# **BIG BATCH**

Meal Prep Cookbook

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PRINTABLES + RECIPES TO NOURISH YOURSELF AND YOUR LITTLE ONES



### Get ready to feel nourished and organized!

These recipes are some of my personal favourites, triedand-true meals you can find me making on any given Sunday. They're also some of the most popular recipes with our BB mamas and fans, and I think you'll find a few gems that you keep in your rotation forever.

At BB we focus on what we call #NoDietMealPrep, which means we remove all judgment, bad feelings or restriction from the concept of meal planning and prepping. Instead, think of meal prep as a way to 'borrow time.' By whipping up a couple of big batch recipes on Sunday you can save yourself time during the week.

You'll find many of these recipes make more than enough for a big dinner and leftovers for lunches. You can double batches to stock up your freezer or pass a batch onto a mama friend who needs some love.

I'd love to see your creations! Tag us <u>@bellybootcamp</u> when you make your own big batch recipes.

xo - Dara

# Weekly meal planner

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BREAKFAST				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
LUNCH				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
DINNER				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI

Shop and prep plan

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PREP IN ADVANCE



# APPLE CINNAMON BUCKWHEAT MUFFINS

## **INGREDIENTS**

- 1 cup buckwheat flour
- 1 cup steel cut oats
- 2 tbsp ground flax seed
- 1 cup whole milk
- ½ cup unsweetened applesauce
- 1 medium-large apple, grated
- legg
- ½ cup honey
- 1 tbsp cinnamon
- ½ tsp nutmeg
- 1 tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp baking soda
- pinch sea salt

## **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Spray or grease a muffin tin with coconut oil, or prepare paper liners.
- 2. Combine oats & milk; soak 15-20 minutes or longer.
- 3. In a large bowl, combine flour, flax, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, nutmeg, and salt
- 4. In a medium bowl, combine egg, apple, applesauce, honey, and milk & oats, once soaked.
- 5. Pour wet ingredients into dry, and stir until just mixed.
- 6. Bake 20 minutes; cool 5 minutes, then remove to wire rack to continue cooling.

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# FIVE INGREDIENT BREAKFAST CASSEROLE

## **INGREDIENTS**

- 1 1.5 lb natural sausage or breakfast sausage
- 1 large sweet potato, 1 cm diced
- 3 cups spinach, chopped
- 3-4 green onions, chopped
- 12 eggs, beaten
- salt & pepper

## **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
- 2. Heat skillet over medium-high heat and grease 9x13" baking dish with coconut oil, olive oil, or butter.
- 3. Remove sausage from casing and cook thoroughly, breaking large chunks.
- 4. Remove sausage but retain fat; saute sweet potato 10-15 minutes until caramelized and soft.
- 5. Combine spinach, onions, sausage and sweet potatoes, and spread evenly in baking dish.
- 6. Season eggs generously with salt and pepper, then pour over casserole and gently tilt to spread evenly.
- 7. Bake 23-25 minutes until set but not browned. Cool, then slice.

SERVES 8
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# FRUITY OVERNIGHT OATS

# **INGREDIENTS**

- 1/2 cup rolled oats (not quick cooking)
- 1 cup plain yogurt (2% or more)
- 1/4 cup milk
- 2-3 tablespoons raisins or currants
- 1 tablespoon maple syrup
- 1 apple peeled and coarsely grated
- 1 1/2 cups frozen raspberries
- 1/4 tsp vanilla extract

# **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Combine all ingredients except raspberries in a glass bowl or container with a tight fitting lid.
- 2. Pour raspberries over top.
- 3. Put the lid on and refrigerate overnight (at least 8 hours).
- 4. In the morning, stir in the raspberries. Serve on their own, or with additional maple syrup, sliced fruit, nuts, and/or granola.

SERVES 1
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# BAKED HAM & EGG CUPS

# **INGREDIENTS**

- 6-12 slices natural sliced ham
- 6 large eggs
- coconut oil, olive oil, or propellant-free cooking spray
- scallions, chives, cilantro, or parsley for garnish, if desired
- sea salt & pepper

# DIRECTIONS

- 1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Spray muffin tin with propellant-free cooking spray or brush lightly with olive oil or coconut oil.
- 2. Lay 1-2 slices of ham in 4 muffin cups (very thin ham may have holes & tears, so an additional slice will help seal off the ham "cup," while 1 slice of thicker sliced ham will suffice).
- 3. Crack an egg gently into each ham cup; season with S & P.
- 4. Add a splash of water to each empty muffin cup to prevent scorching your pan, then bake 12-13 minutes until white is set but yolk is still soft.
- 5. Garnish & serve!

