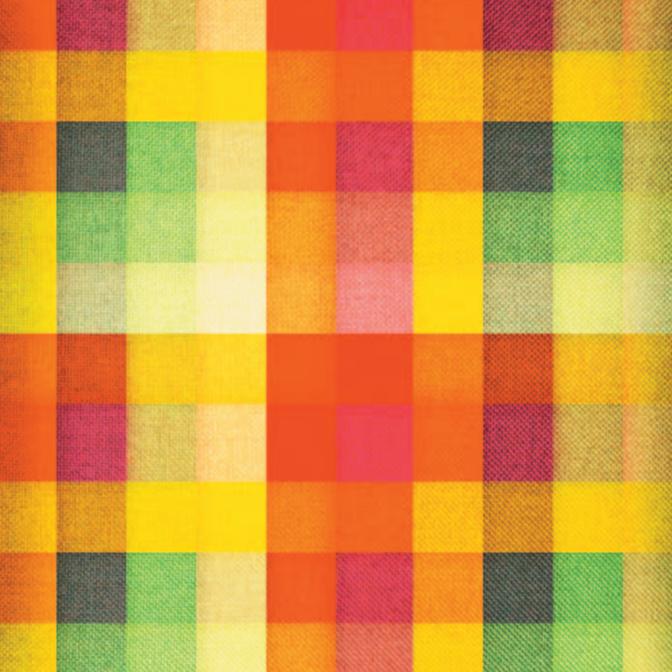
# THE BIG BOOK OF LITTLE LENTILS

COOKING WITH LENTILS MADE EASY





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# APPETIZERS

Perfect for any occasion, appetizers are a great way to entertain, start a meal, or to accompany a special event. Keep the kids full by feeding them veggies stuffed with the Cheesy Lentil Spread, feed the whole gang at the big game with the Zesty Taco Dip, or enjoy the compliments of party guests after they sample the Lentil-Stuffed Mushrooms.

Enjoy these appetizing appetizers, and try to save some for your guests!

# Nutrition Facts Per serving (1.5 oz)

| Amount             | % Daily Value |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Calories 57.5      | 3%            |
| Protein 3.6g       | <b>7</b> %    |
| Carbohydrate 6.4g  | <b>2</b> %    |
| Dietary Fiber 1.5g | 6%            |
| Sugars 0.5g        |               |
| Total Fat 1g       | 3%            |
| Saturated Fat 1g   | <b>5</b> %    |
| Cholesterol 6mg    | <b>2</b> %    |
| Potassium 97.6mg   | 3%            |
| Sodium 105.2mg     | <b>4</b> %    |
| Vitamin A          | 2%            |
| Vitamin C          | 2%            |
| Calcium            | 2%            |
| Folate             | 1%            |
| Iron               | 21%           |
|                    |               |

APPETIZERS Fresh Vegetables Stuffed with Cheesy Lentil Spread

# FRESH VEGETABLES STUFFED WITH CHEESY LENTIL SPREAD

#### Ingredients

| 4 oz<br>½ cup | low-fat cream cheese, room temperature<br>low-fat cottage cheese |
|---------------|--|
| 1 tsp         | horseradish sauce  |
| 1 tsp         | dijon mustard  |
| ¼ tsp         | greek seasoning  |
| ¼ tsp         | black pepper, ground   |
| 1 cup         | green lentils, cooked  |
| ¼ cup         | smoked beef or ham, finely chopped                               |
| 1 tbsp        | radish, minced   |
| 1 tbsp        | green onion, finely chopped                                      |



Servings: 14

- 1. In a food processor, combine cream cheese, cottage cheese, horseradish, mustard, greek seasoning and pepper. Mix until smooth.
- 2. Stir in lentils, smoked meat, radish, and green onion.
- 3. Cover and refrigerate for one hour.
- Fill celery sticks, cherry tomatoes (tops removed and seeded), and sweet green pepper (cut in wedges).

# Nutrition Facts Per serving (105g)

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|---------------|
| % Daily Value |
| 9%            |
| 17%           |
| 5%            |
| 13%           |
|               |
| 17%           |
| 10%           |
| 1%            |
| 7%            |
| 12%           |
|               |
| 3%            |
| 10%           |
| 10%           |
| 10%           |
| 23%           |
| 5%            |
|               |

APPETIZERS Zesty Taco Dip

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# ZESTY TACO DIP

#### Ingredients

| 1 ½ cups                        | red Mexican beans, cooked      |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 ½ cups                        | green lentils, cooked          |
| ⅓ cup                           | sweet green pepper, chopped    |
| 1 cup                           | tomato, diced                  |
| <sup>1</sup> ⁄ <sub>4</sub> cup | green onion, chopped           |
| 1 cup                           | Catalina dressing              |
| 2 cups                          | lettuce, shredded              |
| 2 cups                          | low-fat cheddar cheese, grated |
| -                               | tortilla chips                 |
|                                 |                                |



Servings: 12

- In a bowl, combine beans, lentils, green pepper, tomato, onion and dressing. Cover and refrigerate for 12 hours.
- 2. Place bean mixture in a serving dish, top with lettuce and cheese.
- 3. Serve with tortilla chips.

# Nutrition Facts Per serving (2 oz)

| Amount             | % Daily Value |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Calories 157       | 8%            |
| Protein 4.23g      | 8%            |
| Carbohydrate 25g   | 8%            |
| Dietary Fiber 2.3g | 9%            |
| Sugars 0.3g        |               |
| Total Fat 4.5g     | <b>7</b> %    |
| Saturated Fat 1g   | 4%            |
| Cholesterol 0.68mg | 0%            |
| Potassium 97mg     | 3%            |
| Sodium 181mg       | 8%            |
| Vitamin A          | 0%            |
| Vitamin C          | 1%            |
| Calcium            | 2%            |
| Folate             | 8%            |
| Iron               | 29%           |
| Zinc               | 1%            |
|                    |               |

APPETIZERS Lentil Roll-Ups

# LENTIL ROLL-UPS

#### Ingredients

| 1 cupgreen lentils, cooked2 tbspparmesan cheese, grated1 tbsponion, finely chopped1 ktsporegano, dry crumbled1/4 tspthyme, dry crumbled1/4 tspblack pepper, ground1garlic clove, minced1 lbpkg. phyllo pastry2 tbspcanola oil |
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Servings: 16

### Step by Step

- 1. Preheat oven to 325° F (160° C).
- In a food processor or blender, purée lentils\*. Add cheese, onion, oregano, thyme, pepper and garlic. Mix well.
- Cut individual phyllo pastry sheets into 6 x 8 inch pieces. Lightly brush with canola oil.
- 4. Spread 1 tsp of filling along one end of the pastry sheet and roll over once. Turn in edges of pastry and roll up to make a cigar shape. Repeat this procedure until all of the filling has been used.

5. Place filled pastry rolls on a nonstick baking sheet. Bake rolls 15-20 minutes, or until golden brown.

#### \*Lentil Purée

Place cooked or rinsed & drained canned lentils into a food processor. For every 1 cup of lentils, add ¼ cup water. Blend to make a smooth purée with a consistency like canned pumpkin. If needed, add additional water 1 tbsp at a time.

