.

Sauce

Blend the bar-b-que sauce and cilantro dressing together with a pastry brush, chill for 1 hour.

Prepare Meat/Chicken/Fish Place chicken on HOT grill. Turn after 3 to 5 minutes depending on the thickness of the chicken breast (or meat or fish). Repeat the process on the other side.

TIP

KEY TO GRILLING WITH BBQ SAUCE!!!

Only brush sauce on the meat, chicken, or fish AFTER you have cooked it until it is almost done!!

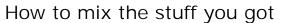
Putting sauce on too early will cause it to BURN

Using the brush, baste meat (or fish) five minutes before it is done—twice on each side.

After brushing the sauce on, turn and cook for another 3 minutes on each side.

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Green Chili Sirloin

- Sirloin steak
-) 8 oz. sour cream
- J Two 7 oz. cans chopped green chilies



- √ ½ tsp. cayenne pepper
- J 1/2 red bell pepper, diced
- J 1 pint heavy whipping cream

Serve with boxed Spanish rice, prepared according to instructions.

Awesome Potato Salad

Cook potatoes in boiling water until forktender.

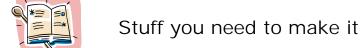
Drain and cool.

In a large bowl, combine all the stuff, except the sour cream, and then add the potatoes.

Fold in the sour cream.

Chill 30 minutes and serve.

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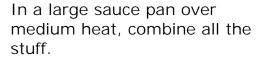


Awesome Potato Salad

20 small red potatoes
½ green bell pepper, chopped
¼ red onion, chopped
2 tbs. sour cream
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
5 pieces of crisp bacon, crumbled
1/8 tsp. cayenne pepper
½ tsp. garlic powder
½ tsp. lemon pepper

Green Chili Sirloin

Grill the steak and let it rest for 5 minutes.





Bring to a simmer, stirring constantly. Cook for 5 minutes; drizzle sauce over steak.

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Grilled Fish with Spring Sauce

1 Roma tomato, diced



- 2 sprigs cilantro
- 1 green bell pepper, sliced
- J 1 zucchini squash, sliced
- Juice of 1 lime
-) 2 tbs. extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tsp. lemon pepper
- J 1/4 tsp. dried basil

Try these fish for grilling

- J Tuna
-) Cod
- J Halibut
- J Salmon
- ½ tsp. garlic powder
- J 1/8 tsp. lemon pepper
- J 1/8 tsp. Cayenne pepper

Tomato Basil Soup

Heat vegetable juice over low heat; slowly add cream, stirring constantly so that the cream doesn't curdle.

Add dried basil and simmer for 5 minutes.

Top with seasoned croutons and serve with garlic Parmesan toast or fresh French bread.

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Tomato Basil Soup

2 64-oz. cans or bottles of tomato juice



- 1 bottle Spicy Bloody Mary Mix
- 4 half pints of whipping cream
- 2 tbs. dried basil leaves
- Seasoned croutons

Grilled Fish with Spring Sauce

Sauce

In a medium sauce pan over medium heat, add oil and all the stuff except the lime juice.

Sauté for 2 to 3 minutes; don't let veggies get soggy!

Just before removing from heat, add lime juice.

Spoon the spring sauce over your favorite fish and enjoy!!

Fish Grilling Tips

- Your favorite fish
- 1/8 tsp. lemon juice
- 2 tbs. extra virgin olive oil

Make sure the grill is HOT!!! Never bring a grill up to temperature with meat or fish on it. This will dry out the fish and make the meat tough.

In a bowl, add the lemon juice, and olive oil (you can add garlic powder, cayenne pepper or lemon pepper, to your taste). Brush the mixture over the fish; place on the grill, coated side down.

Don't turn fish for 2 to 3 minutes.

Repeat for the other side. Cook until flaky.

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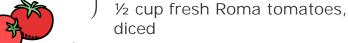


Grilled Shrimp Soft Tacos



- 1 lb. large raw shrimp, peeled and de-veined
- Juice of 1 lemon
- ½ cup shredded carrots
- ½ cup fresh corn, cut off the cob
- 1 small green bell pepper, sliced thin
- 1 small red bell pepper, sliced thin





1 tbs. feta cheese

Herb and garlic flour tortillas or pita bread

- 1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper
- 1/4 tsp. lemon pepper
- 1/4 tsp. garlic powder

One of the best things about summer is the freshness of the vegetables. I love summer cooking and because it is so hot, I tend to grill rather than heat up the house with the oven. However, some people find it hard to grill fish and shrimp outside, so I'm going to share a little secret that will make it easier for you. Enjoy!

Jambalaya

In a large sauce pan heat oil until hot. Add sausage and ham. Cook about 2 minutes. Add vegetables (onions, celery and green pepper) and cook until limp (about 3 minutes).

