

STUFFED ACORN SQUASH

Stuffed Acorn Squash

Gluten Free, Higher Fiber, Lower Saturated Fat, Lower Sodium

Serves: 4 (Serving = 1/2 squash)

Nutrition (per serving)

Calories: 354	Total Carbohydrate: 51
Total Fat: 12 g	Dietary Fiber: 7 g
Saturated Fat: 4 g	Protein: 20 g
Sodium: 471 mg	

Ingredients

- 2 small to medium acorn squash
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- 1 1/2 Tablespoons olive oil
- 1/4 teaspoon salt, plus extra
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper, reserve extra
- 1 teaspoon fresh rosemary leaves
- 3 cloves of garlic, chopped
- 1/2 pound turkey sausage
- 1 apple, chopped
- 1 cup Panko breadcrumbs (choose gluten free for GF version)
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400°F. Using a sharp knife, cut off the very top and bottom of each squash to create a flat base on each side (be careful to not cut through the center cavity). Slice the squash in half, and scrape out seeds to create individual bowls for the stuffing.
2. Drizzle each squash half with 0.5 tablespoon olive oil and roast cut side up for 40-50 minutes, or until tender enough that a fork can pierce easily.
3. While squash is roasting, heat 1 Tablespoon olive oil in large fry pan over medium heat. Add onion, celery, salt, pepper and rosemary. Cook until onions begin to soften.
4. Add garlic and sausage and cook until sausage is browned on all sides. Add apple until slightly softened. Mix in breadcrumbs and half of the parmesan cheese just until incorporated. Remove from heat.
5. Once squash has finished roasting, remove from oven and fill each with prepared stuffing mixture. Return to oven for 20 minutes. Sprinkle parmesan cheese for last 5 minutes.