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Apples and Honey Breakfast Cookie Pops

Yields 12 cookie pops

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cups quick oats
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 ripe banana
- ¼ cup raisins
- 1 cup almond or sunflower butter
- ³/₄ cup dried apples, diced
 ¹/₂ cup shelled roasted
 pumpkin seeds
- 1/4 cup apple butter 1/4 cup honey
- ¹/₄ cup ground flaxseed
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Optional glaze:

- 1 ounce cream cheese, softened
- 1⁄2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- $3\,{}^{1\!\!/_2}$ tablespoons powdered sugar
- 2 1/2 teaspoons lemon juice

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Preheat oven to 325 degrees.
- In a large bowl, combine all cookie ingredients using a mixer until well-blended.
- On a parchment paper-lined baking sheet, place golf ball-sized scoops. Use hands to flatten.
- Push a stick into each cookie from the bottom until it nearly reaches the top.
- Bake for 15 minutes, or until edges are slightly browned.
- · Let cool on baking sheet.
- To make glaze, mix together cream cheese, vanilla, and powdered sugar.
- Add lemon juice ½ teaspoon at a time, until glaze is liquid but not runny.
- · Drizzle glaze over completely cooled cookies.
- * Note: if using wooden sticks, soak them in water for at least 30 minutes before baking. No sticks? You've got bars!

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Caramelized Onion and Butternut Squash Dip

Yields about 2 1/2 cups

INGREDIENTS:

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 medium sweet onions, diced
- 11⁄2 cups diced and peeled butternut squash
- 3 cloves of garlic, finely minced
- 1½ teaspoons kosher salt, divided
- 1⁄4 teaspoon ground pepper
- $1\!\!\!\!/_2$ cups sour cream
- 3/4 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons Italian parsley, chopped
- Shelled and roasted pumpkin seeds for garnish (optional)

INSTRUCTIONS:

- In a large sauté pan, add olive oil, onions, squash, and garlic.
- Stir to combine. Cook over medium heat until lightly browned and softened, about 20 minutes.
- Add 1 teaspoon salt and the pepper.
- \cdot Set aside to cool.
- Once mixture is cooled, mash butternut squash with the back of a wooden spoon.
- In a large bowl, combine the mixture with the rest of the ingredients.
- Cover with plastic wrap. Refrigerate until ready to serve.
- Serve in a hollowed-out pumpkin or other squash. Top with pumpkin seeds. Goes well with fresh vegetables, chips, or pita.



Harvest Veggie Roll Up

Yields about 2 cups of spread

INGREDIENTS:

Spread:

- 1 small red onion 8 ounces mushrooms
- 2 medium zucchini 5 cloves minced garlic
 - red bell pepper 3 tablespoons olive oil

 $1\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons kosher salt

1¹/₂ teaspoons Italian

seasoning

1/2 teaspoon ground pepper

small eggplant
 1½ cups peeled
 butternut squash

Roll:

Tortillas

Romaine lettuce

Deli turkey (optional)

Sliced tomatoes

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
- Dice all veggies to equal-size pieces.
- On a foiled and greased sheet pan, combine all spread ingredients. Toss to coat vegetables with oil.
- Roast in oven for 40-50 minutes, stirring vegetables halfway through to lift any pieces that stick to the pan.
- Once vegetables are cooked through and slightly brown, remove from oven.
- When vegetables are cool, spoon into a food processor and grind until a paste forms.
- To assemble the rolls, spread about 2 tablespoons of paste on a tortilla. Layer the turkey (optional), lettuce, and tomatoes. Roll as tightly as possible. Secure with toothpicks along the seam.
- \cdot Slice the roll between each toothpick to serve.



Sticky Honey Drumsticks

INGREDIENTS:

- 1/2 cup honey
- 1 tablespoon finely minced garlic
- 1 large navel orange, zested and juiced
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon dried oregano
- 1⁄2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground pepper
- 2 pounds chicken legs

INSTRUCTIONS:

- In medium bowl, combine all of the ingredients except the chicken.
- Whisk until combined. Pour half the mixture into a gallon-sized plastic zip bag, reserving the rest for later use.
- Add chicken legs to the plastic bag, seal, and massage the marinade into the chicken.
- Refrigerate at least 30 minutes (longer is better).
- Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
- Place chicken legs on a foiled and greased sheet pan with plenty of space between pieces. Throw away the bag and any remaining liquid from the bag.
- Bake chicken 25 minutes. Brush both sides with reserved sauce and flip. Continue cooking 20 minutes.