



SOME THINGS UP!

HELPFUL INFO FOR YOUR KITCHEN

COOKING CONVERSION CHART



Unit: 1 tsp 1 Tbsp 1/8 cup 1/4 cup 1/3 cup 1/2 cup 1 cup 1 pint 1 quart 1 liter 1 gallon

Equals:
1/6 fl. oz
½ fl. oz
1 fl. oz
2 fl. oz
2¾ fl. oz
4 fl. oz
8 fl. oz
16 fl. oz
32 fl. oz
34 fl. oz
128 fl. oz

Also equals: 1/3 Tbsp 3 tsp 2 Tbsp 4 Tbsp ¹/₄ cup plus 4 tsp 8 Tbsp ½ pint 2 cups 2 pints 1 quart plus ¼ cup 4 quarts





Source: United States Dept. of Agriculture (USDA).

WELCOME

This recipe book is designed for your body and mind. Simply turn the pages and you will find recipes that are easy to prepare, help you watch your waist line and stay within your budget. We've also included the nutritional information for each recipe so you know what you are making as you prepare it and you can share the nutritional facts with your family.

So cook up, eat well and enjoy!

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LAURIE'S TURKEY OR CHICKEN CHILI



WHAT YOU NEED

1 lb ground turkey (can be white meat or
dark/white meat combo) or 1 pound ground
chicken, or 2-3 chicken breasts, cooked and
cut into 1" chunks1/8 tsp red
1/2 to 1 ts
1/8 tablesp2-3 tablespoons (tbsp) vegetable or canola oil
(to brown ground turkey or ground chicken)1 tsp orega
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1 large car
can)2-3 tablespoons salt free butter (optional)1 large car
can)1 cup red bell pepper, chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced1 small car
1/2-1 can
ounce can)

1/8 tsp red pepper flakes
1/2 to 1 tablespoon chili powder
1/8 tablespoon ground cumin
1 tsp oregano leaves
1/2 to 1 tsp for taste of one of these:
Mrs. Dash Southwest Chipotle blend or
Mrs. Dash Tomato Basil Garlic spice blend
1 large can chopped tomatoes (28 ounce can)
1 small can tomato sauce (8 ounce)
1/2-1 can tomato paste (1/2 or whole 6

1 can kidney beans, drained 1 can pinto beans, drained Optional: small can Chipotle Peppers in Adobo Sauce (7 ounce can) (optional amount to taste) Optional: water

Serves 4-6 or more, depending on your appetite!

Brown ground turkey or ground chicken in large frying pan in oil (and butter, if using).

Add bell pepper, onion until softened (3-5 minutes).

Add minced garlic, stirring often to prevent garlic from burning.

If using a large enough frying pan, then add all remaining ingredients, otherwise transfer turkey or chicken mixture

to large stock pot and then add remaining ingredients.

Add water (1/4 cup to 3 or 4 cups) as necessary, depending on how thick or thin you want your chili.

Cover and simmer on stovetop for 1-2 hours, stirring occasionally.

Serve with any of the following: rice, bread, cornbread, crackers, baked potatoes, Fritos, cheddar cheese, chopped onions, etc.

Recipe	Servings	Calories (kcal)	Saturated Fat (g)	Trans Fat (g)	Total Fat (g)	Cholesterol (mg)	Sodium (mg)	Potassium (mg)
Laurie's Turkey Chili	5	432.53	6.07	0.38	21.73	83.88	1,671.07	1,035.61
Dietary Fiber (g)	Sugar (g)	Other Carbs (g)	Protein (g)	Water (g)	Vitamin A (DV%)	Vitamin C (DV%)	Calcium (DV%)	Iron (DV%)
8.93	13.98	12.39	24.92	388.26	33.6	58.75	38.28	22.78

KELLIE'S DILL POTATOES



4-5 red potatoes (or your favorite potato)
2 tbsp of olive oil
1 tbsp of dill
Salt and pepper to taste

HOW YOU MAKE IT

WHAT YOU NEED

In a baking dish, layer sliced potatoes, drizzle with olive oil, and sprinkle with dill and salt and pepper. Bake in oven at 400 degrees for 25-30 minutes.