# Nutrition Facts Per serving (1.5 oz)

| Amount             | % Daily Value |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Calories 94.5      | 5%            |
| Protein 3.4g       | <b>7</b> %    |
| Carbohydrate 7.8g  | 3%            |
| Dietary Fiber 1.5g | 6%            |
| Sugars 0.8g        |               |
| Total Fat 5.7g     | 9%            |
| Saturated Fat 1.5g | <b>8</b> %    |
| Cholesterol 3.7mg  | 1%            |
| Potassium 115mg    | 3%            |
| Sodium 174mg       | 7%            |
|                    |               |
| Vitamin A          | 4%            |
| Vitamin C          | 2%            |
| Calcium            | 6%            |
| Folate             | 2%            |
| Iron               | 15%           |
| Zinc               | 3%            |
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**APPETIZERS** Lentil-Stuffed Mushrooms

# LENTIL-STUFFED MUSHROOMS

#### Ingredients

| 12-16   | medium mushrooms                            |
|---------|---|
| ¼ cup   | butter or margarine                         |
| ¼ cup   | onions, finely chopped                      |
| ¼ tsp   | salt  |
| 1/8 tsp | black pepper, freshly ground                |
| ½ cup   | green lentils, cooked                       |
| ½ cup   | parmesan cheese, grated (or cheddar cheese) |
| ½ cup   | dry plain bread crumbs                      |



Servings: 12-16

- 1. Preheat oven to 350° F (190° C).
- 2. Remove stems from mushrooms. Chop stems and set aside. Arrange caps in an oiled baking dish.
- In a frying pan, stir together butter, chopped stems, onion, salt and pepper. Cook until onions are clear and soft.
- 4. Stir in lentils, cheese, and bread crumbs. Remove from heat.
- 5. Stuff caps with the lentil mixture. Bake caps for 10-15 minutes, or broil them for about five minutes. Serve hot.

# Nutrition Facts Per serving (2 sticks)

| Amount              | % Daily Value    |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Calories 86         | 4.5%             |
| Protein 2.1g        | <b>4</b> %       |
| Carbohydrate 6g     | <mark>2</mark> % |
| Dietary Fiber 0.75g | 3%               |
| Sugars 0g           |                  |
| Total Fat 4.2g      | 7%               |
| Saturated Fat 0.9g  | 5%               |
| Cholesterol 9mg     | 3%               |
| Potassium 30mg      | 1%               |
| Sodium 80mg         | <b>4</b> %       |
|                     |                  |
| Vitamin A           | 4%               |
| Vitamin C           | 0%               |
| Calcium             | 1%               |
| Folate              | 3%               |
| Iron                | 7%               |
| Zinc                | 2%               |
|                     |                  |

# **APPETIZERS** Cheddar Lentil Crispies

# CHEDDAR LENTIL CRISPIES

#### Ingredients

| ½ cup               | margarine                 |
|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 cup               | all-purpose flour         |
| 1 cup               | rice crisp cereal         |
| ¾ cup               | cheddar cheese, grated    |
| <sup>3</sup> ⁄4 cup | split red lentils, puréed |
| 1                   | egg, beaten               |



Servings: 15

### Step by Step

- 1. Preheat oven to 350° F (190° C).
- 2. In a bowl, cut margarine into flour until mixture resembles coarse oatmeal.
- 3. Stir in cereal, cheese and lentil purée.
- 4. Add egg, mix well.
- Mold 1 tbsp amounts into finger shapes. Place on an ungreased backing sheets two inches apart. Bake for 15 minutes or until golden.
- 6. Remove from oven and serve.

#### \*Lentil Purée

Place cooked or rinsed & drained canned lentils into a food processor. For every 1 cup of lentils, add ¼ cup water. Blend to make a smooth purée with a consistency like canned pumpkin. If needed, add additional water 1 tbsp at a time.



SOUPS

Very few things define comfort food quite as well as a nice hearty soup. There's nothing that can compare to the warmth you feel as you sip away at a steaming bowl of homemade soup. Lentils are a wholesome natural addition to any soup, whole or puréed, adding an earthy, hearty element and fantastic flavour, while filling the tummy and bringing back happy memories of days gone by.

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# Nutrition Facts Per serving (250g)

| Amount             | % Daily Value    |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Calories 193       | 10%              |
| Protein 12.8g      | <b>26</b> %      |
| Carbohydrate 27.6g | 9%               |
| Dietary Fiber 9g   | 36%              |
| Sugars 3.7g        |                  |
| Total Fat 3.4g     | 5%               |
| Saturated Fat 0.7g | <b>4</b> %       |
| Cholesterol 5.7mg  | <mark>2</mark> % |
| Potassium 507.6mg  | 15%              |
| Sodium 273.4mg     | 11%              |
|                    |                  |
| Vitamin A          | 1%               |
| Vitamin C          | 4%               |
| Calcium            | 1%               |
| Folate             | 3%               |
| Iron               | 90%              |
| Zinc               | 2%               |
|                    |                  |



# LENTIL LEMON SOUP

#### Ingredients

| 2 tsp<br>1<br>2<br>pinch<br>1 tsp<br>1½ cups<br>6 cups<br>2 tbsp<br>2 tbsp | canola oil<br>onion, chopped<br>cloves garlic, finely chopped<br>hot red pepper flakes<br>cumin<br>dry split red lentils, cleaned and rinsed<br>chicken stock<br>lemon juice<br>fresh parsley, finely chopped<br>salt and pepper to taste |
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Servings: 6

# Step by Step

- 1. Heat oil in large saucepan or dutch oven.
- 2. Add onion, garlic and hot pepper flakes and cook on low heat for five minutes.
- 3. Add cumin and lentils, combine well. Add stock, salt and pepper and bring to a boil.
- 4. Reduce heat, cover and simmer until lentils are tender and soup is beginning to thicken, about 30 minutes.
- 5. Add extra stock or water to thin if necessary. Add lemon juice.
- 6. Serve sprinkled with parsley.

Recipe courtesy of the Breast of Friends Cookbook.

# Nutrition Facts Per serving (250g)

| Amount             | % Daily Value |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Calories 158       | 8%            |
| Protein 11.2g      | <b>22</b> %   |
| Carbohydrate 20.1g | <b>7</b> %    |
| Dietary Fiber 4.5g | 18%           |
| Sugars 2.6g        | 572° . A      |
| Total Fat 3.5g     | 5%            |
| Saturated Fat 1.3g | 6%            |
| Cholesterol 12mg   | <b>4</b> %    |
| Potassium 467.3mg  | 13%           |
| Sodium 576.2mg     | <b>24</b> %   |
|                    |               |
| Vitamin A          | 2%            |
| Vitamin C          | 11%           |
| Calcium            | 4%            |
| Folate             | 4%            |
| Iron               | 52%           |
| Zinc               | 8%            |
|                    |               |

# **AUTUMN RED LENTIL SOUP**

#### Ingredients

| ¼ cup dried point   5 cups beef brown   260 g lean grown   ½ cup onion, cup   2 carrots,   2 celery str   1 cup corn, carvets,   2 cloves g | oth<br>bund beef<br>chopped<br>calks, chopped<br>nned or frozen<br>arlic, minced<br>es, chopped with juice |
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Servings: 5

- 1. Combine lentils, barley and beef broth in a large stock pot. Bring mixture to a boil, reduce heat and simmer covered for 30 minutes.
- 2. In a non-stick skillet, sauté beef and onions over medium-high heat, breaking up with spoon until beef is no longer pink, about five minutes.
- 3. Add to stockpot along with the remaining ingredients. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer covered 20-30 minutes, or until vegetables are tender, stirring occasionally.
- 4. Remove bay leaf before serving.



# SALADS & SIDES

With their nutrient dense makeup lentils are a wholesome power packed addition to any salad or side dish. Heart smart and full of fibre, lentils are hearty and healthy, and better yet, they taste fantastic! Add some zing to your table with the Orzo, Lentil & Feta Salad; immerse your taste buds in the delectable Lentil & Chickpea Salad with Creamy Lemon Dressing; or savour the delicate decadence of Lentil Risotto. What are you waiting for?

