

Hollday bread: Maple Pumpkin Bread is low in fat and contains a healthy amount of

Make holidays healthy tial sources of sound nutration, and no holiday meal or buffet is complete without them. Cranber, years to present them of the source of the s

The holiday season is the season of plenty — plenty of good cheer, plenty of celebration, plenty of family visits, plenty of gifts, plenty of food. What would make the season even better would be plenty of good nutrition.

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Holiday foods have not tradi-tionally been known for their wholesome quality. They include many treats — cookies, cakes, eggnog and others — that are high in fat and sugar and low in vita-mins, minerals and dietary fiber. Rich sauces, gravies and froatings also add lots of fat but few nu-tritions.

It is possible, however, to make some easy changes to traditional holiday foods that can make them festive, delicious and more healthful.

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When you begin your boliday baking, consider using whole grains in cookies, cakes and other aweet treats. This will go a long way toward increasing their dietary fiber content, as well as their vitamins and minerals. Use only three-quarters as much fat (butter, shortening, margarine, etc.) as usual and try adding one or two of your favorite dried fruits for flavor.

Fruits and vegetables are essen-

Maple-pumpkin Bread

- 1½ cups whole wheat flour 2 teaspoons baking powder ₩ teaspoon cinnamon
- 15 cup wheat bran 2 eggs 1 cup plain low-fat yogurt (or
- cup plain low-tart yogurs co-skim milk)
 scup maple syrup
 tablespoons oil
 cup mashed cooked pump-kin (or cannod)

in (or canned)
Sift the flour, baking powder and cinnamon into a large bowl. