

March Recipes



Green Beans with Tomatoes and Basil

(Makes 6 servings)

Ingredients:

6 cups green beans (about 1 pound, ends snipped)

- 1 T. olive oil
- 1 onion (medium, finely chopped) 1 can tomatoes (14.5 ounce can, drained and chopped)
- 1 T. basil (fresh or ½ tsp. dried)
- 1 T. parsley (fresh or ½ tsp. dried) salt and pepper (to taste, optional)

Directions:

- 1. Cook beans in a large saucepan of boiling water for 5 minutes; beans will still be crisp. Drain and rinse under cold running water. Set aside.
- 2. In a large frying pan, heat olive oil over medium heat. Add onion and cook 2-3 minutes until softened.
- 3. Add tomatoes, basil and parsley. Cook 3 minutes to heat and combine flavors.
- 4. Stir beans into pan and cook 5-6 minutes. Season with salt and pepper (optional).

Source: University of Maryland Cooperative Extension

Healthy Eating Tips:

A good practice is to aim for a variety of colors on your plate. Fruits and vegetables like dark, leafy greens, oranges, and tomatoes—even fresh herbs—are loaded with vitamins, fiber, and minerals.

Honey Mustard Green Beans

(Makes 4 cups)

Ingredients:

- 1 T. prepared mustard
- 3 T. honey (see Notes)
- 3 T. vinegar
- 4 cups green beans (cooked from fresh, frozen, or canned, drained and rinsed)

Directions:

- 1. Wash hands with soap and water.
- In a medium saucepan or skillet over medium-low heat, stir together mustard, honey and vinegar. Cook until sauce boils and becomes thick, about 10 minutes.
- Add green beans and stir to coat evenly. Cook until beans are heated through. Serve warm.
- 4. Refrigerate leftovers within 2 hours.

Notes

- 4 cups of green beans is about 1½ pounds fresh or 16 ounces frozen or 2 cans (15 ounces each) drained.
- Honey is not recommended for children under 1 year old.

Source: FoodHero.org

Simple Serving Tips

Green Beans & Almonds: Boil or steam green beans for three minutes and drain. Then sauté with a small amount of oil and a handful of almonds.

Lemon-Dill Green Beans: Sprinkle lemon juice and dried dill over steamed green beans.

Roasted Green Beans: Preheat oven to 450 degrees. On a rimmed baking sheet, toss string beans, olive oil, salt and pepper. Roast for about 10 minutes, stirring once.

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