Recipe	Servings	Calories (kcal)	Saturated Fat (g)	Trans Fat (g)	Total Fat (g)	Cholesterol (mg)	Sodium (mg)	Potassium (mg)
Kellie's Dill Potatoes	4	249.28	1.02	0	7.17	0	163.24	1,242.95
Dietary Fiber (g)	Sugar (g)	Other Carbs (g)	Protein (g)	Water (g)	Vitamin A (DV%)	Vitamin C (DV%)	Calcium (DV%)	Iron (DV%)
4.77	2.67	35.34	5.24	215.67	1.28	38.96	4.25	13.9

JENNIFER'S BROILED CATFISH with GRAPEFRUIT JUICE

1 tbsp butter 2 tbsp grapefruit juice 1/2 tsp salt, optional 1/4 tsp pepper 1/4 tsp garlic powder 4 catfish fillets

HOW YOU MAKE IT

WHAT YOU NEED

Melt butter in a saucepan. Stir in juice, salt, pepper and garlic powder. Remove from the heat and set aside.

Place fillets in a shallow baking pan. Baste fillets with juice-butter sauce. Broil for 5-8 minutes or until fish flakes easily with a fork. Plate the fish and pour pan juices over each fillet.



Recipe	Servings	Calories (kcal)	Saturated Fat (g)	Trans Fat (g)	Total Fat (g)	Cholesterol (mg)	Sodium (mg)	Potassium (mg)
Jennifer's Broiled Catfish w/ Grapefruit Juice	4	183.27	3.87	0.09	11.5	60.93	72.61	340.03
Dietary Fiber (g)	Sugar (g)	Other Carbs	Protein (g)	Water (g)	Vitamin A	Vitamin C	Calcium	Iron (DV%)
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KELLIE'S LEMON CHICKEN



what you need

1 lb chicken breasts
 1 lemon
 2 tbsp olive oil
 Salt and pepper

How You make it

Drizzle bottom of baking pan with 1 tbsp of olive oil. Place 4-5 lemon slices on bottom of pan. Place chicken on top of lemon slices. Drizzle top of chicken with 1 tbsp of olive oil. Place remaining slices of lemon on top of chicken. Sprinkle with salt and pepper to taste. Bake in oven at 400 degrees for 25-30 minutes.



Recipe	Servings	Calories (kcal)	Saturated Fat (g)	Trans Fat (g)	Total Fat (g)	Cholesterol (mg)	Sodium (mg)	Potassium (mg)
Kellie's Lemon Chicken	4	195.68	1.59	0.01	9.79	72.58	278.06	465.44
Dietary Fiber (g)	Sugar (g)	Other Carbs (g)	Protein (g)	Water (g)	Vitamin A (DV%)	Vitamin C (DV%)	Calcium (DV%)	Iron (DV%)
1.41	0	0.2	24.46	109.6	0.87	37.1	2.46	4.44

KATHY'S ORANGE SURPRISE SALAD

WHAT YOU NEED

1 package Sugar-Free Orange Jello 1 cup boiling water 1 tsp lemon juice 1 8-oz can crushed pineapple, with juice

1 cup peeled and grated carrot

How You make it

Dissolve Jello in boiling water.

Add the remaining ingredients and pour into a serving dish.

Chill in refrigerator until set.

Serves 4.



Recipe	Servings	Calories (kcal)	Saturated Fat (g)	Trans Fat (g)	Total Fat (g)	Cholesterol (mg)	Sodium (mg)	Potassium (mg)
Kathy's Orange Surprise Salad	4	51.44	0.02	0	0.12	0	35.86	165.52
Dietary Fiber (g)	Sugar (g)	Other Carbs (g)	Protein (g)	Water (g)	Vitamin A (DV%)	Vitamin C (DV%)	Calcium (DV%)	Iron (DV%)
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KELLIE'S FRUIT AND VEGGIE SLAW



1 lb bag (16 oz) shredded cabbage or slaw mix

- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1 cup shredded carrots
- 2 Granny Smith apples, thinly sliced
- 1/3 cup vinegar
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup walnuts, toasted

HOW YOU MAKE IT

what you need

In a small bowl, whisk together vinegar, sugar and oil and set aside.

In a large bowl, mix together cabbage, carrots, apples, raisins.

Pour mixture in small bowl over mixture in large bowl and top with walnuts. Serve chilled.



Recipe	Servings	Calories (kcal)	Saturated Fat (g)	Trans Fat (g)	Total Fat (g)	Cholesterol (mg)	Sodium (mg)	Potassium (mg)
Kellie's Fruit and Veggie Slaw	8	175.74	0.96	0	9.31	0	22.82	321.15
Dietary Fiber (g)	Sugar (g)	Other Carbs	Protein (g)	Water (g)	Vitamin A	Vitamin C	Calcium	Iron (DV%)
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FAYE'S ROASTED ROOT VEGETABLES



WHAT YOU NEED

3 tbsp olive oil Salt & pepper 3 large carrots – peel, cut into 1½ inch pieces

- 1 large sweet potato peel, cut into $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch pieces
- 1 small butternut squash peel, seed, cut into 11/2 inch pieces
- 1 large apple peel, core, cut into 1½ inch pieces

How You make it

Preheat oven to 425 degrees.