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# Nutrition Facts Per serving (125g)

| Amount           | % Daily Value |
|------------------|---------------|
| Calories 328     | <b>16</b> %   |
| Protein 13g      | <b>25</b> %   |
| Carbohydrate 24g | 8%            |
| Dietary Fiber 5g | 19%           |
| Sugars 2.2g      |               |
| Total Fat 21g    | 32%           |
| Saturated Fat 7g | 35%           |
| Cholesterol 31mg | 10%           |
| Potassium 275mg  | 8%            |
| Sodium 542mg     | 23%           |
|                  |               |
| Vitamin A        | 4%            |
| Vitamin C        | 3%            |
| Calcium          | 18%           |
| Folate           | 8%            |
| Iron             | 65%           |
| Zinc             | 8%            |
|                  |               |

SALADS & SIDES Orzo, Lentil & Feta Salad

# ORZO, LENTIL & FETA SALAD

#### Ingredients

| 1¼ cups<br>6 tbsp<br>¾ cup<br>⅓ cup<br>3<br>½ cup<br>1½ cups<br>1<br>1½ cups | orzo pasta<br>olive oil, divided<br>dry red lentils, rinsed and drained<br>red wine vinegar<br>cloves garlic, minced<br>olives, pitted and chopped<br>feta cheese, crumbled<br>small red onion, diced |
|--|---|
| ½ cup  | fresh dill, chopped<br>salt and pepper to taste   |



Servings: 6

- Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to boil. Add pasta and cook until al dente, about 8-10 minutes; drain. Transfer pasta into a large bowl and mix in 1 tbsp olive oil. Cover and refrigerate until cool.
- 2. Place lentils into a small saucepan, cover with water, and bring to a boil. Cover, and simmer over low heat until lentils are tender, about 15-20 minutes. Drain and set aside to cool.
- 3. Combine the remaining olive oil, vinegar, and garlic in a small bowl.
- 4. Remove pasta from refrigerator; add lentils, oil mixture, olives, feta cheese, red onion and dill. Stir until thoroughly blended. Season to taste with salt and pepper.
- 5. Cover and refrigerate for at least two hours.

# Nutrition Facts Per serving (125g)

| Amount             | % Daily Value |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Calories 173       | 9%            |
| Protein 8.3g       | 17%           |
| Carbohydrate 15g   | 5%            |
| Dietary Fiber 3.8g | 15%           |
| Sugars 2.0g        |               |
| Total Fat 9.2g     | 14%           |
| Saturated Fat 2.1g | 11%           |
| Cholesterol 5.5mg  | <b>2</b> %    |
| Potassium 333mg    | 10%           |
| Sodium 443mg       | 18%           |
|                    |               |
| Vitamin A          | 4%            |
| Vitamin C          | 37%           |
| Calcium            | 10%           |
| Folate             | 31%           |
| Iron               | 13%           |
| Zinc               | 7%            |
|                    |               |

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SALADS & SIDES Asiago, Artichoke & Lentil Salad

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# ASIAGO, ARTICHOKE & LENTIL SALAD

#### Ingredients

| 19 oz can<br>2<br>1<br>1 jar<br>½ cup<br>¼ cup<br>¼ cup<br>1 tsp<br>½ tsp<br>½ tsp<br>½ tsp | lentils, rinsed and drained<br>green onions, sliced<br>red pepper, chopped<br>stalk celery, diced<br>marinated artichoke hearts, drained<br>asiago cheese, shredded<br>olive oil<br>red wine vinegar<br>dijon mustard<br>oregano, dried<br>salt<br>pepper |
|---|---|
|---|---|

#### Step by Step

- In a large bowl, mix together lentils, onions, pepper, celery, artichokes, and cheese.
- 2. Whisk together oil, vinegar, mustard, oregano, salt and pepper. Add to lentil mixture and toss to coat vegetables.
- Serve immediately or can be covered and refrigerated for up to one day before serving.



Servings: 4

# Nutrition Facts Per serving (125g)

| Amount                    | % Daily Value  |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Calories 275              | 14%            |
| Protein 7.5g              | 15%            |
| Carbohydrate 36.5g        | 12%            |
| Dietary Fiber 6.4g        | 26%            |
| Sugars 4.1g               |                |
| Total Fat 11.7g           | 18%            |
| Saturated Fat 1.5g        | 8%             |
| Cholesterol 0.5mg         | 0%             |
| Potassium 336mg           | 10%            |
| Sodium 26.1mg             | 1%             |
|                           |                |
| Vitamin A                 | 0%             |
| Vitamin C                 | 8%             |
| Calcium                   | 3%             |
| Folate                    | 13%            |
| Iron                      | 75%            |
| Zinc                      | 3%             |
| *Does not include optiona | al heavy cream |

SALADS & SIDES Lentil & Chickpea Salad with Creamy Lemon Yogurt Dressing

# LENTIL & CHICKPEA SALAD WITH CREAMY LEMON YOGURT DRESSING

#### Ingredients

| For | the | Dressing |
|-----|-----|----------|
| 101 | unc | Dicosing |

|                                 | 5                        |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1                               | lemon, zest and juice    |
| ¼ cup                           | yogurt                   |
| ¼ cup                           | olive oil                |
| 1 tbsp                          | dijon mustard            |
|                                 | salt and pepper to taste |
|                                 |                          |
| 1 cup                           | chickpeas, cooked        |
| 1½ cups                         | green lentils, cooked    |
| <sup>1</sup> ⁄4 cup             | dried cherries           |
| <sup>1</sup> ⁄ <sub>4</sub> cup | cilantro, chopped        |
|                                 |                          |



Servings: 6

- 1. In a jar or container with tight fitting lid, add dressing ingredients. Place lid on and shake.
- 2. Then, in a large bowl, toss together chickpeas, lentils and dried cherries.
- 3. When you are ready to serve, pour the dressing over the chickpea mixture and toss. Then stir in the cilantro. Season to taste with salt and pepper.



# Nutrition Facts Per serving (200g)

| Amount             | % Daily Value |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Calories 163       | 8%            |
| Protein 6.7g       | 13%           |
| Carbohydrate 27g   | 9%            |
| Dietary Fiber 7g   | <b>28</b> %   |
| Sugars 1.9g        |               |
| Total Fat 3.2g     | 5%            |
| Saturated Fat 1.5g | 8%            |
| Cholesterol 5.7mg  | <b>2</b> %    |
| Potassium 259mg    | <b>7</b> %    |
| Sodium 430mg       | 18%           |
| Vitamin A          | 4%            |
| Vitamin C          | 33%           |
| Calcium            | 2%            |
| Folate             | 3%            |
| Iron               | 54%           |
| Zinc               | 3%            |
|                    |               |

# SALADS & SIDES Lentil & Rice Pilaf

# LENTIL & RICE PILAF

#### Ingredients

| 2 tbsp | butter                         |
|--------|--------------------------------|
| 1 cup  | brown rice, uncooked           |
| 1      | large onion, chopped           |
| 1      | red pepper, chopped            |
| 3      | green onion, chopped           |
| 4 cups | water                          |
| 1 tbsp | chicken stock                  |
| 1 cup  | dry green lentils              |
| 1 can  | mushrooms with liquid, chopped |
| ½ tsp  | thyme                          |
|        | salt and pepper to taste       |



Servings: 6

- 1. Sauté rice, onions and red pepper in butter for five minutes. Watch closely as it burns easily.
- 2. Add remaining ingredients. Bring to a boil. Turn heat to low and cover tightly.
- 3. Simmer for one hour.