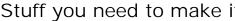
Add chicken; keep on high heat; sprinkle seasoning (cayenne, bay leaves, white pepper, thyme leaves and garlic) and stir well.

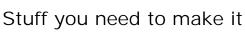
Sprinkle flour and whisk until flour dissolves; stir in half the chicken stock; stir until flour and spices come off the bottom.

Add the rest of the chicken broth, stir constantly. Heat to a boil: add diced tomatoes and sauce: bring back to a boil. Remove from heat; DO NOT SIMMER.

Remove bay leaves and serve over rice if desired.

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Jambalaya

- 1 cup of diced yellow onions
- 1 cup of diced celery
- 1 cup of diced green bell pepper





- 2 cups of diced ham
- 2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 2 smoked sausages, sliced
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 ½ tsp. cayenne
- 1 ½ tsp. white pepper
- 1 tsp. thyme leaves
- 1 tsp. chopped garlic
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1 quart hot water
- ½ cup flour
- 1 cup diced tomatoes with juice



- ½ cup tomato sauce
- 2 lbs. cooked shrimp
- 3 cups vegetable oil

Grilled Shrimp Soft Tacos

Heat the grill until coals are red and glowing.

In a large non-reactive bowl, add shrimp, lemon juice and spices. Chill for 30 minutes.

Wrap tortillas in foil and place on the back part of the grill to warm.

Spray a piece of heavy foil with cooking spray, and pour shrimp on top of foil. Fold the edges to form a "boat." Place on grill and cook for 3 to 5 minutes.

Spray a small skillet with cooking spray. Add vegetables and place pan on the hottest part of the grill. Cook for 5 minutes stirring occasionally. Don't overcook the veggies, keep them crisp, not soggy.

Remove the shrimp and veggies from the grill.

Spoon 2 tbs. of veggies and add 4 to 6 shrimp on a warm tortilla and sprinkle with feta cheese.

TIP

Be sure not to overcook the shrimp. When the shrimp turns pink, it's ready!! Overcooked shrimp is rubbery.

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Lamb Chops with Raspberry Spice Jam

// cup white wine
// 1 tbs. Worcestershire sauce
// A pinch of salt and pepper
// Raspberry jam
// tsp. cayenne pepper

1 tbs. extra virgin olive oil

In a large sauce pan over medium heat, sauté onion in butter until tender.

Ham and Corn Chowder

- Add the remaining stuff, and cook over low heat. DO NOT BRING TO A BOIL.
- Simmer for about 30 minutes and serve. Garnish with parsley.

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Ham and Corn Chowder

1/2 cup of coarsely chopped onion
1/2 cup of butter, melted
2-1/2 cans of cream-style corn
1 cup of half and half
1 cup of chopped cooked ham
1/8 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. pepper

Lamb Chops with Raspberry Spice Jam

Marinate lamb in wine, Worcestershire sauce, salt and pepper for 15 minutes.

Heat oil in a small skillet over medium heat; add lamb searing both sides for 3 to 4 minutes each. Remove from pan and let rest 5 minutes.

Sauce

Put 3 tbs. of jam in a medium sauce pan with the wine and cayenne pepper; bring to a boil.

Drizzle sauce over lamb and serve with a tossed salad.

TIP

Don't overcook the lamb!

Lamb is usually served medium to medium rare.

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Mama's Shrimp and Chicken Pasta

- 1 package of colored pasta
- 1 red bell pepper, diced
- 1 boneless, skinless chicken breast, cubed





- 6 large cooked shrimp, thawed
- 1 jar roasted garlic Alfredo sauce
-) 1/4 tsp. garlic and rosemary spice
- ½ tsp. lemon pepper
-) 2 tbs. extra virgin olive oil
- J 4 tsp. sour cream

John's Broccoli and Cheese Soup

Boil broccoli and onions in 4 cups of water for 15 minutes.

Remove from heat and mash the broccoli.

Return to medium heat and add the remaining stuff.

Don't forget to cube the cheese.

Simmer on medium heat for 20 minutes stirring occasionally, and serve.

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John's Broccoli and Cheese Soup

2 large heads of broccoli (cut off the florets)

1 large white onion, chopped

½ tsp. of garlic powder

2 cans of cream of chicken soup

1 can of cream of mushroom soup

1 can of cream of fiesta cheese soup

1 can of Pet milk

) ½ lb. of Velveeta Cheese

Mama's Shrimp and Chicken Pasta

Cook pasta according to directions; rinse, drain and set aside.

In a large skillet, cook chicken and peppers in olive oil. Add garlic, rosemary and lemon pepper.

Pour Alfredo sauce and sour cream over chicken mixture; fold in shrimp. Simmer for 2 to 3 minutes over medium heat.