SERVES 2-4
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# FIVE INGREDIENT BLENDER PANCAKES

# **INGREDIENTS**

- 2 eggs
- 2 small, ripe or overripe bananas
- 1/2 cup gluten-free oats
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- splash pure vanilla extract
- butter or coconut oil for frying

# **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Combine all ingredients in blender or miniblender; whir until smooth and fully combined.
- 2. Heat butter or oil in a nonstick skillet over medium heat.
- 3. Drop batter 1/4 cup at a time without overcrowding and fry 2-3 minutes until brown around edges & bubbly on top. Flip & fry 30 seconds more.

SERVES 1-2
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# PERFECT HARD BOILED EGGS

## **INGREDIENTS**

- 6 large eggs, preferably 1 week old or older
- 1 tsp baking soda

# **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Using a thumbtack or needle, poke a small hole in the base of each egg.
- 2. Place eggs in single layer of a large saucepan and cover with cold water so they are submerged at least 1" below surface.
- 3. Add baking soda.
- 4. Bring to a boil over high heat. Once at a rolling boil, boil exactly 1 minute. Remove from heat, cover and set timer for 10 minutes.
- 5. While eggs are sitting, prepare a bowl with ice & water.
- 6. After 10 minutes, immediately remove eggs to ice water and place in fridge to cool.

SERVES 2-3
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# WHITE BEAN, BACON & FENNEL SOUP

### **INGREDIENTS**

- 5-6 slices natural bacon, chopped
- 1 large bulb fennel, chopped
- 2 carrots, peeled & chopped
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- 2 medium onions, chopped
- 3-4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1-2 sprigs fresh thyme and/or fresh rosemary
- 2-3 bay leaves
- 2 cans no-salt-added white navy/cannelini beans, not drained
- 6-8 cups no-salt-added chicken broth, homemade stock or water
- rind of parmesan wedge (optional)
- juice of 1 lemon
- sea salt & ground pepper

## **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Over medium heat in a large pot, saute bacon until rendered but not burnt. Remove bacon with slotted spoon but retain bacon fat.
- 2. Add onion, celery, carrot & fennel, and saute about 10 minutes until a bit tender.
- 3. Add olive oil or butter if needed. Add garlic; saute another 1-2 minutes until fragrant.
- 4. Combine beans with liquid/starch from can, herbs, broth, and parmesan in pot. Return bacon to pot.
- 5. Bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer over low heat and allow to cook, partially covered, for at least 20-30 minutes (longer for more flavour, up to 1-2 hours). Add water as needed if soup reduces too much.
- 6. Use a potato masher or immersion blender to partially mash/blend soup, leaving some chunks of bright orange carrot & whole beans (or blend entirely if you prefer a puree).
- 7. Taste & season as needed. Juice lemon & stir into soup before serving.

SERVES 6-8
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# CURRIED RED LENTIL SOUP

## **INGREDIENTS**

- 2 cups dried red lentils
- 2 L chicken broth (or vegetable broth to make it truly vegetarian)
- 2 large yellow onions, diced
- 2 large carrots, diced
- 2 medium white or yellow potatoes, diced
- 8-10 cloves garlic, coarsely chopped
- 2 tbsp olive oil1
- 5 tbsp ground cumin
- 1 tbsp ground turmeric
- 2 tsp sea salt
- pinch ground cayenne
- fresh ground pepper to taste
- juice of one lemon
- handful fresh cilantro, finely chopped (to garnish; optional)

# **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Heat olive oil over medium heat.
- 2. Saute onion, carrot & potato 5-10 minutes until softened.
- 3. Add garlic, cumin, cayenne, turmeric, and salt; saute 2-3 more minutes until fragrant but not burnt.
- 4. Add broth & lentils. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer about 20 minutes until very tender.
- 5. Use an immersion blender to puree partly, leaving some small chunks for texture. Add more broth or water if too thick.
- 6. Squeeze in lemon juice plus extra salt & pepper, if needed. Garnish with cilantro.