# Nutrition Facts Per serving (200g)

| Amount                    | % Daily Value  |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Calories 280              | <b>14</b> %    |
| Protein 20g               | <b>41</b> %    |
| Carbohydrate 34g          | 12%            |
| Dietary Fiber 8g          | 32%            |
| Sugars 3.6g               | Second States  |
| Total Fat 7.2g            | 11%            |
| Saturated Fat 2.8g        | 14%            |
| Cholesterol 14mg          | 5%             |
| Potassium 647mg           | 18%            |
| Sodium 349mg              | 15%            |
|                           |                |
| Vitamin A                 | 6%             |
| Vitamin C                 | 8%             |
| Calcium                   | 21%            |
| Folate                    | 30%            |
| Iron                      | 86%            |
| Zinc                      | 11%            |
| *Does not include optiona | al heavy cream |

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SALADS & SIDES Lentil Risotto

# LENTIL RISOTTO

#### Ingredients

| 1 tbsp<br>1<br>2<br>2<br>1 cup<br>1 cup | canola oil<br>yellow onion, finely diced<br>medium carrot, finely diced<br>celery sticks, finely chopped<br>cloves garlic, chopped<br>red lentils<br>dry black or green lentils |
|---|---|
| 1 oz                                    | each of rosemary, thyme and oregano finely chopped  |
| 3-4 cups                                | chicken stock   |
| 4 oz                                    | parmesan, grated<br>salt and pepper to taste  |
| 1 cup                                   | heavy cream, optional   |



Servings: 6

# Step by Step

- 1. Sweat the onions, carrot, celery and garlic in oil until tender.\*
- 2. Add the lentils, stir well for two minutes.
- 3. Add a pinch of salt and pepper, and the rosemary, thyme and oregano.
- 4. Add stock a little at a time so the lentils can slowly absorb the liquid. Or, you can add all the stock, and put on a low simmer for 15-20 minutes, or until the lentils are tender.
- 5. For a richer risotto finish by stirring in cream, simmer for five minutes, then add the parmesan and serve.

\*Sweating is cooking the vegetables over low heat in oil, in a covered pan, so that they soften and cook in their own juices without browning.

# Nutrition Facts Per serving (125g)

| Amount             | % Daily Value |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Calories 206       | 10%           |
| Protein 6g         | <b>12</b> %   |
| Carbohydrate 29g   | 9%            |
| Dietary Fiber 3.5g | 14%           |
| Sugars 1g          |               |
| Total Fat 8g       | 12%           |
| Saturated Fat 5.4g | 27%           |
| Cholesterol Omg    | 0%            |
| Potassium 264mg    | 8%            |
| Sodium 27mg        | 1%            |
|                    |               |
| Vitamin A          | 2%            |
| Vitamin C          | 2%            |
| Calcium            | 2%            |
| Folate             | 2%            |
| Iron               | 40%           |
| Zinc               | 5%            |

SALADS & SIDES Red Lentils & Rice

# **RED LENTILS & RICE**

#### Ingredients



Servings: 6

- 1. In a saucepan, combine lentils, rice, coconut milk, water, onion, margarine, thyme, garlic powder, curry, ginger, and salt. Stir.
- 2. Bring to a boil, cover and simmer for 50 minutes.



# MAIN COURSES

Full of goodness and taste, lentils aren't just for side dishes or the ultra-healthy, they're a staple in any well-stocked pantry. When it comes to the main course, lentils are always ready to step-up and take on a starring role, dazzling your taste buds, and your family, with their versatility. Experience an old classic a new way with Lentil Chili, take your taste buds to the next level with the Sweet Potato & Curried Red Lentil Pizza, go Eastern with the sumptuous Lentil Coconut Curry. No matter what your mood or occasion, there's a lentil recipe waiting for you to discover!

## Nutrition Facts Per serving (1 slice)

| Amount             | % Daily Value |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Calories 189       | 9%            |
| Protein 8.5g       | 17%           |
| Carbohydrate 30.5g | 10%           |
| Dietary Fiber 7.1g | 28%           |
| Sugars 5.8g        |               |
| Total Fat 4.4g     | 7%            |
| Saturated Fat 1.3g | 6%            |
| Cholesterol 4.6mg  | 2%            |
| Potassium 587.1mg  | 17%           |
| Sodium 216.1mg     | 9%            |
|                    |               |
| Vitamin A          | 36%           |
| Vitamin C          | 11%           |
| Calcium            | 10%           |
| Folate             | 7%            |
| Iron               | 53%           |
| Zinc               | 4%            |

MAIN COURSE Sweet Potato & Curried Red Lentil Pizza

## SWEET POTATO & CURRIED RED LENTIL PIZZA

#### Ingredients

| 3⁄4 cup<br>1½ cups<br>1 tbsp<br>2<br>1<br>½ | dry split red lentils<br>water<br>olive oil<br>cloves garlic, minced<br>small onion, chopped<br>small eggplant, diced |
|---|---|
| 1 lb  | sweet potato, cubed   |
| 14.5 oz can                                 | Italian Style diced tomatoes, with juice  |
| 1 tsp                                       | ginger  |
| 1½ tsp                                      | curry powder  |
| 1½ tbsp                                     | cumin   |
| 1   | 12" thin pre-baked whole wheat pizza crust  |
| ¼ cup                                       | romano cheese, grated salt and pepper to taste  |



Servings: 10

- 1. Combine the lentils and water in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil, then cover and simmer over low heat for about 20 minutes, or until tender. Drain, and set aside.
- 2. Preheat the oven to 375° F (190° C). Spray a pizza pan with non-stick cooking spray.
- Heat oil in a skillet over medium heat. Stir in garlic and onion; cook until soft and slightly browned. Stir in eggplant and sweet potato. Pour in about ½ cup of liquid from canned tomatoes. Simmer until juices are absorbed.
- Stir in tomatoes, ginger, curry powder, cumin, salt and pepper; simmer until sweet potato begins to soften, about 15-20 minutes. (If juices cook off before potatoes are fully cooked, stir in a small amount of water, and cover.)
- 5. Place pizza crust on pizza pan. Spread the lentils evenly across the surface of the crust out to the edges. Spread sweet potato mixture evenly on top, and sprinkle with cheese.
- 6. Bake in the preheated oven until the edges are browned, about 10-13 minutes.

# Nutrition Facts Per serving (3 oz)

| Amount             | % Daily Value    |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Calories 155.1     | 8%               |
| Protein 10.2g      | 20%              |
| Carbohydrate 15.2g | 5%               |
| Dietary Fiber 4.1g | 16%              |
| Sugars 0.6g        |                  |
| Total Fat 5g       | 8%               |
| Saturated Fat 1.8g | 9%               |
| Cholesterol 36.6mg | 12%              |
| Potassium 278.9mg  | 8%               |
| Sodium 26.2mg      | 1%               |
|                    |                  |
| Vitamin A          | 1%               |
| Vitamin C          | <mark>3</mark> % |
| Calcium            | 1%               |
| Folate             | 2%               |
| Iron               | 1%               |
| Zinc               | 10%              |
|                    |                  |

MAIN COURSE Beef and Lentil Burgers

## **BEEF & LENTIL BURGERS**

#### Ingredients

| 400 g can | lentils, rinsed and drained     |
|-----------|---------------------------------|
| 300 g     | lean beef, ground               |
| 1         | small zucchini, coarsely grated |
| 1         | egg<br>salt and pepper to taste |



Servings: 6

- Place the lentils, beef, zucchini and egg in a large bowl. Season with salt and pepper. Mix until well combined. Shape into six patties. Place on a baking tray. Cover and place in the fridge for two minutes to chill.
- 2. Spray a barbecue grill or chargrill with oil and heat on medium high. Cook the patties for four minutes each side or until lightly charred and cooked through.