Serve over pasta.

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Mexi-Casserole

Makes 8 servings

- / 24 corn tortillas
- 8 oz. sour cream
- 2 lb. ground meat (turkey or chicken works well too)



- 2 large cans whole green chilies
 - J 1 large can cream of mushroom soup
 - J 1 large onion, diced
- 1 large red bell pepper, diced
- 2 cans diced tomatoes and green chilies
- J 3 tbs. ground cumin
- 1/2 tsp. hot sauce
-) 3-12 oz. packages of shredded cheese

Squash Casserole



Spray a 9" x 13" baking pan with cooking spray; add sliced squash, peppers, and cheese.

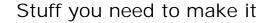
In a mixing bowl, add eggs and spices; beat well; pour in cream. Beat until incorporated.

Pour egg mixture over squash.

Bake uncovered, at 325 degrees for 1 hour.

Casserole is ready when lightly brown on top and firm to touch.

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Squash Casserole

- 3 large zucchini squash, sliced
- 3 large yellow long-neck squash, sliced



- 1 medium green bell pepper, chopped
- J 1 medium red bell pepper, chopped
- 6 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup heavy
- whipping cream
- √ ½ tsp. cayenne pepper
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- J 1 tsp. lemon pepper
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Mexi-Casserole

In a large skillet over medium-high heat, brown meat, onions, and peppers until meat is done.

Drain fat; lower heat and stir in soup, green chilies with tomatoes and sour cream. Cook until all the soup is blended. Remove from heat.

Spray 9" x 13" pan with cooking spray.

Layer remaining ingredients in the pan as follows:

1st layer Tortillas

2nd layer Whole green chilies (drained)

3rd layer Meat mixture 4th layer Top with cheese

Repeat steps until all the stuff is gone; finish dish with cheese on top.

Bake at 350 degrees, uncovered for 10 to 15 minutes or until cheese is melted; serve hot.

TIP

I recommend using two different types of cheese--Pepper jack and mild cheddar.

Also, if you need to serve more than eight, just double the recipe as needed.

Enjoy!

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How to mix the stuff you got



Goulash

- J 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- J 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, chopped
- 2 pods of garlic, chopped
- 1 tomato, peeled and chopped
- J 2 tbs. paprika
- J 1 tbs. seasoned salt
-) 2 tsp. table salt
- Parsley, chopped optional
- 1 package of beef stew meat, cut into 1 or ½ inch cubes
- J 1 package of brown gravy mix

Party Potatoes

Boil potatoes until done; drain.

Using an electric mixer, soften and mix the cream cheese; blend in sour cream.

Whip the potatoes, add butter and chives, blend; then add the cream cheese and sour cream; mix well.

Place in a lightly greased $7-\frac{1}{2} \times 11-\frac{3}{4}$ inch Pyrex (glass) dish.

Dot with butter; bake for 20 minutes at 350 degrees.

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How to mix the stuff you got



Party Potatoes

- 8-10 medium potatoes, peeled and cut in large pieces
- 8 oz. sour cream
-) 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
- J 4 tbs. butter
- J 1/3 cup chives
-) Salt and pepper to taste
- J 1/2 stick (2 oz.) butter

Goulash

Heat oil in a large pan over medium heat.

Add chopped onions, garlic and tomato to pan. Cook veggies in oil until soft.

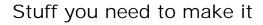
Add seasonings; paprika, seasoned salt, salt and black pepper.

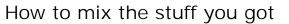
Prepare the gravy according to package instructions; add to pan.

Add beef cubes and simmer for 40 minutes or until meat is tender.

Serve over freshly mashed potatoes and top with parsley.

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Orange Roughy with Sautéed Asparagus

Fish

- J 2 pieces fresh orange roughy
- J 2 tbs. butter, melted
- J 1/4 tsp. extra virgin olive oil
- 1 bunch fresh asparagus
- J 1 pod fresh garlic, peeled & diced
-) 1/2 fresh lime, squeezed
- J 1/4 cup white wine
- J Salt & pepper to taste

White sauce for fish

- J 1/4 tbs. butter, melted
- J 1/4 fresh lime, squeezed
- J 1/2 pint heavy whipping cream
-) *1/2 lb. lump crab meat, optional

Spicy Holiday Potato Bake

In a 9" x 13" baking dish, layer the stuff:

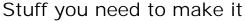
Potatoes
Chilies
Diced tomatoes with chilies
Onion slices
Green pepper
Mushrooms
Cheese

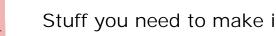
In a large bowl, mix eggs, cream and spices together.

Pour over casserole.

Bake uncovered for 1-1/2 hours at 400 degrees; serve hot!

