

Aileen Sforcina Healthy Living Episode 28

Granola Clusters

Ingredients:

- 1 cup almonds or sunflower seeds (or mixture of both)
- 2 cups rolled oats
- 1 cup desiccated coconut
- 1 cup Iranian pitted dates
- 4 green apples, peeled and quartered

Method:

- 1. Place almonds or sunflower seeds (or mixture of both), rolled oats, coconut, dates and apples into food processor or Thermomix and process until well combined (Thermomix **speed 9** for **30 seconds** using spatula to assist).
- 2. Spread mixture out onto baking trays lined with baking paper and bake in oven on a low temperature setting until crisp. Stir occasionally with a fork to break mixture up into bite sized clusters. Take care not to burn.

Alternatively crumble mixture onto dehydrator trays lined with baking paper and dehydrate at 41°C until dry. Stir occasionally with a fork to break mixture up into bite sized clusters. The mixture will not burn in the dehydrator.

Scrambled Tofu

Ingredients:

2 Tablespoons of water
1 teaspoon tumeric powder
1 large onion, peeled and finely diced (or cut into quarters for Thermomix method)
1 clove garlic, peeled and minced
2 medium to large sized tomatoes, finely chopped or cut into quarters for Thermomix
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1 teaspoon onion powder
Celtic Salt to taste
500 grams firm tofu
Green spring onions, sliced finely

Method:

- Place water, tumeric powder ,diced onions and crushed garlic into frying pan and cook until onion has softened (Thermomix: water, tumeric, onion, and garlic clove into Thermomix bowl and chop for 6 seconds on speed 5 and then sauté for 2 minutes at 100°C on speed 1).
- Add diced tomatoes, stock cubes and salt into the frying pan with the cooked onion and continue to cook until softened. (Thermomix: add tomatoes, stock cubes and salt into the Thermomix bowl and chop on speed 5 for 10 seconds and then cook for 5 minutes at 100°C on speed 1).
- Crumble tofu, add to cooked mixture and warm through in pan (Thermomix: add tofu that has been roughly cut into chunks and chop on speed 5 for 5 seconds using spatula to assist. Then heat for 5 minutes at 100°on speed 2).

Serve with toast, dusted with finely sliced green spring onions.

Edible Salad Bowls

Ingredients:

Wholemeal flat bread (round) Lettuce leaves. 2 lettuce leaves per serving Baby Spinach, ½ cup per serving Tomato, cut into wedges, ½ tomato per serving Cucumber, sliced, 6 slices per serving Black pitted olives, ¼ cup per serving 1 red capsicum (or bell pepper) 1 green capsicum (or bell pepper) 1 yellow capsicum (or bell pepper) Avocado, chopped or sliced Hommus or any dip or combination of dips of choice Green Spring onion, sliced finely

To make the edible bowls:

- 1. Place a piece of flatbread into a dry frying pan or onto a sandwich press and heat until soft and pliable.
- 2. Place the softened flat bread into a tortilla shell pan, press and mould to the shape of the tortilla shell pan and then place into a slow oven or dehydrator and bake/dehydrate until crisp and dry. If using an oven to dry out the shells watch carefully to avoid burning.
- 3. When dry, remove flatbread from the tortilla shell pan and cool on a wire rack.
- 4. When cool, store in an airtight container until needed.

To make into salad bowls:

- 1. Place lettuce leaves and baby spinach into base of each edible bowl.
- 2. Arrange tomato, cucumber, olives, red capsicum, green capsicum and avocado on the lettuce leaves in the edible bowl and top with Hommous (or any dip/dressing of your choice).
- 3. Sprinkle finely sliced green spring onions over top.

NOTE:

• If the metal 'Tortilla Shell Pans' are not available locally they can be purchased from amazon.com

Hommus

Ingredients:

2 cups cooked chick peas 2 cloves garlic 4 tablespoons tahini Juice of 1 lemon or more to taste Water as necessary Salt to taste

Method:

- 1. Place all ingredients into blender/food processor and blend until smooth (Thermomix speed 9 for 30 seconds using spatula to assist).
- 2. Adjust consistency with added water/lemon juice to taste.

For pink hommus add a piece of raw beetroot and blend in blender or Thermomix until smooth.