# Nutrition Facts Per serving (150g)

| Amount             | % Daily Value |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Calories 187.1     | 9%            |
| Protein 5.4g       | 11%           |
| Carbohydrate 24.4g | 8%            |
| Dietary Fiber 6.3g | <b>25</b> %   |
| Sugars 4.1g        |               |
| Total Fat 8.3g     | 13%           |
| Saturated Fat 1.8g | 5%            |
| Cholesterol Omg    | 0%            |
| Potassium 406.9mg  | 12%           |
| Sodium 81.5mg      | 3%            |
|                    |               |
| Vitamin A          | 2%            |
| Vitamin C          | 18%           |
| Calcium            | 3%            |
| Folate             | 4%            |
| Iron 13.5g         | 75%           |
| Zinc 0.2mg         | 1%            |
|                    |               |

MAIN COURSE Lentil Marinara Sauce

## LENTIL MARINARA SAUCE

#### Ingredients

| ⅔ cup   | olive oil                |
|---------|--------------------------|
| ½ cup   | onions, fine dice        |
| 1 tbsp  | garlic, minced           |
| 2¼ cups | crushed tomatoes         |
| 2¼ cups | fire roasted tomatoes    |
| 1 tbsp  | parsley, fine chop       |
| 1 tbsp  | oregano, dry             |
| 2       | bay leaves               |
| 5       | basil leaves, fine chop  |
| 1 tbsp  | honey                    |
| 3 cups  | lentils, cooked          |
|         | salt and pepper to taste |

Servings: 12

- Heat oil on medium in a large saucepan. Add onions and garlic; cook until translucent. Add all other ingredients except lentils, basil, honey, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer uncovered for one hour, until sauce thickens.
- 2. Remove from heat, add lentils, honey and basil. Stir gently. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

# Nutrition Facts Per serving (5 oz)

| Amount              | % Daily Value |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Calories 135.6      | 7%            |
| Protein 9.3g        | 19%           |
| Carbohydrate 17.6g  | 6%            |
| Dietary Fiber 4g    | 16%           |
| Sugars 2.6g         |               |
| Total Fat 2.8g      | <b>4</b> %    |
| Saturated Fat 1.03g | 5%            |
| Cholesterol 10.6mg  | <b>4</b> %    |
| Potassium 336.3mg   | 10%           |
| Sodium 306.5mg      | 13%           |
|                     |               |
| Vitamin A           | 2%            |
| Vitamin C           | 4%            |
| Calcium             | 4%            |
| Folate              | 9%            |
| Iron                | 24%           |
| Zinc                | 9%            |
|                     |               |

MAIN COURSE Red Lentil, White Bean and Beef Sloppy Joes

## **RED LENTIL, WHITE BEAN** & BEEF SLOPPY JOES

#### Ingredients

| 3 lb         | ground beef              |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| 2-19 oz cans | navy beans               |
| 2 cups       | dry split red lentils    |
| 28 oz can    | crushed tomatoes         |
| 28 oz can    | diced tomatoes           |
| 3            | carrots, chopped         |
| 2            | celery stalks, chopped   |
| 4            | cloves garlic, chopped   |
| 12 cups      | water                    |
| ⅓ cup        | molasses                 |
| ⅓ cup        | brown sugar              |
| 1 tbsp       | garlic powder            |
| 1 tbsp       | onion powder             |
| 1 tbsp       | basil                    |
| ½ cup        | apple cider vinegar      |
|              | salt and pepper to taste |

## Step by Step

- Place uncooked ground beef into large roaster, add rest of ingredients and bake for about two and a half hours at 375° F (190° C).
- 2. Add salt and pepper to taste.



Servings: 12

## Nutrition Facts Per serving (2 oz)

| Amount             | % Daily Value |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Calories 94.2      | 6%            |
| Protein 6.3g       | 13%           |
| Carbohydrate 13.6g | 5%            |
| Dietary Fiber 3.5g | <b>14</b> %   |
| Sugars 1g          |               |
| Total Fat 1.8g     | 3%            |
| Saturated Fat 0.3g | 1%            |
| Cholesterol 11.6mg | <b>4</b> %    |
| Potassium 234.4mg  | 7%            |
| Sodium 176.4mg     | 7%            |
|                    |               |
| Vitamin A          | 25%           |
| Vitamin C          | 6%            |
| Calcium            | 1%            |
| Folate             | 2%            |
| Iron               | 51%           |
| Zinc               | 1%            |
|                    |               |

MAIN COURSE Mini Lentil Sliders

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## MINI LENTIL SLIDERS

#### Ingredients

| 1¾ cups    | dry red lentils           | 1/4 tsp                            |
|------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 2 cups     | vegetable stock           | 1/4 tsp                            |
| 1 tbsp     | canola oil                | 1/4 tsp                            |
| ½ cup      | onion, fine dice          | 1/4 tsp                            |
| ½ tbsp     | garlic, minced            | 1/4 tsp                            |
| ¼          | red pepper, diced         | 11/2 tsp                           |
| 1          | carrot, shredded          | 1/2 tsp                            |
| 3          | musbrooms, grated         | 1/2 tsp                            |
| 3<br>¼ tsp | mushrooms, grated<br>salt | <sup>9</sup> 2 tsp<br>1∕3 cup<br>1 |

black pepper, ground red chili flakes cumin coriander smoked paprika chives, chopped thyme, chopped bread crumbs large egg, beaten



Servings: 20

- 1. Rinse lentils and drain excess water. In large saucepan, cover with stock and bring to the boil. Simmer for 12-15 minutes, until tender.
- Sauté onions with oil until onions are golden brown in colour. Add garlic, red pepper and carrot, sautéeing for approximately five minutes. Add all remaining vegetables, salt, pepper, chili flakes, cumin, coriander and paprika. Cook on medium heat until tender and most water has evaporated.
- 3. Stir chives, thyme, egg and half of the bread crumbs into cooled lentils. Season to taste. Add sautéed vegetables.
- 4. Using a scoop, form lentil patties. Coat with remaining bread crumbs to prevent sticking.
- 5. Place on tray, cover and refrigerate (or freeze) until needed.

# Nutrition Facts Per serving (200g)

| Amount             | % Daily Value |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Calories 235.8     | 12%           |
| Protein 17.2g      | 34%           |
| Carbohydrate 22g   | 7%            |
| Dietary Fiber 8.4g | 33%           |
| Sugars 4g          |               |
| Total Fat 7.7g     | 12%           |
| Saturated Fat 2.9g | 14%           |
| Cholesterol 30.2mg | 10%           |
| Potassium 688.2mg  | 20%           |
| Sodium 432.4mg     | 14%           |
|                    |               |
| Vitamin A          | 2%            |
| Vitamin C          | 11%           |
| Calcium            | 2%            |
| Folate             | 5%            |
| Iron               | 74%           |
| Zinc               | 18%           |

MAIN COURSE Lentil Chili

## LENTIL CHILI

#### Ingredients

| 1 lb<br>1<br>19 oz can<br>1 cup<br>10 oz can<br>½ cup<br>1 tbsp<br>½ tsp<br>1 tbsp | ground beef<br>medium onion, chopped<br>garlic clove, minced<br>tomato sauce<br>green lentils, cooked or canned<br>whole mushrooms, drained<br>water<br>chili powder<br>black pepper<br>white vinggar |
|--|---|
| 19 oz can  | tomato sauce  |
| 1 cup  | green lentils, cooked or canned   |
| 10 oz can  | whole mushrooms, drained  |
| ½ cup  | water   |
| 1 tbsp   | chili powder  |



Servings: 5

- 1. In a heavy skillet, brown beef with onion and garlic. Drain off excess fat. Add tomato sauce, lentils, mushrooms, water, chili powder and pepper. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer, covered, one hour.
- 2. Add vinegar and simmer for 15 minutes.

# Nutrition Facts Per serving (200g)

| Amount             | % Daily Value |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Calories 195.1     | 10%           |
| Protein 6.5g       | 13%           |
| Carbohydrate 34.3g | 11%           |
| Dietary Fiber 8.7g | 35%           |
| Sugars 6.1g        |               |
| Total Fat 4.6g     | 7%            |
| Saturated Fat 0.3g | 2%            |
| Cholesterol Omg    | 0%            |
| Potassium 592.2mg  | 17%           |
| Sodium 239.3mg     | 10%           |
|                    |               |
| Vitamin A          | 38%           |
| Vitamin C          | 15%           |
| Calcium            | 6%            |
| Folate             | 6%            |
| Iron               | 78%           |
| Zinc               | 3%            |
|                    |               |

## LENTIL & SWEET-POTATO STEW

#### Ingredients



Servings: 8

- In a large saucepan, heat oil over mediumhigh. Add onion, carrots, celery and bay leaf. Cook, stirring until vegetables are softened, five to seven minutes. Add garlic and curry powder and cook until fragrant, about one more minute.
- 2. Add seven cups of water and lentils. Bring to a boil, reduce to a simmer, cover and cook for 10 minutes. Add potatoes and continue to cook, covered, until lentils and potato are just tender, about 15 minutes.
- 3. Add green beans and tomatoes with juice. Cook until warmed through, two to four minutes. Remove bay leaf. Add cilantro; season with salt and pepper. Serve with yogurt.