SERVES 8
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# CREAMY NO-CREAM BROCCOLI SOUP

### **INGREDIENTS**

- 1 large head broccoli (or 2 small heads),
   chopped
- 2 small onions, chopped
- 3 stalks celery, chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2-3 large potatoes, peeled & chopped
- 1 L sodium-free chicken stock
- 1/4 cup parmesan cheese
- 2 tsp dried thyme
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 cup fresh parsley, minced
- sea salt & fresh pepper

## **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Heat oil in a large pot over medium heat.
- 2. Saute onion, celery, & garlic for 5-6 minutes, stirring, until softened but not browned.
- 3. Add broccoli & potatoes. Saute, stirring, 2-3 minutes.
- 4. Add broth, bay, & thyme.
- 5. Bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer. Simmer 20-30 minutes until vegetables are fully softened.
- 6. Blend with an immersion blender until smooth. Add more stock if needed.
- 7. Add parsley & parmesan. Stir to combine and melt.
- 8. Season to taste. Serve hot or store in the fridge for up to 4-5 days, adding water or broth as needed to improve texture.

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# MINI TURKEY MEATLOAVES

# **INGREDIENTS**

- 1 pound ground turkey
- 2 eggs
- 1 small zucchini
- 1/2 onion, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup oats
- 1/3 cup parmesan, grated
- 1-2 tbsp fresh rosemary, finely chopped (or 2 tsp dried rosemary)
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 1 tsp paprika
- 1 tsp sea salt
- fresh black pepper
- pizza sauce or pasta sauce (optional)

# **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
- 2. Lightly beat eggs.
- 3. Grate zucchini.
- 4. Combine all chopped veggies, turkey, seasoning, oats and eggs. Mix with hands until well combined.
- 5. Spoon into 12-cup muffin tin & smooth down (don't "pack" down) with back of spoon.
- 6. Bake 30 minutes.
- 7. Remove tin from oven, top each with a dollop of pizza sauce or pasta sauce, if desired. Bake an additional 5 minutes. Cool 5 minutes in pan, then serve or store.

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# TURKEY LENTIL TACOS

### **INGREDIENTS**

- 1 pound ground turkey or chicken
- 1 medium zucchini, grated
- 1 medium onion, grated
- 2-3 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1 cup canned green lentils, lightly rinsed
- 1/2 cup fresh cilantro, chopped
- 1/4 cup ketchup\*
- 1-2 tbsp low-sodium soy sauce\*\*
- 1/2 cup water
- 2 tbsp chili powder
- 1 tbsp cumin
- 1 tbsp paprika
- 1 tsp oregano
- 1 tsp thyme
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- sea salt + fresh ground pepper
- Taco shells
- Tomato, scallion, avocado, cilantro and/or favourite toppings

# SERVES 4 BELLYBOOTCAMP.CA

- 1. Heat olive oil in skillet over medium heat.
- 2. Saute grated onion and zucchini 4-5 minutes until reduced & texture is less watery.
- 3. Add garlic & lentils; saute an additional 1-2 minutes. Using a potato masher, lightly mash the mixture so lentils are less defined.
- 4. Add chili powder, cumin & paprika and saute 1 more minute to gently cook spices.
- 5. Push veggie mixture to sides & add turkey to pan, letting it sear a bit before turning/mixing. Saute about 4-5 minutes to brown lightly, mixing with veggies gradually.
- 6. Add oregano, thyme, ketchup, soy and water. Bring mixture to a simmer and cook, stirring frequently, until liquid is reduced to desired texture, about 10 minutes. Add more water if mixture seems too tight.
- 7. Finish with salt, pepper & fresh cilantro, adding more water/ketchup if needed to create a saucier mix.
- 8. Serve in warmed shells with cheese, sour cream or plain yogurt, avocado and salsa!