Line two large baking/cookie sheets with foil.

Wash hands and all vegetables prior to cooking.

Combine carrots, sweet potatoes, butternut squash and apple in a large bowl.

Add olive oil to fresh cut winter vegetables.

Salt and pepper to taste.

Mix until vegetables are covered with olive oil.

Pour winter vegetables onto each baking sheet and place in preheated oven.

Bake for 20 minutes, turn vegetables over to cook evenly. Bake an additional 15 minutes, turn vegetables over again.

Check progress — stick a fork into vegetables — should be firm but not crunchy in the center.

Bake 5 to 10 more minutes if needed.

Remove from oven, let set for 5 minutes before serving. Serves: 6

Recipe	Servings	Calories (kcal)	Saturated Fat (g)	Trans Fat (g)	Total Fat (g)	Cholesterol (mg)	Sodium (mg)	Potassium (mg)
Faye's Roasted Root Vegetables	6	121.37	0.96	0	6.89	0	146.08	109.47
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Dietary Fiber (g)	Sugar (g)	Other Carbs (g)	Protein (g)	Water (g)	Vitamin A (DV%)	Vitamin C (DV%)	Calcium (DV%)	Iron (DV%)

DEENA'S TUNA MELTS

WHAT YOU NEED

1 can tuna packed in water 4 slices whole wheat bread 1/2 cup shredded mozzarella cheese 1 stalk of celery, chopped Approx. a tbsp of chopped onion 2-3 tsp olive oil 1 tomato, sliced into 4 slices 1 lemon



For tuna melts: open can of tuna and dump into colander, rinse thoroughly. Place tuna in bowl and gently break up chunks with fork, squeeze in lemon juice and add olive oil 1 tsp at a time to bowl, mixing thoroughly with a fork, adding salt, pepper, chopped onion, and chopped celery while mixing.

Once mixed, scoop mixture onto the 4 slices of whole wheat bread and put on oven safe pan, lay a slice of tomato on top of each and sprinkle generously with mozzarella cheese. Bake in oven at 450 degrees (or under broiler) just until cheese is good and melty. (You don't want your tuna too warm.)

- * To appeal to kids, you can substitute American cheese (WIC item).
- * Whole wheat bagels or English muffins can be used in place of bread, as well.



Recipe	Servings	Calories (kcal)	Saturated Fat (g)	Trans Fat (g)	Total Fat (g)	Cholesterol (mg)	Sodium (mg)	Potassium (mg)
Deena's Tuna Melts	4	194.29	2.52	0.23	7.65	19.05	357.6	201.92
Dietary	Sugar (g)	Other Carbs	Protein (g)	Water (g)	Vitamin A	Vitamin C	Calcium	Iron (DV%)
Fiber (g)		(g)			(DV%)	(DV%)	(DV%)	

CAROL'S GARLIC MASHED CAULIFLOWER

WHAT YOU NEED

8 cups bite-size cauliflower florets 2 tbsp of minced garlic 1/3 cup nonfat buttermilk 2 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil 1 tsp butter ½ tsp salt ¼ tsp of ground pepper 1 cup cheddar cheese

How You make it

Place 1 cup of cheddar cheese in a microwave safe bowl, add florets and garlic with 1/4 cup water, cover and microwave on high for 3 to 5 minutes.

Place the cooked cauliflower and garlic in a mixing bowl.

Take a fork and smash together until lumpy.

Next, blend with a mixer until smooth.

Add buttermilk, 2 teaspoons oil, butter, salt, pepper and cheddar cheese. Continue mixing until all ingredients are mixed together and creamy.



Recipe	Servings	Calories (kcal)	Saturated Fat (g)	Trans Fat (g)	Total Fat (g)	Cholesterol (mg)	Sodium (mg)	Potassium (mg)
Carol's Garlic Mashed Cauliflower	8	108.24	3.57	0.02	6.72	16.51	167.55	377.92
Dietary Fiber (g)	Sugar (g)	Other Carbs (g)	Protein (g)	Water (g)	Vitamin A (DV%)	Vitamin C (DV%)	Calcium (DV%)	lron (DV%)
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DEENA'S HAM AND BEAN SOUP



what you need

1 lb Northern beans 4 cups water 1 standard carton chicken broth 1 regular pkg cubed ham chunks 1 cup of chopped carrots 1 cup chopped yellow onion 1 tsp minced garlic Salt and pepper to taste



How You make it

Rinse and prepare your Northern beans according to package instructions then drain, add water, chicken broth, carrots, onions, garlic and beans to large soup pot on high heat.