# Nutrition Facts Per serving (1 cup)

| Amount              | % Daily Value |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Calories 290        | 14%           |
| Protein 7.8g        | 15%           |
| Carbohydrate 43.7g  | 14%           |
| Dietary Fiber 10.6g | 38%           |
| Sugars 10.9g        |               |
| Total Fat 11g       | 17%           |
| Saturated Fat 5g    | 24%           |
| Cholesterol Omg     | 0%            |
| Potassium 565mg     | 16%           |
| Sodium 24mg         | 2%            |
|                     |               |
| Vitamin A           | 1%            |
| Vitamin C           | 17%           |
| Calcium             | 5%            |
| Folate              | 5%            |
| Iron                | 104%          |
| Zinc                | 1%            |
|                     |               |

MAIN COURSE Lentil Coconut Curry

## LENTIL COCONUT CURRY

#### Ingredients

| 1        | onion, chopped                  |
|----------|---------------------------------|
| 3        | stalks celery, chopped          |
| -        | 2.                              |
| 2 tbsp   | canola oil                      |
| 3        | cloves garlic, minced           |
| 2 tbsp   | curry powder (mild)             |
| ²∕₃ cup  | water or vegetable stock        |
| 2        | large apples, cut and cubed     |
| 2 cups   | green lentils, cooked or canned |
| 4 oz can | coconut milk                    |
| 1        | lime                            |
|          | unrefined sea salt to taste     |



Servings: 5

- Rinse lentils under running water (if canned). In a pot, heat the onion, garlic and celery in canola oil at medium temperature for about 15 minutes. Add the apples and heat for another 10 minutes, stirring constantly.
- Stir in curry powder and ⅔ cup of water or stock and continue cooking for another 10 minutes. Add more curry if desired.
- Add rinsed lentils and remaining liquid. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Reduce heat and simmer for about 20 minutes. Add coconut milk. Squeeze in lime and add salt to taste.

## Nutrition Facts Per serving (1 Quesadilla)

| Amount              | % Daily Value |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Calories 751        | 38%           |
| Protein 28.7g       | 57%           |
| Carbohydrate 104.3g | 35%           |
| Dietary Fiber 16.9g | 67%           |
| Sugars 4.1g         |               |
| Total Fat 24.5g     | 38%           |
| Saturated Fat 7.1g  | 36%           |
| Cholesterol 18.4mg  | 6%            |
| Potassium 761.2mg   | 22%           |
| Sodium 1205mg       | 50%           |
|                     |               |
| Vitamin A           | 3%            |
| Vitamin C           | 3%            |
| Calcium             | 35%           |
| Folate              | 29%           |
| Iron                | 207%          |
| Zinc                | 10%           |

MAIN COURSE Lentil & Cheese Quesadillas

## LENTIL & CHEESE QUESADILLAS

#### Ingredients

| 2 tbsp                  | olive oil                                  |
|-------------------------|--|
| 1                       | small onion, diced                         |
| 2                       | cloves garlic, crushed                     |
| _<br>15 oz can<br>½ tsp | lentils, drained and rinsed seasoning salt |
| ½ tsp                   | oregano                                    |
| 6                       | flour tortillas                            |
| ¾ cup                   | Monterey Jack or Pepper Jack cheese        |



Servings: 3

- Heat heavy skillet over medium heat; add oil and sauté onion, garlic, seasoning salt and oregano for four to five minutes, until onion is tender. Add lentils and heat through, about two to three minutes, until mixture is thick and liquid is gone.
- 2. To make quesadilla: Over low-medium heat, in a heavy skillet sprayed with oil, put in one flour tortilla. Spread with ½ cup of lentil filling and ¼ cup of cheese. Top with second tortilla. When cheese is melted and bottom of tortilla is golden, flip to the other side. Brown for one to two minutes and remove to cutting board or plate. Cut into six wedges and serve. Makes three quesadillas with ½ cup filling each.





It seems odd, doesn't it? Lentils in dessert? What may at first seem like culinary madness is, in fact, home cooked genius. Bringing together the best of both worlds, lentil desserts give you the sweet satisfaction that you crave, along with a dose of all-natural goodness. Just imagine guilt-free Chocolate Lentil Cake! Or maybe you want a little more decadence in your diet? Try the mouth-watering Lentil Cheesecake. Or there's the familiar comfort of Lentil Banana Cake. Good ahead, have another piece. We won't tell!

| Chocolate     | Lentil Cake | 55 |
|---------------|-------------|----|
| Lentil        | Cheesecake  | 57 |
| Lentil Banana | Carrot Cake | 59 |
| Pina Colad    | a Cream Pie | 61 |

## Nutrition Facts Per serving (175g)

| Amount             | % Daily Value |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Calories 299       | 15%           |
| Protein 6g         | 12%           |
| Carbohydrate 35.4g | 12%           |
| Dietary Fiber 3g   | 12%           |
| Sugars 13.7g       |               |
| Total Fat 15.1g    | 23%           |
| Saturated Fat 1.8g | 9%            |
| Cholesterol 16.6mg | 6%            |
| Potassium 161.8mg  | 5%            |
| Sodium 270.8mg     | 11%           |
|                    |               |
| Vitamin A          | 2%            |
| Vitamin C          | 0%            |
| Calcium            | 7%            |
| Folate             | 9%            |
| Iron               | 39%           |
| Zinc               | 2%            |
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## CHOCOLATE LENTIL CAKE

#### Ingredients

| ½ cup                             | dry split red lentils, rinsed      |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1½ cup                            | water                              |
| ¾ cup                             | quick-cooking oatmeal              |
| ¾ cup                             | sugar                              |
| 1¼ cup                            | brown sugar, packed                |
| 1¼ cup                            | all purpose flour                  |
| 1 tsp                             | baking powder                      |
| 1 tsp                             | salt                               |
| 3.9 oz                            | packaged instant chocolate pudding |
| 2                                 | eggs, well beaten                  |
| ⅓ cup                             | vegetable oil                      |
| 1 tbsp                            | almond extract                     |
| 1 tbsp                            | bailiag water                      |
| <sup>3</sup> ⁄ <sub>4</sub> cup   | quick-cooking oatmeal              |
| <sup>3</sup> ⁄ <sub>4</sub> cup   | sugar                              |
| <sup>3</sup> ⁄ <sub>4</sub> cup   | brown sugar, packed                |
| 1 <sup>3</sup> ⁄ <sub>4</sub> cup | all purpose flour                  |
| 1 tsp                             | baking powder                      |
| 1 tsp                             | salt                               |
| 3.9 oz                            | packaged instant chocolate puddir  |
| 2                                 | eggs, well beaten                  |
| ⅓ cup                             | vegetable oil                      |



Servings: 25

- In a small saucepan, combine lentils and water and heat to boiling. Reduce heat, cover, and simmer until lentils are falling apart, about 15-20 minutes. Drain and set aside.
- 2. Preheat oven to 350° F (180° C). Grease a 13 x 9 inch baking pan.
- 3. In a large bowl combine dry ingredients, mixing well.

- 4. In a medium bowl beat together eggs, oil, and almond extract. Stir in lentils.
- 5. Add lentil mixture to dry ingredients and mix well. Add boiling water and mix thoroughly.
- Pour batter into prepared pan and bake for about 30 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into center comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack before cutting.

