

a series of simple recipes using canned foods

Crackers

Muffin Meat Loaf

Servings: 6

Ingredients:

- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup non-fat milk
- ³/₄ cups crackers, crushed
- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 3 tablespoons chopped onion
- ¹/₄ cup ketchup
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar (optional)

Directions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
- 2. Combine the egg, milk, crackers, beef and onion in a bowl and mix well.
- 3. In a separate container, mix the ketchup and brown sugar (if desired). Divide mixture among 6 greased muffin cups.
- 4. Spoon the meat mixture into muffin cups.
- 5. Bake for 1 hour, or until temperature in center of meat loaf is 160°F.
- 6. Cool slightly before removing from muffin cups.
- 7. Enjoy! Refrigerate leftovers immediately.





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Cheese Sticks

Servings: 6

Ingredients:

- 6 ounces mozzarella string cheese or cheese of choice
- 1 egg
- 1 cup crackers, finely crushed

Directions:

- 1. Wash hands and surfaces. Preheat oven to 400°F.
- 2. Line a baking sheet with foil and spray lightly with cooking spray.
- 3. Remove cheese from package and cut in half.
- 4. Place crushed crackers in bowl. Beat egg in a separate bowl.
- 5. Dip each piece of cheese in egg and then into crushed cracker, coating completely. Place on baking sheet about 1 1/2 inches apart.

- ¹/₂ cup marinara sauce, warmed (optional)
- Non-stick cooking spray
- 6. Bake 5 to 6 minutes or until heated through. Cheese may melt slightly and lose shape. Simply press it back into place.
- 7. Dip in warmed marinara sauce and enjoy!
- 8. Refrigerate leftovers immediately.
- *Optional: For additional flavor, add ½ teaspoon of dried oregano and dried basil to crushed crackers.

Tuna Noodle Casserole

Servings: 4

Ingredients:

- 2 cans (6-ounce) tuna, drained
- 1 can (10.5-ounce) condensed 98% fat-free cream of mushroom soup
- 1 can (15-ounce) peas, drained
- 1 cup shredded low-fat Cheddar cheese
- 2 ¹/₄ cup cooked noodles of your choice
- 1 cup crushed butter or salted crackers
- ¹/₂ cup melted butter

Directions:

- 1. Wash hands and surfaces. Preheat oven to 375°F.
- 2. In medium-size bowl, combine soup, noodles, tuna, cheese and peas.
- 3. Spread mixture into 9-by-13-inch baking dish.
- 4. Combine crushed crackers and melted butter in bowl and sprinkle evenly over top casserole.
- 5. Bake uncovered 20 to 25 minutes or until crackers turn golden brown.
- 6. Enjoy! Refrigerate leftovers immediately.





Simple Oven-Baked Chicken

Servings: 4

Ingredients:

- 4 skinless chicken breasts
- ¹/₂ cup melted butter or margarine
- 2 cups crushed salted or buttered crackers

Directions:

- 1. Wash hands and surfaces. Preheat oven to 350°F.
- 2. Dip chicken into bowl with melted butter or margarine.
- 3. In separate bowl, coat chicken with crushed cracker crumbs.
- 4. Place on baking sheet lined with foil.
- 5. Bake for 1 hour, or until temperature in center is 165°F.
- 6. Enjoy! Refrigerate leftovers immediately.

***Optional:** Try substituting the chicken in this recipe with pork. Please note that pork must be cooked to an internal temperature of 145°**F.**



Lemon Velvet Supreme

Servings: 6

Ingredients:

- 2 cups fat-free vanilla yogurt
- 3 tablespoons instant lemon pudding mix
- 8 graham crackers squares, crushed
- 1 can (4-ounce) mandarin orange slices, drained

Directions:

- 1. Wash hands and surfaces.
- 2. Combine vanilla yogurt and pudding mix. Gently stir together.
- 3. Layer bottom of 1 ¹/₂-quart serving dish with crushed graham crackers.
- 4. Immediately pour pudding mixture over cracker crumbs.
- 5. Top with mandarin orange slices or your favorite fruit.
- 6. Enjoy! Refrigerate leftovers immediately.

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COOKING TERMS:

BEAT: To mix rapidly in order to make a mixture smooth and light by incorporating as much air as possible

Measurement Equivalents:

3 teaspoons	= 1 tablespoon
4 tablespoons	= ¼ cup
5 ¹ / ₈ tablespoons	$= \frac{1}{3} cup$
16 tablespoons	= 1 cup
2 cups	= 1 pint
4 cups (2 pints)	= 1 quart
4 quarts (liquid)	= 1 gallon

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