Stir well and bring to a boil.

Reduce to low and simmer for 60 minutes.

Sear cubed ham in hot skillet until sizzling.

Drain any excess grease and stir into simmering soup.

Season soup with salt and pepper to taste.

Note: If you like a creamier texture and you have a blender: before adding ham, remove 1/2 the soup and puree in blender, then add it back along with your ham chunks.

Serves 8-10, freezes well.

Recipe	Servings	Calories (kcal)	Saturated Fat (g)	Trans Fat (g)	Total Fat (g)	Cholesterol (mg)	Sodium (mg)	Potassium (mg)
Deena's Ham and Bean Soup	8	260.28	0.64	0.01	2.06	24.24	734.47	1,029.70
Dietary Fiber (g)	Sugar (g)	Other Carbs (g)	Protein (g)	Water (g)	Vitamin A (DV%)	Vitamin C (DV%)	Calcium (DV%)	Iron (DV%)
12.37	3.57	23.92	24.25	246.26	53.86	4.14	11.68	20.49

YVONNE'S GLAZED ROSEMARY CARROTS



what you need

HOW YOU MAKE IT

5 cups of fresh baby carrots (If using frozen carrots, use only 1/4 of the stock)
¼ cup of fresh or dried rosemary
½ cup honey
½ cup brown sugar
2 tbsp butter
½ cup of low sodium chicken stock (optional-you can use water instead)

¼ cup dried cran-raisins for garnish

Melt butter in a large skillet.

Add rosemary and sauté for 2 minutes to infuse butter with the rosemary.

Add carrots and sauté for 3 minutes to caramelize carrots.

Add the stock and cover with lid until carrots are tender, about 4 minutes on low heat, making sure the stock does not cook out. Once the carrots are fork tender, stir in brown sugar and cran-raisins, let simmer for 4 minutes to allow mixture to come together.

Serving size: 5 one-cup servings.



Recipe	Servings	Calories (kcal)	Saturated Fat (g)	Trans Fat (g)	Total Fat (g)	Cholesterol (mg)	Sodium (mg)	Potassium (mg)
Yvonne's Glazed Rosemary Carrots	5	270.93	2.18	0.09	3.75	5.94	99.42	91.28
Dietary Fiber (g)	Sugar (g)	Other Carbs (g)	Protein (g)	Water (g)	Vitamin A (DV%)	Vitamin C (DV%)	Calcium (DV%)	Iron (DV%)
4.3	52.26	3.81	2.26	131.83	337.04	16.57	9.05	6.6

CAROL'S BANANA SMOOTHIE

WHAT YOU NEED

3 bananas 1½ cup pine-orange banana juice 1½ cup fat free milk



How You make it

Bananas are a very versatile fruit. Use them to make muffins, bread, cakes & cookies.

A favorite is a banana smoothie at breakfast with an Elvis Banana French Toast sandwich.

Peel bananas and place into a plastic quart-size bag. Place into freezer and allow to freeze overnight. In the morning, take the bananas out and cut into $\frac{1}{2}$ slices. Pour the pine-orange banana juice and milk into the blender and add the frozen bananas.

Blend until smooth.

Makes 4 one-cup servings.

Recipe	Servings	Calories (kcal)	Saturated Fat (g)	Trans Fat (g)	Total Fat (g)	Cholesterol (mg)	Sodium (mg)	Potassium (mg)
Carol's Banana Smoothie	4	254.45	0.22	0.01	1.07	1.85	49.19	520.79
Dietary Fiber (g)	Sugar (g)	Other Carbs (g)	Protein (g)	Water (g)	Vitamin A (DV%)	Vitamin C (DV%)	Calcium (DV%)	Iron (DV%)

KAREN'S BLACK BEAN SOUP



what you need

2 cans black beans, any brand, drained and rinsed, 15 oz 1 can diced tomatoes with green chilies, 15 oz 1 can (15 oz) chicken broth, or 2 cups of water 1/2 packet of taco seasoning mix 1/2 cup of uncooked Minute Rice



HOW YOU MAKE IT

Rinse both cans of beans; place one in a soup pan, the other in a blender with the chicken broth or water.

Puree the beans slightly.