# HEALTHIER SWEET & SOUR MEATBALLS

### **INGREDIENTS**

- 1 lb ground lean pork
- 1 lb ground lean beef
- 2 eggs
- 1/3 cup almond meal
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 medium onion, grated or minced
- 2 tsp ground ginger
- 1 tbsp sesame oil
- generous pinch of salt

#### For sauce:

- 3 cups tomato puree (1.5 glass bottles)
- 1 can (398 mL) pineapple chunks
- 1/3 cup honey
- 1/3 cup soy sauce
- 2-3 tbsp apple cider vinegar
- 2 tbsp dijon mustard
- 1/2 tsp ground ginger
- 1/2 tsp onion powder
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1-2 bell peppers, roughly chopped
- salt & pepper

# SERVES 6-8 BELLYBOOTCAMP.CA

- 1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees and line a baking sheet with aluminum foil.
- 2. Separate pineapple from juice and reserve both.
- 3. Combine sauce ingredients in large, wide pot, reserving pineapple chunks and bell peppers for later.
- 4. Bring sauce to a low boil; reduce to mediumlow and simmer uncovered for 45 minutes until thick. Taste your sauce frequently; add more honey if needed.
- 5. Meanwhile, combine meatball ingredients and roll into 1" meatballs; place evenly on baking sheet.
- 6. Bake 12-15 minutes, flipping once.
- 7. Transfer meatballs (and drippings, if desired) to sweet and sour sauce.
- 8. Add pineapple chunks and peppers.
- 9. Season with salt and pepper as needed; simmer on low, covered, 5-10 minutes ,more.



# SLOW COOKER PORK CARNITAS

## **INGREDIENTS**

- 3-4 lb pork shoulder or pork butt (boneless, skinless)
- 1 tbsp oregano
- 1 tbsp cumin
- 1 tsp chili powder
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 cinnamon stick
- pinch red chili flakes (if desired)
- 6 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 large onion, coarsely chopped
- 2 tsp sea salt
- ground black pepper to taste
- juice of 2 oranges
- juice of 1 lime
- · olive oil for frying after cooking

# **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Rinse & pat roast dry.
- 2. Combine oregano, cumin, & chill powder and evenly rub roast; place roast in slow cooker insert.
- 3. Top with garlic, onion, bay leaf, cinnamon stick, and chill flakes, if using.
- 4. Squeeze citrus juices on top (really dig your fingers in to get all the juice out, or use a juicing tool).
- 5. Cook on low for 6-8 hours or high for 4 hours.
- 6. Save the juices from the slow cooker to spoon out and mix with the meat.
- 7. Serve as is, or use a bit of olive oil or butter to fry in pan over medium-high heat, searing and crisping, for extra yumminess. Serve in lettuce wraps, tacos, over rice or in sandwiches.

SERVES 8-10
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# TURKEY SPINACH MEATBALLS

## **INGREDIENTS**

- 2 lb ground turkey
- 1 package frozen, chopped spinach OR 1 large clamshell of baby spinach, sautéed & chopped
- 1 large slice whole grain bread (or whatever you've got)
- 1/3 cup milk or non-dairy milk
- 4-5 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 yellow onion, grated
- 2 eggs
- big handful fresh parsley, basil, and/or oregano
- 2 tsp each dried oregano, basil and thyme
- 2 tsp sea salt or kosher salt
- fresh pepper

# **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Preheat oven to 450 degrees F. Line a large baking sheet or two regular baking sheets with parchment or aluminum foil.
- 2. Chop or tear bread into very small pieces and combine with milk. Mix and set aside.
- 3. Thaw spinach about 5-6 minutes in a microwave, breaking up with spoon periodically. Wrap spinach in clean kitchen towel and gently squeeze to remove excess moisture. Let cool slightly.
- 4. In a large bowl, lightly beat eggs.
- 5. To eggs, add grated onion, minced garlic, herbs, salt, pepper and spinach. Combine well.
- 6. Add turkey and bread. Using your hands, gently combine just until evenly distributed. Don't mix too roughly or meat will toughen.
- 7. Roll into balls or use an ice cream scoop and a spoon to help you create balls/mounds. Keep balls from touching each other.
- 8. Bake 15 minutes. Remove from oven, turn, and bake 10 minutes more. Cool slightly, then add to your sauce or refrigerate or freeze.

