HEALTHY DESSERT FOR A WEEK



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FRUITY PARFAITS

This treat uses non-fat yogurt for it's creamy texture.

Ingredients

2 8-ounce containers (2 cups) nonfat peach yogurt
1/2 pint fresh raspberries, (about 1 1/4 cups)
1 1/2 cups fresh, frozen or canned pineapple chunks

Directions

1. Divide and layer yogurt, raspberries and pineapple into 4 glasses.

(Makes 4 Servings)

Mocha Pudding

Homemade pudding is much healthier than store bough, and usually tastier too!

Ingredients

1/4 cup sugar

3 tbsp cornstarch

2 tsp instant coffee mix or espresso powder

1/2 tsp ground cinnamon

pinch salt

2 cups lowfat chocolate milk

2 ounces bittersweet chocolate, very finely chopped

1 tsp vanilla extract

Directions

- 1. Whisk the sugar, cornstarch, coffee, cinnamon, and salt in a large saucepan. Whisk in milk over medium heat, then cook for about five minutes, stirring occasionally at first, then frequently at the end, until mixture thickens.
- 2. Remove from heat; add chocolate and vanilla, whisking until chocolate is smooth.
- 3. Serve warm or pour into five containers, placing plastic wrap directly on the pudding surface. Stays good in fridge for 5 days.

(Makes 5 Servings)

BANANA QUESADILLAS

This dessert take on a mexican meal is a treat the whole family will enjoy.

Ingredients

2 whole wheat tortillas

1 ripe banana

1 tbsp peanut butter

a few chocolate chips (optional)

Directions

- 1. Mash banana in bowl with potato masher.
- 2. Spread peanut butter and mashed banana on tortilla. Add chocolate chips, and top with other tortilla.
- 3. Warm in microwave for 20 seconds. (Time may vary depending on your microwave.)
- 4. Slice and serve.

(Makes 2 Servings)

Calories Per Serving: 240 (without chocolate chips)

BROILED MANGO

A quick and simple treat, that will still impress guests.

Ingredients

1 Peeled and Sliced Mango Lime cut into wedges

Directions

- 1. Position rack in upper third of oven and preheat broiler. Line a pan with foil.
- 2. Arrange mango slices in a single layer in the prepared pan. Broil until browned in spots, 8 to 10 minutes. Squeeze lime wedges over the broiled mango and serve.

(Makes 2 Servings)

SESAME SQUARES

Sesame seeds are tasty calcium packed powerhouses.

Ingredients

1/3 cup honey

1/3 cup peanut butter

3/4 cup nonfat dry milk

3/4 cup sesame seeds

1/4 cup raisins

1/4 cup shredded coconut

Directions

- 1. In a large bowl, combine the honey, peanut butter, dry milk, sesame seeds, raisins, and coconut.
- 2. Spread the mixture into an 8 x 8-inch baking pan and refrigerate for 4 hours. Cut into 1-inch squares.

(Makes 32 Servings, 2 squares per serving)

EASY CHOCOLATE CAKE

This recipe only takes one bowl, just imagine, easy chocolate cake!

Ingredients

3/4 cup plus 2 tbsp whole-wheat pastry flour

1/2 cup granulated sugar

1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder

1 tsp baking powder

1 tsp baking soda

1/4 tsp salt

1/2 cup nonfat buttermilk

1/2 cup packed light brown sugar

1 large egg, lightly beaten

2 tbsp canola oil

1 tsp vanilla extract

1/2 cup hot strong black coffee

Confectioners' sugar, for dusting

Directions

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Coat a 9-inch round cake pan with cooking spray. Line the pan with a circle of wax paper.
- 2. Whisk flour, granulated sugar, cocoa, baking powder, baking soda and salt in a large bowl.
- 3. Add buttermilk, brown sugar, egg, oil and vanilla. Beat with an electric mixer on medium speed for 2 minutes. Add hot coffee and beat to blend. Pour the batter into the prepared pan.

4. Bake the cake until a skewer inserted in the center comes out clean, 30 to 35 minutes. Cool in the pan on a wire rack for 10 minutes; remove from the pan, peel off the wax paper and let cool completely. Dust the top with confectioners' sugar before slicing.

(Makes 12 Servings)

GRAPEFRUIT MANGO SORBET

A super light dessert, that won't weigh you down on active nights.

Ingredients

1/2 Cup water
1/4 Cup brown sugar
1/2 tsp ground ginger
2 Ig grapefruit, cut into segments
4 sm scoops mango sorbet mint sprigs (optional)

Directions

- 1. Simmer water, sugar, and ginger in small heavy saucepan until reduced to 1/4 cup, about 5 minutes.
- 2. Divide grapefruit sections among 4 dessert dishes. Pour spiced syrup over grapefruit, dividing evenly. Top each portion with a scoop of mango sorbet and garnish with a mint sprig, if desired.

(Makes 4 Servings)