Spaghetti with Spinach Pesto and Feta Cheese

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INGREDIENTS

- 1 box of whole grain spaghetti (1 lb.)
- 1 package (10 oz.) frozen spinach thawed, well drained or 1 lb of fresh spinach
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 25 grams grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 tablespoons chopped parsley
- 2 cloves garlic (optional)
- 1/2 teaspoon dried basil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons butter (melted)
- 80 mL water
- Crumbled feta cheese for topping (as desired)

STEPS

- 1. Prepare pesto mixture: In a blender combine spinach, oil, Parmesan cheese, garlic, parsley, salt and basil
- 2. Blend until finely chopped and then gradually pour in melted butter until blended
- 3. Cook pasta according to instructions on package
- 4. Toss pesto mixture with cooked pasta
- 5. Add crumbled feta cheese on top as desired

Source: International Osteoporosis Foundation

Salmon Burgers

INGREDIENTS

- 1 can (420 grams) red or pink salmon
- 75 grams chopped red pepper
- 2 green onions, chopped
- 8 crackers, unsalted, crushed
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 2 egg whites, whisked
- 2 tablespoons plain low-fat yogurt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 4 wholegrain hamburger buns
- 2 tomatoes (sliced)
- 8 iceberg lettuce leaves

STEPS

- 1. Pre heat oven to 400° F
- 2. Drain salmon; place in a medium mixing bowl and flake with a fork
- 3. In a separate mixing bowl add red peppers, green onions, crackers, lemon juice, yogurt and egg whites
- 4. Stir together ingredients in mixing bowl and shape into 4 patties
- 5. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper (not foil) and lightly cover with olive oil
- 6. Place patties on baking sheet
- 7. Bake patties until golden brown (10 min. on each side)
- 8. Place salmon burgers in warmed buns with sliced tomatoes and lettuce or other toppings

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Veggie Chili

INGREDIENTS

- 2 large onions
- 1 green bell pepper
- 3 garlic cloves
- 2 fresh, diced jalapenos
- 2 tablespoons (30 mL) vegetable oil
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin
- 1 can whole tomatoes
- 2 medium zucchinis
- 2 medium summer squash
- 1 can rinsed kidney beans
- 50 grams fresh cilantro (chopped)
- Salt and pepper to taste

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STEPS

- In a large pot sauté onions, bell pepper, garlic, and jalapeno in oil over medium high heat for about 5 minutes, stir often
- 2. Add chili powder, cumin, half of the chopped cilantro, salt and pepper; continue cooking for another 3 minutes, stir occasionally
- 3. Add tomatoes, zucchini, squash, and bring mixture to a simmer
- 4. Simmer for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally
- 5. Add beans, continue to simmer for 5 more minutes
- 6. Top with cilantro if desired

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Berry Crunch Yogurt Parfait

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INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 cup blueberries, fresh or frozen (thawed)
- 6 ounces yogurt, nonfat vanilla
- 1/3 cup granola
- 3 teaspoons pumpkin seeds

STEPS

- 1. Wash blueberries if fresh or thaw if frozen
- In a parfait glass, add a layer of each ingredient – 1/3 blueberries, 1/3 yogurt, 1/3 granola, 1/3 pumpkin seeds
- 3. Repeat with 2 more layers of each
- 4. Serve and enjoy

Source: EverydayHealth.com