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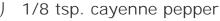




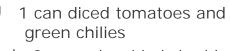


Spicy Holiday Potato Bake

- 7 eggs
- 1 pint heavy whipping cream



- 1/8 tsp. lemon pepper
- ½ tsp. garlic powder
- 1-4.5 oz. can chopped green chilies



- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 small carton sliced mushrooms

1 green bell pepper, chopped

- 6 small red potatoes, cubed
- 1 small white onion, sliced

Orange Roughy with Sautéed Asparagus

Fish

In a large skillet, melt butter and oil over a medium heat. Place asparagus and roughy in together along with the garlic; cook for 2 minutes.

Add the remaining stuff; turn asparagus 3 to 4 times; turn fish only ONCE.

Total cook time is 5 minutes. The roughy will flake and the asparagus will be crunchy, not soggy.

White sauce for fish

Over a medium-high heat, melt butter in a small sauté pan; add remaining stuff and cook, stirring constantly until sauce coats the back of a wooden spoon; about 5 minutes.

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Shrimp Fajitas

- J 1 lb. raw, peeled and deveined medium shrimp
- Carlo Carlo
- / ¼ tsp. cayenne pepper
- 1 tsp. minced garlic



- Juice of 1 lime
 - 12 large flour tortillas
 - 1 large red bell pepper, sliced
- 1 large onion, sliced
- / 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
- J 1 cup shredded or thinly sliced pepper jack cheese

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Shrimp Fajitas

In a large skillet, pour in olive oil and heat over medium-high heat; add peppers and onions; add seasoning and stir for 2 to 3 minutes.

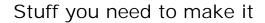
Add shrimp and stir for 2 minutes more. Shrimp is done when it turns bright pink.

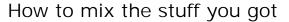
Spoon shrimp and vegetable mixture on a plate and sprinkle with lime juice.

Spoon 2 tablespoons of the shrimp mixture into a warm flour tortilla and top with cheese.

Fold in half and serve hot.

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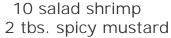


Steak and Seafood Pinwheels

1 flank steak, flattened1 cup frozen, chopped spinach, thawed and drained



1 can lump crabmeat



1 tbs. ranch dressing

½ tsp. fresh dill

½ tsp. garlic powder

This recipe is for the die-hard griller! Summer is your time of year and this recipe is one that will be sure to show off your talents behind that BBQ. Use your imagination with this recipe; add your favorite seafood or veggies.



This is a recipe sure to impress all your friends and family.

Enjoy!!

TIP

The secret here—use flank steak!

Sunday Brunch Florentine

Hollandaise Sauce

Mix Hollandaise sauce according to package directions. Fold in spinach. Turn off heat and cover.

Poached Eggs

Boil water with salt and vinegar. When a rolling boil occurs, pour in eggs. Cook to desired doneness.

Steak and Red Potatoes

In a small skillet, cook steak and potatoes in oil. Sprinkle spices. Cook until potatoes are golden brown.

Presentation

Place potato and steak mixture in middle of plate. Top with poached egg; spoon sauce on top of the egg.

Garnish with fresh parsley. Serve with fresh sliced tomatoes and garlic rounds.

TIP

When adding spinach to Hollandaise sauce, be sure to FOLD the spinach in.

Stirring will cause sauce to break apart.

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Sunday Brunch Florentine

- 1 package Hollandaise sauce mix
- J Eggs (for poaching)
- / ¼ cup white vinegar
- / 1/4 tsp. salt
- 2 cups water
- J ¼ cup drained, thawed, chopped spinach
- 1 thinly sliced petit sirloin
-) 8 small red potatoes, diced
- J 1/4 tsp. cayenne
- J 1/4 tsp. lemon pepper
- J 1/4 tsp. garlic powder
- J 2 tbs. extra virgin olive oil

Steak and Seafood Pinwheels

Between two pieces of wax paper, flatten steak with mallet until it is about ½ inch thick. Set aside.

In a large bowl, combine all other ingredients and stir together until a paste forms.

Spread the seafood "paste" on the steak leaving 1 inch on all sides.

Roll steak, tucking in the sides. Wrap in cling wrap and freeze for 1 hour.

Remove cling wrap and cut into 1-inch thick rounds. Grill to desired doneness.

Serve with your favorite dipping sauce.

Mock Hollandaise Sauce

½ cup sour cream

丿 ½ cup mayonnaise

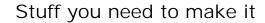
1/4 cup lemon juice

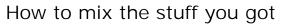
) 2 tbs. yellow mustard

Mix together and heat over low heat until thick; stir constantly.

YUMMY!!