# Nutrition Facts Per serving (105g)

| Amount             | % Daily Value |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Calories 269.2     | 13%           |
| Protein 9.2g       | 18%           |
| Carbohydrate 25.2g | 8%            |
| Dietary Fiber 2.2g | 9%            |
| Sugars 12.9g       |               |
| Total Fat 14.9g    | 23%           |
| Saturated Fat 7g   | 35%           |
| Cholesterol 62.9mg | 21%           |
| Potassium 206.8mg  | 6%            |
| Sodium 216.7mg     | 9%            |
|                    |               |
| Vitamin A          | 15%           |
| Vitamin C          | 1%            |
| Calcium            | 9%            |
| Folate             | 5%            |
| Iron               | 31%           |
| Zinc               | 5%            |
|                    |               |

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**DESSERTS** Lentil Cheesecake

## LENTIL CHEESECAKE

#### Ingredients

| Pecan Crum<br>1⁄2 cup<br>1⁄3 cup<br>2 tbsp | graham crumbs<br>pecans,<br>finely chopped<br>margarine, melted | 1 tsp<br>¼ tsp<br>¼ tsp<br>1 tbsp<br>1½ tsp | cinnamon<br>nutmeg<br>pumpkin spice<br>1% milk<br>cornstarch |
|--|---|---|--|
| 2 tbsp                                     | brown sugar   | Orange Cre                                  | am Cheese Icing:   |
| Spiced Lenti                               | il Filling:   | (Optional)                                  | 0  |
| 16 oz                                      | low-fat cream cheese  | 8 oz  | spreadable low-fat   |
| ¼ cup                                      | brown sugar   |   | cream cheese   |
| ¼ cup                                      | granulated sugar  | 2 tbsp                                      | icing sugar  |
| 2  | eggs  | 1½ tsp                                      | orange liqueur   |
| 1 cup                                      | green lentil purée*   | ½ <b>tsp</b>                                | grated orange rind   |



Servings: 12

### Step by Step

- 1. To prepare crust, combine crumbs, pecans, margarine, and brown sugar. Press into and up the sides of a eight inch springform pan. Chill.
- 2. Preheat oven to 350° F (180° C).
- 3. To prepare filling, with electric mixer, beat cream cheese and sugars until smooth. Beat in eggs, one at a time, until just blended. Beat in remaining ingredients. Pour into pan.
- 4. Bake 45 minutes, until center is just set.
- Remove cake from oven; run a knife around the edge to loosen it from the pan. Cool at room temperature.

- 6. Beat all icing ingredients together. Spread over cooled cake.
- 7. Cut into 12 wedges.

#### \*Lentil Purée

Place cooked or rinsed & drained canned lentils into a food processor. For every 1 cup of lentils, add ¼ cup water. Blend to make a smooth purée with a consistency like canned pumpkin. If needed, add additional water 1 tbsp at a time.

# Nutrition Facts Per serving (50g)

| Amount                    | % Daily Value |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| Calories 170.8            | 9%            |
| Protein 2.8g              | 5%            |
| Carbohydrate 24.7g        | 8%            |
| Dietary Fiber 2.1g        | 8%            |
| Sugars 14.3g              |               |
| Total Fat 7.7g            | 12%           |
| Saturated Fat 0.6g        | 3%            |
| Cholesterol 7.8mg         | 3%            |
| Potassium 118.6mg         | 3%            |
| Sodium 154.6mg            | 6%            |
|                           |               |
| Vitamin A                 | 4%            |
| Vitamin C                 | 1%            |
| Calcium                   | 4%            |
| Folate                    | 2%            |
| Iron                      | 11%           |
| Zinc                      | 2%            |
| * Does not include walnut | s             |

**DESSERTS** Lentil Banana Carrot Cake

## LENTIL BANANA CARROT CAKE

#### Ingredients

| 1½ cups<br>¾ cup<br>½ cup<br>1½ cups<br>2 tsp<br>1<br>2 cups<br>2 tsp<br>1 tsp<br>1 tsp<br>½ tsp<br>½ tsp | lentil purée*<br>canola oil<br>mashed banana<br>brown sugar, packed<br>vanilla<br>egg<br>whole wheat flour<br>baking powder<br>baking soda<br>ground allspice<br>salt |
|---|---|
| ½ cup<br>1 cup  | walnuts, chopped (optional) carrots, finely grated  |



Servings: 24

### Step by Step

- Preheat oven to 350° F (180° C). In a mixing bowl combine lentil purée, oil, banana, brown sugar, vanilla and egg until well blended.
- 2. In a separate bowl, combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, allspice and salt. Mix thoroughly. Beat lentil mixture a little at a time. Stir in walnuts (optional) and carrots.
- Spoon into a 13 x 9 inch non-stick baking dish. Bake 30 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in centre comes out clean.

#### \*Lentil Purée

Place cooked or rinsed & drained canned lentils into a food processor. For every 1 cup of lentils, add ¼ cup water. Blend to make a smooth purée with a consistency like canned pumpkin. If needed, add additional water 1 tbsp at a time.



# Nutrition Facts Per serving (135g)

| Amount             | % Daily Value             |
|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Calories 379.6     | 19%                       |
| Protein 6.5g       | 13%                       |
| Carbohydrate 35.4g | 12%                       |
| Dietary Fiber 5.5g | 22%                       |
| Sugars 19.8g       | Contraction of the second |
| Total Fat 11.8g    | 18%                       |
| Saturated Fat 5.2g | 26%                       |
| Cholesterol 11.7mg | 4%                        |
| Potassium 242.1mg  | 7%                        |
| Sodium 186.7mg     | 8%                        |
|                    |                           |
| Vitamin A          | 8%                        |
| Vitamin C          | 5%                        |
| Calcium            | 3%                        |
| Folate             | 3%                        |
| Iron               | 44%                       |
| Zinc               | 2%                        |

## PINA COLADA CREAM PIE

#### Ingredients

#### Crust:

| 1¼ cups  | graham crumbs  |
|--|--|
| ¼ cup  | margarine, melted  |
| 2 tbsp   | liquid honey   |
| Filling:<br>2½ cups<br>250 g<br>⅓ cup<br>1 tbsp<br>1 tsp<br>1 tsp<br>½ tsp<br>14 oz can<br>½ cup | red split lentils, cooked<br>low fat cream cheese<br>liquid honey<br>canola oil<br>cornstarch<br>vanilla<br>salt<br>unsweetened crushed pineapple, drained<br>shredded unsweetened coconut |



Servings: 12

- 1. Preheat oven to 350° F (180° C).
- 2. To prepare crust, combine graham crumbs, margarine and honey. Mix well. Press into nine inch pie plate.
- 3. In a food processor, combine lentils, cream cheese, honey, oil, cornstarch, vanilla and salt. Blend until puréed. Pour into mixing bowl. Stir in pineapple and coconut. Pour into pie shell.
- 4. Bake 20 minutes. Remove from oven and cool. Cut into 12 wedges.



# **BAKED SNACKS**

Full of fibre, lentils are natural addition to baked goods, adding a healthy dose of flavour to your favourites. Start your morning off right with Saskatoon Berry Lentil Muffins, fool the kids into eating well with Lentil Oatmeal Chocolate Chippers, or just treat yourself right with an unforgettable Lentil Brownie. Sharing is optional.

