

# The Be Fit Minute



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# EGGCELLENT DINNER, 5 WAYS



#### **BAKED EGGS**

Hands-on time: 10-15 min. Total time: 30-35 min.

Servings: 6

Coat 6-6 oz ramekins or custard cups with 1 tbsp butter. Crack 1 egg into each ramekin and divide 2 tbsp whipping cream among them. Season with salt and pepper. Place in 13 x 9 inch baking dish; add boiling water to the baking dish to a depth of 11/4 inches. Bake at 350 degrees for about 20 min., or until set.

Serve with: 9 cups arugula, ½ cup walnuts, 2 pears sliced, and ½ cup crumbled blue cheese. Dress with 34 cup balsamic dressing (2 tbsp/serving).

Tip: Prep the salad while the eggs are baking.

Calories per serving: 350 (salad included)

### **HUEVOS RANCHEROS**

Hands-on time: 20-25 min. Total time: 25-30 min. Servings: 6

In a saucepan mix 15 oz canned diced tomatoes with 10 oz canned red enchilada sauce. Simmer 5-10 min., until slightly thick: add 1½ tbsp lime iuice and ½ cup chopped cilantro. In a bowl, place 3 tbsp water and 24 oz canned pinto beans, mash slightly: microwave for 2 minutes, until hot. Fry or scramble 6 eggs. Warm 6 8-inch flour tortillas; divide beans and sauce among tortillas. Top with egg and divide 3/4 cup feta among servings.

Calories per serving: 450

#### The "SELT"

Hands-on time: 15-20 min. Total time: 15-20 min. Servings: 6

Fry 6 eqqs (sunny-side up or over easy). Mash together 3 oz reduced-fat cream cheese, 3 tbsp minced red onion, 1½ tbsp chopped dill, and 6 oz **smoked salmon**; spread on 6 slices of whole wheat bread. Divide 11/2 cups arugula among the slices, placing on top of salmon spread. Top each with 2 tomato slices, 1 egg, and another slice of bread.

Calories per serving: 375

#### **MINI CROQUE MADAMES**

Hands-on time: 15-20 min. Total time: 40-45 min. Servings: 6

Melt 3 tbsp **butter** in a saucepan; mix in 1 tbsp flour until paste forms. Add 3/4 cup low fat milk, ½ tsp Dijon and ½ tsp **nutmeg**; simmer 5-10 min.. whisk as needed. When sauce thickens, add 1/4 cup shredded cheese; salt and **pepper** to taste; set aside. Flatten 6 slices of **bread**: brush each side with olive oil (3 tbsp total). Line 6 muffin tin cups with bread, pressing slices down with the bottom of small glass; divide 3 oz diced **ham** among them; crack 1 egg into each; top with cheese sauce. Bake 350 degrees for 15-20 min, or until set.

Serve with: 9 cups spinach with tomatoes/cucumbers. Dress with 34 cup Italian dressing (2 tbsp/serving).

Calories per serving: 425 (salad included)

#### **SOY & EGG SALAD**

Hands-on time: 5-10 min. Total time: 30-35 min.\* Servings: 6

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Combine 10 ounces of firm tofu with ¼ cup chopped cilantro, 2 tbsp chopped green onions, 1/4 cup mayo, ¼ cup plain low fat yogurt, 2 tsp hot pepper sauce, 1 tsp curry powder, ½ tsp salt, ¼ tsp pepper, and 4 peeled hard-boiled eggs; stir until well mixed. Spread mixture among 6 slices of whole grain bread. Top with 6 bread slices.

\*includes time estimated to boil and peel eggs.

## To hard-boil eggs

Place eggs in a pan of cold water. Bring to boil and then turn the heat off; let the eggs sit for 12 minutes. Drain and run under cold water until cool (ice water will chill quickly).

Calories per serving: 375

Not Cooking For 6? The huevos rancheros sauce, salmon spread, and egg salad can be made in bulk (prepare the amount indicated in the recipes). Assemble super fast breakfasts, lunches, and additional dinners with the leftovers.