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Late Summer Pasta

1 zucchini squash, sliced about 1" thick

1 yellow squash, sliced about 1" thick

2 Roma tomatoes, diced with seeds

1 red onion, sliced

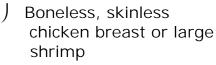
1 cup fresh corn

2 tbs. fresh cilantro

½ cup fresh lime juice

2 tbs. extra virgin olive oil





1 package sun-dried tomato pasta

1 tsp. garlic powder

2 cups grated Parmesan cheese

Spinach and Crab Crepes

Crepes

Combine and mix stuff.

Pour ¼ cup batter into a HOT skillet, spread as evenly and thinly as possible; turn, cook second side.

Set cooked crepes aside.

This is a fast cook, watch carefully.

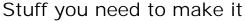
Spinach and Crab Filling

Clean spinach and put in sauce pan; add garlic powder and water, stir; add crab meat and heat over medium heat; mix well. Remove from heat.

White Wine Mushroom Sauce Sauté mushrooms; mix in whipping cream and butter; add Chardonnay; allow sauce to thicken.

Spoon crab and spinach mixture into a crepe; roll and place on plate; pour wine sauce over crepes before serving.

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Spinach and Crab Crepes

Crepes

1 cup all-purpose flour

½ tsp. white sugar

1/4 tsp. salt

1 cup milk

1 egg



Spinach and Crab Filling

2 1-lb. bags of chopped spinach

1 tbs. garlic powder

½ cup water

1 lb. crab meat

OR

4 6-oz. cans of white crab meat

White Wine Mushroom Sauce

1 package of sliced mushrooms

4 pints whipping cream

1 stick of butter (4 oz.)

½ cup Chardonnay wine

Late Summer Pasta

Cook pasta according to package directions.

Over a hot grill or in a large skillet, grill chicken or shrimp using 1 tbs. oil and lime juice. Slice chicken or chop shrimp and set aside.

Using the remaining oil, sauté all the vegetables with garlic powder; fold cilantro into veggies after 3 minutes.

Add shrimp or chicken and toss. Sprinkle with grated Parmesan cheese and spoon over pasta.

TIP

To keep pasta from drying out, add 2 tbs. Italian dressing after cooking.

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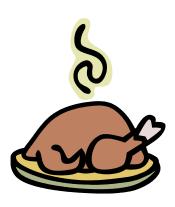




Cathy's Thanksgiving Turkey



- 16 oz. can of beer (any kind)
- Fresh garlic Italian seasoning
- Fresh basil leaves
- Garlic powder
- Turkey



Individual Quiches

Combine eggs and whipping cream, whip.

Cut pie crust into four pieces and place each piece in pie pan.

Layer the inside with chicken, mushrooms and cheese; pour egg and whipping cream mixture over the top.

Bake at 375 degrees for 30 minutes.

Serves 4

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Individual Quiches

 Any leftover grilled chicken, ham, or turkey, chopped



- Pie crust
- 3 large eggs
- / 1/4 cup heavy whipping cream
- 2 tbs. cheddar cheese
- 5 sliced mushrooms

Cathy's Thanksgiving Turkey

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Clean turkey, remove neck and gizzards.

Put garlic powder and basil inside turkey; pour beer inside (if you have an extra, maybe pour it inside the cook, strictly for tasting!).

With your hands, rub garlic Italian dressing on outside of turkey.

Put turkey on rack in pan and put in oven, uncovered; bake at 400 degrees for 30 minutes. Cover pan and lower heat to 300 degrees and bake for 2 hours.

Start basting every thirty minutes. Continue to bake until turkey is done (try to get a turkey with a pop-out thermometer).

Let the bird rest for 10 minutes before carving.

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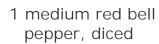
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Valentine's Day Lobster

2 steamed lobster tails

3 green onions, diced





- 2 tbs. spicy mustard
- J 1 tbs. lime juice
- J 1 heaping tbs. sour cream
- 1 heaping tbs. mayonnaise
- 1 tsp. black pepper
- 1 tsp. garlic salt

Football Widows' Brunch

aka Ham & Mushroom Quiche

In a large mixing bowl, combine eggs, spices and whipping cream, whisk until smooth; set aside.

Layer mushrooms, ham and cheese in the unbaked pie shell.

Pour egg mixture over the top.

Bake at 400 degrees for 20 minutes, and then reduce the heat to 300 degrees and cook for another 30 to 40 minutes.

Let quiche rest 5 minutes before slicing.

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Football Widows' Brunch

aka Ham & Mushroom Quiche

9" deep dish pie crust

6 large eggs

½ pint heavy whipping cream

1 cup sliced mushrooms

1/2 lb. shaved smoked ham

1-1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

/ ¼ tsp. cayenne pepper

¼ tsp. lemon pepper

1/2 tsp. garlic powder



Entertain with friends; set up your brunch with fresh fruit, Bloody Mary's (regular or virgin), orange juice and the quiche. Don't let the guys have all the fun this season. Enjoy!!