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# BIG BATCH PULLED CHICKEN CHILI

## **INGREDIENTS**

- 3 pounds boneless skinless chicken thighs
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 3 tablespoons neutral-tasting cooking oil (like avocado or canola)
- 4 cloves garlic, crushed or minced
- 3 tablespoons chili powder
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin
- ½ teaspoon cayenne pepper (optional)
- 4 cups low sodium chicken broth
- 1 jar strained tomatoes (720 mL) or 1 large can crushed tomatoes (796 mL)
- 1 ½ tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 large can black beans (796 mL)drained and rinsed
- 3 cups frozen corn kernels
- Sea salt to taste
- shredded cheese, finely chopped cilantro and/or scallions to garnish (optional)

# SERVES 6-8 BELLYBOOTCAMP.CA

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 F.
- 2. Heat oil in large dutch oven or large, heavy pot over medium heat.
- 3. When oil is shimmering, add chicken thighs; cook until lightly browned on both sides, 2-3 minutes per side.
- 4. Stir in onion and garlic and cook until they begin to soften.
- 5. Stir in chili powder, cumin and cayenne pepper, if using.
- 6. Add chicken broth, tomatoes, sugar, black beans and corn.
- 7. Bring mixture to a boil, then cover it and transfer to a 350' F oven for about 2 hours.
- 8. Lower the heat to 325 and cook for another 1 ½ to 2 hours, or until chicken is very tender and most of the liquid has been absorbed.
- 9. Remove chili from the oven and use two forks to shred the chicken thighs. Season with sea salt to taste. Garnish as desired!



# OVEN POACHED CHICKEN BREASTS

# **INGREDIENTS**

- 4-8 chicken breasts
- 2-3 tbsp olive oil
- 2-3 cloves garlic, minced
- fresh chopped herbs, dried herbs or saltfree seasoning of choice
- sea salt + pepper

# **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.
- 2. Line a baking dish with a double length (enough to cover the bottom twice) of parchment paper or aluminum foil.
- 3. Pat chicken breasts dry and season well on both sides with garlic, herbs, salt & pepper. Rub to really flavour the chicken.
- 4. Sprinkle parchment with olive oil. Place chicken breasts on top, then sprinkle tops of chicken breasts with olive oil. Fold remaining parchment over, tucking it to keep steam in.
- 5. Bake 25-35 minutes, depending on number and size of breasts, until opaque in the middle but still juicy. Rest before cutting.

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# TURKEY & BROWN RICE STUFFED PEPPERS

# **INGREDIENTS**

- 4 medium-large bell peppers
- 1 lb lean ground turkey
- 1-2 cups cooked brown rice
- 1/2 cup salt-free chicken broth
- 1 cup passata (or tomato sauce)
- 1 zucchini, finely chopped or grated
- 1 cup mushrooms, finely chopped
- 1 small onion
- 3-4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tsp each: paprika, dried oregano, thyme
- 1 tsp fennel seeds, crushed
- pinch cayenne
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- sea salt & fresh pepper
- cheese of choice (optional)

#### For sauce

- 1 cup passata (or tomato sauce)
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 tbsp each: apple cider vinegar, honey and paprika
- 1/2 small onion, grated
- sea salt & fresh pepper

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- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Spray or lightly grease a 9x13" baking pan.
- 2. In a large pan, warm oil over medium heat. Add onion, mushrooms, & zucchini, cook 5-6 minutes until softened & condensed in size.
- 3. Add turkey to pan and saute until browned. Add broth & scrape browned bits off bottom.
- 4. Add garlic, paprika, cayenne, & fennel; saute 1-2 minutes until fragrant. Add herbs and passata. Simmer over low heat 5-10 minutes.
- 5. Combine rice & turkey mixture. Taste and season. Add passata, if needed, to moisten.
- 6. Slice peppers lengthwise, remove seeds. Place in pan, face-up and season with S&P.
- 7. Fill peppers, packing slightly.
- 8. In a medium bowl, grate onion for sauce.
- 9. Add remaining sauce ingredients and whisk well. Add more vinegar/honey if needed.
- 10. Pour sauce into pan, alongside peppers.Cover pan with aluminum foil; bake 15-20 minutes.
- 11. Remove foil, top with cheese if using, and bake 10 more minutes. Cool 5 minutes before serving.