Put the pureed beans in the pot with the whole beans, tomatoes and green chiles, uncooked rice, and taco seasoning.

Stir together gently.

Bring all ingredients to a boil, stirring occasionally.

Cover, and simmer for 10 minutes.

Top with a dollop of sour cream or yogurt, shredded cheese and chopped green or white onions.

This can also be cooked in a crock pot on low for 4 hours.

This recipe is easily doubled. It is even better the next day.

To increase protein in this meal, add 1/2-1 cup of chopped ham or chicken.

Recipe	Servings	Calories (kcal)	Saturated Fat (g)	Trans Fat (g)	Total Fat (g)	Cholesterol (mg)	Sodium (mg)	Potassium (mg)
Karen's Black Bean Soup	6	122.81	0.24	0	0.9	0.79	710.33	140.66
Dietary Fiber (g)	Sugar (g)	Other Carbs	Protein (g)	Water (g)	Vitamin A	Vitamin C	Calcium	Iron (DV%)
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How You make it

WHAT YOU NEED

Mix eggs and milk in a medium size mixing bowl. Butter each slice of bread with 1 teaspoon of peanut butter.

Slice banana into ¼ inch slices.

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2 bananas

Cooking spray ½ cup of milk

8 slices of bread

8 tsp of peanut butter

Take 4 slices of the peanut butter bread and arrange the bananas on top of bread slices.

Take the other 4 slices of peanut butter-spread bread and top with the banana slices. This forms 4 sandwiches. Spray a frying pan with cooking spray and set on medium heat.

Place sandwich into egg mixture and coat on both sides. Lay into frying pan, brown each side about 1 1/2 minutes. Serves 4







Recipe	Servings	Calories (kcal)	Saturated Fat (g)	Trans Fat (g)	Total Fat (g)	Cholesterol (mg)	Sodium (mg)	Potassium (mg)
Carol's Peanut Butter and Banana French Toast	4	313.11	2.7	0.48	10.61	108.19	363.31	527.7
Dietary Fiber (g)	Sugar (g)	Other Carbs (g)	Protein (g)	Water (g)	Vitamin A (DV%)	Vitamin C (DV%)	Calcium (DV%)	Iron (DV%)
6.22	14.08	22.12	14.82	118.9	3.95	9.96	11.78	12.23

KRISTY'S PASTA CARBONARA



1 lb whole wheat spaghetti

- 1/2 cup plain yogurt
- 4 eggs
- 2 tsp ready-to-eat real bacon bits
- 1 cup frozen mixed vegetables, thawed by running under cool water
- 1 tsp extra virgin olive oil
- Salt and black pepper, to taste
- 3/4 cup grated parmesan cheese

How you make it

WHAT YOU NEED

Cook pasta according to package instructions, about 6 to 9 minutes or until al dente.

While the pasta cooks, combine the eggs, cheese, yogurt and olive oil in a bowl and beat with a whisk until completely mixed.

For veggies, prepare as instructed on package.

Drain pasta, toss with the egg and yogurt mixture, then add cooked bacon and mixed vegetables.



Recipe	Servings	Calories (kcal)	Saturated Fat (g)	Trans Fat (g)	Total Fat (g)	Cholesterol (mg)	Sodium (mg)	Potassium (mg)
Kristy's Pasta Carbonara	4	367.28	4.59	0	11.52	226.2	569.15	239.35
Dietary Fiber (g)	Sugar (g)	Other Carbs (g)	Protein (g)	Water (g)	Vitamin A (DV%)	Vitamin C (DV%)	Calcium (DV%)	Iron (DV%)

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MORE HELPFUL INFO FOR YOUR KITCHEN



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EASY CONVERSIONS

1/16 cup = 1 tablespoon1/6 cup = 2 tablespoons + 2 teaspoons3/8 cup = 6 tablespoons2/3 cup = 10 tablespoons + 2 teaspoons3/4 cup = 12 tablespoons1 cup = 48 teaspoons / 16 tablespoons1 pint (pt) = 2 cups4 cups = 1 quart16 ounces (oz) = 1 pound (lb)1 milliliter (ml) = 1 cubic centimeter (cc) 1 inch (in) = 2.54 centimeters (cm)



RECIPES FOR

You will find great recipes in this book, including: Laurie's Turkey or Chicken Chili Kellie's Dill Potatoes Jennifer's Broiled Catfish with Grapefruit Juice Kellie's Lemon Chicken Kathy's Orange Surprise Salad Faye's Roasted Root Vegetables Deena's Tuna Melts Kellie's Fruit and Veggie Slaw



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