Valentine's Day Lobster

Dice the steamed lobster tails.

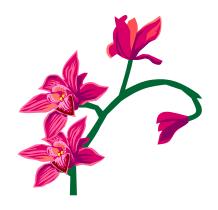
In a large bowl, blend all the stuff together.

Spoon lobster mixture onto a bed of fresh lettuce to serve it as a salad

OR

Serve it as a sandwich in a roll

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Brunch

- Football Widows' Brunch aka Ham & Mushroom Quiche
- Individual Quiches
- Spinach & Crab Crepes
- **Sunday Brunch Florentine**

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And you can too!!

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Mango Tarts

- 2 Packages of pastry shells
- 1 16-oz. jar Z's Creative Cuisine Mango Salsa



- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 tsp. nutmeg
- ½ cup white wine
 - o (Non alcoholic wine is fine too)

Turkey Appetizers

On a flat surface, separate crescents and place a generous portion of turkey into each unbaked crescent.

Roll up each crescent and sprinkle the tops with dried basil.

Bake at 375 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes or until golden brown.

Slice each crescent in half and serve with Z's Creative Cuisine Green Blast Salsa for dipping.

The perfect appetizer!

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Turkey Appetizers



- ½ lb. white turkey, shaved
- 1 can butter-flavored crescent rolls
- 1 tsp. dried basil
-) 1 16-oz. jar Z's Creative Cuisine Green Blast Salsa

Mango Tarts

Cook pastry shells according to package directions and set aside.

In a large pan over medium heat, mix all the other stuff and stir occasionally. Cook for 3 to 5 minutes and then remove from heat.

Using a spoon, fill each pastry shell with the Mango Salsa.

Serve warm

TIP

Put a little dab of ice cream on top if you want, and garnish with a piece of fresh mint.

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Southwest Scallops

- 1 8.8-oz. package precooked Spanish Style Rice
- 10 large sea scallops, drained and patted dry
- 1 cup Z's Creative Cuisine Chunky Corn Salsa
- \int 4 tbs. extra virgin olive oil
- / 1/4 tsp. garlic powder
- / 1/4 tsp. lemon pepper
- 1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper



1 fresh pansy for garnish

Mango Shrimp

In a large plastic bag, marinate shrimp and green pepper slices with 1 cup Z's Creative Cuisine Mango Salsa and lime juice. Refrigerate for 1 hour.

Cook rice according to package directions and set aside.

Place 6 large shrimp on a skewer with green peppers, alternating shrimp, then pepper. Repeat process until all shrimp and peppers are used.

Over a hot grill, cook shrimp and peppers for 5 minutes per side, turning once.

Cover the bottom of a serving platter with wild rice and top with hot Mango shrimp skewers.

Serve hot and enjoy!

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Mango Shrimp

1 16-oz. jar Z's Creative Cuisine Mango Salsa



- 1 lb. large shrimp, deveined and peeled
- 1 2 large green peppers, cut into 2" cubes
- juice of 2 limes
- 1 box wild rice
- 1 package of skewers

Southwest Scallops

TIP

DON'T overcook the scallops or you'll be able to play basketball with them!!

In a small pan over low-medium heat, warm Z's Creative Cuisine Chunky Corn Salsa for 3 to 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.

In a large skillet over medium-high heat, pour in extra virgin olive oil. When the oil begins to smoke, add scallops. Using seasonings, evenly season one side of the scallops. Cook scallops for 2 minutes, then turn. Cook another 2 minutes then remove from heat.

Heat rice according to package directions and pour onto a serving platter. Lay the scallops across the rice and spoon corn salsa on top.

Garnish with fresh pansy and serve hot.

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Longhorn Football Dip

-) 1 lb. ground chuck
-) 1 16-oz. jar Z's Creative Cuisine Chunky Corn Salsa
-) 8 oz. processed cheese



Z's Creative Cuisine Salsas are available at Albertsons

Zippy Mexi Soup

In a large pot over medium heat, cook sausage and beef in extra virgin olive oil and spices. Cook until done, about 15 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Add all the other stuff and bring to a boil. Lower heat to a simmer, cover and cook for 20 minutes.

Serve hot!

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Zippy Mexi Soup

-) 1 lb. hot sausage
- 1½ lb. lean ground sirloin
- 2 4.5-oz. cans chopped green chilies
- 2 cups yellow onion, diced
- 1 16-oz. jar Z's Creative Cuisine Chunky Corn Salsa
- 1 14.5-oz. can black beans
- 32 oz. beef broth
-) 2 cups water
- J 4 tbs. extra virgin olive oil
-) 1 tbs. ground cumin
-) ½ tbs. garlic powder

Longhorn Football Dip

In a large pan over high heat, cook the meat for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Add the Z's Creative Cuisine Chunky Corn Salsa, and the cheese.