## Nutrition Facts Per serving (1 muffin)

| Amount             | % Daily Value |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Calories 170.5     | 9%            |
| Protein 3.8g       | 8%            |
| Carbohydrate 28.3g | 9%            |
| Dietary Fiber 2.6g | 10%           |
| Sugars 10g         |               |
| Total Fat 5.1g     | 8%            |
| Saturated Fat 0.5g | <b>2</b> %    |
| Cholesterol 18.2mg | 6%            |
| Potassium 122.1mg  | 3%            |
| Sodium 68.7mg      | 3%            |
| Vitamin A          | 1%            |
| Vitamin C          | 9%            |
| Calcium            | 7%            |
| Folate             | 8%            |
| Iron               | 28%           |
| Zinc               | 1%            |

BAKED SNACKS Saskatoon Berry Lentil Muffins

## SASKATOON BERRY LENTIL MUFFINS

#### Ingredients

| 1½ cup<br>½ cup<br>2 cups<br>1 tbsp<br>½ tsp<br>½ tsp<br>½ tsp<br>½ tsp<br>½ cup<br>½ cup<br>2 | green lentils, cooked<br>orange juice<br>all purpose flour<br>baking powder<br>salt<br>cinnamon<br>ground all spice<br>pumpkin pie spice<br>honey<br>canola oil<br>eggs<br>freeb Coskatoon berriee |
|--|--|
| 1¾ cups  | fresh Saskatoon berries  |



Servings: 18

- 1. Preheat oven to 400° F (200° C).
- In a blender, combine ½ cup lentils and ¼ cup orange juice. Purée until smooth.
- 3. Sift together flour, baking powder, salt, cinnamon, all spice and pumpkin pie spice.
- In a separate bowl, mix together lentil purée, remaining lentils, remaining orange juice, honey, oil, eggs and Saskatoon berries. Add to dry mixture stirring only until dry ingredients are moistened. Spoon mixture into paper lined muffin cups, filling <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> full.
- 5. Bake 20-25 minutes or until toothpick inserted in centre comes out clean.

# Nutrition Facts Per serving (1 muffin)

| Amount             | % Daily Value |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Calories 163.3     | 8%            |
| Protein 2.8g       | 6%            |
| Carbohydrate 25.9g | 9%            |
| Dietary Fiber 2.6g | 10%           |
| Sugars 13.1g       |               |
| Total Fat 6.3g     |               |
| Saturated Fat 0.5g | 3%            |
| Cholesterol 9.3mg  | 3%            |
| Potassium 200.5mg  | 6%            |
| Sodium 87.5mg      | <b>4</b> %    |
|                    |               |
| Vitamin A          | 0%            |
| Vitamin C          | 2%            |
| Calcium            | 3%            |
| Folate             | 2%            |
| Iron               | 17%           |
| Zinc               | 2%            |
|                    |               |

BAKED SNACKS Banana Lentil Muffins

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## BANANA LENTIL MUFFINS

#### Ingredients

| 1<br>1/2 cup<br>1/2 cup<br>1 cup<br>1 cup<br>1 tsp<br>1 1/3 cup<br>1 tsp<br>1 tsp | egg, slightly beaten<br>canola oil<br>sugar<br>bananas, mashed<br>green lentil purée*<br>vanilla<br>whole wheat flour<br>baking soda<br>baking powder |
|---|---|
|   |   |
| 1/2 cup   | raisins   |



Servings: 20

### Step by Step

- 1. Preheat oven to 400° F (200° C).
- 2. Combine egg, oil, sugar, bananas, lentil purée, and vanilla. Mix well.
- Mix together flour, baking soda, baking powder and raisins. Stir into egg mixture only until combined.
- 4. Spoon into greased muffin tins 3/3 full.
- 5. Bake for 15-20 minutes.

#### \*Lentil Purée

Place cooked or rinsed & drained canned lentils into a food processor. For every 1 cup of lentils, add ¼ cup water. Blend to make a smooth purée with a consistency like canned pumpkin. If needed, add additional water 1 tbsp at a time.

# Nutrition Facts Per serving (62g)

| Amount             | % Daily Value |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Calories 149       | <b>7</b> %    |
| Protein 2.4g       | 5%            |
| Carbohydrate 21g   | 7%            |
| Dietary Fiber 1.9g | 7%            |
| Sugars 10.1g       | 8. S. M. N    |
| Total Fat 6.8g     | 10%           |
| Saturated Fat 1.9g | 9%            |
| Cholesterol 5.1mg  | 2%            |
| Potassium 94mg     | 3%            |
| Sodium 159.7mg     | 7%            |
|                    |               |
| Vitamin A          | 4%            |
| Vitamin C          | 0%            |
| Calcium            | 1%            |
| Folate             | 3%            |
| Iron               | 16%           |
| Zinc               | 2%            |
|                    |               |

BAKED SNACKS Lentil Oatmeal Chocolate Chippers

## LENTIL OATMEAL CHOCOLATE CHIPPERS

#### Ingredients

| 1 cup               | brown sugar               |
|---------------------|---------------------------|
| <sup>3</sup> ⁄4 cup | margarine                 |
| 1                   | egg                       |
| 1½ tsp              | vanilla                   |
| ¾ cup               | green lentil purée*       |
| 1½ cups             | all-purpose flour         |
| ½ tsp               | salt                      |
| 1 tsp               | baking soda               |
| 2 cups              | quick cooking rolled oats |
| 1½ cups             | chocolate chips           |
| ¾ cup               | chopped pecans (optional) |



Servings: 36

### Step by Step

- 1. Preheat oven to 375° F (190° C).
- In a bowl, mix together sugar and margarine. Add egg just until blended. Add vanilla and lentil purée and mix until blended.
- Sift flour, salt, and soda together. Add flour mixture one-third at a time to creamed mixture. Mix on low until just blended. Add oats, chips and pecans and lightly blend.
- 4. Scoop 1 tsp of dough onto a greased cookie sheet one inch apart and flatten with a fork. Bake 12-15 minutes. Do not over bake.

#### \*Lentil Purée

Place cooked or rinsed & drained canned lentils into a food processor. For every 1 cup of lentils, add ¼ cup water. Blend to make a smooth purée with a consistency like canned pumpkin. If needed, add additional water 1 tbsp at a time.

# Nutrition Facts Per serving (1 brownie)

| Amount             | % Daily Value |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Calories 237.6     | 12%           |
| Protein 3.4g       | 7%            |
| Carbohydrate 38.3g | 13%           |
| Dietary Fiber 2.6g | 10%           |
| Sugars 27.8g       |               |
| Total Fat 9.7g     | 15%           |
| Saturated Fat 3g   | 15%           |
| Cholesterol 27.3mg | 9%            |
| Potassium 136.7mg  | <b>4</b> %    |
| Sodium 181.7mg     | 8%            |
|                    |               |
| Vitamin A          | 8%            |
| Vitamin C          | 0%            |
| Calcium            | 2%            |
| Folate             | 5%            |
| Iron               | 15%           |
| Zinc               | 4%            |
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BAKED SNACKS Lentil Brownies

## LENTIL BROWNIES

#### Ingredients

| ½ cup  | butter or margarine |
|--------|---------------------|
| ½ cup  | lentil purée*       |
| ¾ cup  | cocoa               |
| 2 cups | sugar               |
| ¾ tsp  | salt                |
| 3      | eggs                |
| 1 tsp  | vanilla             |
| 1 cup  | flour               |
| 1 cup  | chocolate chips     |
| 1 cup  | walnuts (optional)  |



Servings: 18

## Step by Step

- Melt butter; mix in lentil purée, cocoa, sugar and salt. Add eggs, one at a time. Mix in vanilla, flour, chocolate chips (and walnuts).
- Bake in a greased 13 x 9 inch pan at 350° F (175° C) for 22 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the centre comes out clean.

#### \*Lentil Purée

Place cooked or rinsed & drained canned lentils into a food processor. For every 1 cup of lentils, add ¼ cup water. Blend to make a smooth purée with a consistency like canned pumpkin. If needed, add additional water 1 tbsp at a time.



# **SUMMARY**

Healthy, hearty and full of yummy goodness, lentils should be a staple in every pantry. As you can see from the wide variety of recipes in this book lentils can fit into practically any diet, any cuisine, any time of day. Easy to make and easy to eat, lentils make every meal better.

Be creative and come up with your own lentils recipe, share it with us and other lentil lovers just like you by posting it on the Canadian Lentils *Facebook*<sup>®</sup> page, and your culinary creation could be featured in the next Big Book of Little Lentils or our website!

So what are you waiting for, get cooking, and bon appetit!

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