# TEX MEX QUINOA BLACK BEAN BOWLS

# **INGREDIENTS**

- 4 medium-large bell peppers
- 1 lb lean ground turkey
- 1-2 cups cooked brown rice
- 1/2 cup salt-free chicken broth
- 1 cup passata (or tomato sauce)
- 1 zucchini, finely chopped or grated
- 1 cup mushrooms, finely chopped
- 1 small onion
- 3-4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tsp each: paprika, dried oregano, thyme
- 1 tsp fennel seeds, crushed
- pinch cayenne
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- sea salt & fresh pepper
- cheese of choice (optional)

#### For sauce

- 1 cup passata (or tomato sauce)
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 tbsp each: apple cider vinegar, honey and paprika
- 1/2 small onion, grated
- sea salt & fresh pepper

# SERVES 4-6 BELLYBOOTCAMP.CA

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Spray or lightly grease a 9x13" baking pan.
- 2. In a large pan, warm oil over medium heat. Add onion, mushrooms, & zucchini, cook 5-6 minutes until softened & condensed in size.
- 3. Add turkey to pan and saute until browned. Add broth & scrape browned bits off bottom.
- 4. Add garlic, paprika, cayenne, & fennel; saute 1-2 minutes until fragrant. Add herbs and passata. Simmer over low heat 5-10 minutes.
- 5. Combine rice & turkey mixture. Taste and season. Add passata, if needed, to moisten.
- 6. Slice peppers lengthwise, remove seeds. Place in pan, face-up and season with S&P.
- 7. Fill peppers, packing slightly.
- 8. In a medium bowl, grate onion for sauce.
- 9. Add remaining sauce ingredients and whisk well. Add more vinegar/honey if needed.
- 10. Pour sauce into pan, alongside peppers.Cover pan with aluminum foil; bake 15-20 minutes.
- 11. Remove foil, top with cheese if using, and bake 10 more minutes. Cool 5 minutes before serving.



# POTATO & CAULI MASH SHEPHERDS PIE

# **INGREDIENTS**

- 1.5 lb ground beef, pork, or lamb
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 2 carrots, finely chopped
- 2 stalks celery, finely chopped
- 1 bell pepper, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup frozen peas
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tbsp tomato paste
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1 tbsp all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp each dried oregano, thyme, and rosemary
- 1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- sea salt & fresh black pepper

#### For topping

- 4-5 medium Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled and quartered
- 1 medium head cauliflower, chopped
- 1/4 cup full-fat yogurt
- splash chicken broth
- 2 tbsp butter
- pinch nutmeg
- sea salt & fresh black pepper

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- 1. Combine cauliflower & potatoes in large pot. Cover with salted water and bring to a boil; reduce to medium & simmer 20-25 minutes. Drain & return to pot; allow to air dry slightly.
- 2. Add yogurt & butter; mash well by hand. Add chicken broth to moisten. Add nutmeg, S&P.
- 3. Meanwhile, heat olive oil in large skillet over medium-high heat. Brown meat well. Remove meat to a plate and drain all but 1 tbsp drippings; adjust heat to medium.
- 4. Saute onion, celery, & carrot in drippings 2-3 minutes until softened; add garlic and sauté 1 minute more until fragrant.
- 5. Add broth and scrape pan well. Add meat, tomato paste, bell pepper, & herbs; mix well.
- 6. Dissolve flour into 1 tbsp cold water and add to pan. Bring to boil, reduce heat to low and simmer 15 minutes until thickened and reduced.
- 7. Add peas & stir to combine.
- 8. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Spray or grease a deep baking dish. Pour meat mixture into dish. Use a spatula to dollop potatocauliflower mixture and spread evenly.
- 9. Bake 20-30 minutes until bubbling & lightly browned. Cool 5-10 minutes before serving.



# CHOCOLATE COCONUT BLISS BALLS

# **INGREDIENTS**

- 2 cups Medjool dates, pitted
- 1/4 cup warm water
- 1/2 cup unsweetened fine coconut + 1/4 cup reserved for coating
- 1/4 cup tahini
- 3 tbsp cocoa powder
- 1/4 cup raw cacao nibs
- 1 tbsp maple syrup (optional)
- 1/2 tsp pure vanilla extract
- pinch salt

- 1. Combine dates and water in bowl of food processor and process until very smooth.
- 2. Add all other ingredients except cacao nibs & pulse until well combined.
- 3. Add cacao nibs & pulse just until combined, without pureeing.
- 4. Using bare hands and a bit of water if needed to prevent sticking, form balls.
- 5. Roll bites in reserved coconut to coat; place on baking sheet.
- 6. Freeze 30 minutes and serve, or pack for freezing/refrigerating and later indulging. They are great room-temperature but really awesome chilled.