Lower heat and simmer until all the cheese is melted, about 3 minutes.

Serve hot with chips.

TIP of the Week

Be sure to cube the cheese first. It melts better!!

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How to mix the stuff you got



Breakfast Hash



- 4 cups frozen breakfast potatoes, thawed
- 4 large eggs
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1 lb. mild pork sausage
- 1 cup Mexican blend shredded cheese
 - 1 small white onion, chopped
 - 1 medium tomato, chopped
 - 1 16-oz. jar Z's Creative Cuisine
- Cathy's Awesome Salsa
- 1 package English muffins
-) ¼ tsp. garlic powder
-) ¼ tsp. lemon pepper
-) ¼ tsp. cayenne pepper
-) 8 tbs. extra virgin olive oil

Turkey Enchiladas with Z's Creative Cuisine Green Blast Salsa

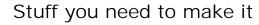
In a large bowl, mix 1 cup of Z's Creative Cuisine Green Blast Salsa, sour cream, both soups and jalapeno juice. Mix well.

Fold in turkey and stir to incorporate.

Spray a 9-1/2" x 13" pan and cover bottom of pan with 6 corn tortillas. Spoon half of the turkey mixture over tortillas. Repeat process. Top with mozzarella cheese and bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until cheese starts to brown.

Serve hot.

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Turkey Enchiladas with Z's Creative Cuisine Green Blast Salsa

Wondering what to do with all that leftover turkey? Try this!

- 1 lb. cooked turkey, cut into 2" pieces
- 12 corn tortillas
- 1 16-oz. jar Z's Creative Cuisine Green Blast Salsa
-) 18-oz. carton sour cream
-) 1 10.5 oz. can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 10.5 oz. can cream of chicken soup
- 4 tbs. jalapeno juice
-) 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese

Breakfast Hash

In a large bowl, whisk eggs with cream. Set aside.

In a large skillet over medium heat, cook potatoes in 6 tbs. of olive oil. Turn often.

In a large skillet over medium-high heat, cook sausage in 2 tbs. of olive oil. Add spices. Cook for 5 minutes, stirring often. Add onions and tomatoes and cook for 1 minute.

Pour in egg mixture and stir to incorporate. Cook for 3 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add cheese and stir.

Spoon the potatoes onto a serving platter and top with egg mixture; spoon Z's Creative Cuisine Cathy's Awesome Salsa on top of the potato and egg mixture.

Serve hot with toasted English muffins.

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How to mix the stuff you got



Petite Sirloin with Z's Creative Cuisine Chunky Corn Salsa

2 petite sirloin steaks (about 1 lb. each)

1/4 tsp. garlic powder

1/4 tsp. lemon pepper

1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper

2 tbs. extra virgin olive oil

1 16-oz. jar Z's Creative Cuisine Chunky Corn Salsa

Grilled Catfish with Z's Creative Cuisine Green Blast Salsa

Use the spices and season one side of fish only.

In a skillet over medium-high heat, grill fish in hot olive oil. Grill 4 to 5 minutes per side, turning once.

Top each fillet with an equal amount of lemon juice.

In a small sauce pan, heat 1 cup of Z's Creative Cuisine Green Blast Salsa. Place cooked fish onto a serving platter and top with warmed salsa.

Serve hot.

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How to mix the stuff you got



Grilled Catfish with Z's Creative Cuisine Green Blast Salsa

- 1 16-oz. jar Z's Creative Cuisine Green Blast Salsa
- 1 lb. catfish fillets
-) ¼ tsp. garlic powder
-) ¼ tsp. lemon pepper
- / ¼ tsp. cayenne pepper
- 4 tbs. extra virgin olive oil
-) ½ tsp. lemon juice

Petite Sirloin with Z's Creative Cuisine Chunky Corn Salsa

In a large skillet, cook steak in hot oil over medium-high heat. Season each steak evenly with spices. Cook 5 to 6 minutes and turn.

TIP

5 to 6 minutes will result in a Medium doneness steak.

Repeat until steak is cooked to desired doneness. Let rest 5 minutes before slicing.

In a small sauce pan over medium heat, warm 1 cup of Z's Creative Cuisine Chunky Corn Salsa.

Spoon salsa over steak and serve hot.

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How to mix the stuff you got



Z Awesome Meatloaf

- 1 16-oz. jar Z's Creative Cuisine Cathy's Awesome Salsa
-) 2 lbs. ground sirloin
-) 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1 cup Parmesan flavored bread crumbs

Margarita Chicken Fajitas with Z's Creative Cuisine Chunky Corn Salsa

In a non-reactive pan*, marinate chicken with the margarita mix. Cover with plastic wrap and chill for 1 hour.

Heat oil on high in a large skillet (or on a grill). Remove chicken from margarita mixture and cook, starting breast-side down; season with spices, one side only.

Cook 5 minutes per side, turning twice. The chicken is done when juices run clear.

Remove the chicken and slice into strips; place four slices into a tortilla, and top with cheese and Z's Creative Cuisine Chunky Corn Salsa.

*A "non-reactive pan" means anything but stainless steel. If you use stainless steel, the chicken will begin cooking in the lime juice (yeah, for real!). This is true for any meat or fish that is being marinated with citrus.

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How to mix the stuff you got



Margarita Chicken Fajitas with Z's Creative Cuisine Chunky Corn Salsa

- 2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 4 cups prepared liquid margarita mix
- 1 package large flour tortillas (Jalapeno style), warmed
-) 2 tbs. lime juice
-) 1/8 tsp. lemon pepper
-) 1/8 tsp. garlic powder



- 1/8 tsp. cayenne pepper
 - 4 tbs. extra virgin olive oil
-) 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

Z Awesome Meatloaf

Spray an 8" x 8" pan with cooking spray.

In a large bowl, combine all the stuff. Mix well with hands and pour meatloaf mixture into the sprayed 8" x 8" pan. Press meat mixture firmly into the pan.

Cook, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 40 minutes or until golden brown.

Extras

Baked potatoes, salad, veggies, lots of side dishes come to mind; choose a favorite and really enjoy this recipe.

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How to mix the stuff you got



Spinach Quesadillas

This is a great recipe; add chicken, shrimp or steak and see the difference an ingredient makes.



- 1 16-oz. jar Z's Creative Cuisine Cathy's Awesome Salsa
- 1 16-oz. bag frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained
- \[
 \frac{1}{4} \text{ cup jalapeno juice (got some hot stuff going here!)}
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- 4 oz. pasteurized cheese, cubed (remember, it melts better cubed)
- 1 small carton sliced mushrooms



-) 6 tbs. extra virgin olive oil
- 2 cups shredded Monterey jack cheese
- 1 package large flour tortillas

The Family Brunch

Spray a 9-1/2" x 13" baking pan. Completely cover the bottom of the pan with the cubed French bread. Top the bread with the chopped green onions and ham.

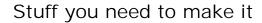
In a large mixing bowl, beat the eggs with cream add spices mix well and fold in cheese. Pour egg mixture into the pan over the French bread.

Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until golden brown.

For the adventurous, top with Z's Creative Cuisine Cathy's Awesome Salsa.



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The Family Brunch

We've got breakfast covered for ya, Mom! Just give this one a whirl!

) 1 loaf French bread, cubed (leave the crust on...that's the secret \bigcirc)



- 1 dozen eggs
- ½ cup heavy whipping cream
- ∫ ½ tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. pepper



- 1/8 tsp. ground nutmeg
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 3 green onions, chopped
- 1 lb. ham, cubed

Spinach Quesadillas

In a medium sauce pan over medium heat, cook spinach in 2 tbs. oil with jalapeno juice. Add cubed cheese and stir occasionally. Simmer for 5 minutes or until cheese is melted. Set aside.

In a small skillet over high heat, sauté mushrooms in 3 tbs. oil for 5 minutes and set aside.

In a large skillet, heat 1 tbs. of oil over medium heat.

Spread 3 tbs. of spinach mixture over a flour tortilla; top mixture with 4 tbs. sautéed mushrooms and ½ cup shredded cheese. Fold tortilla in half and grill in the large skillet; using a spatula, press down on the tortilla during cooking.

Cook for 3 to 4 minutes then flip (oh oh, here's that "flip" thing again) and cook another 3 to 4 minutes, or until golden brown.

Slice in half and serve with Z's Creative Cuisine Cathy's Awesome Salsa.

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How to mix the stuff you got



Z's Ham and Corn Chowder

½ cup coarsely chopped onion



- 1/2 cup melted butter
- 1 16-oz. jar Z's Creative Cuisine Chunky Corn Salsa
- 2-1/2 cans cream-style corn



- 1 cup half and half
- 1 cup chopped cooked ham
- 1/8 tsp. pepper
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese



Fresh parsley

Z's Ham and Corn Chowder

In a large sauce pan over medium heat, sauté onion in butter until tender.

Add the remaining stuff and cook over low heat.

DO NOT BRING TO A BOIL.



Simmer for about 30 minutes and serve.

Garnish with cheese and fresh parsley.

A nice crusty loaf of bread goes great with chowder too—great for a cool day!

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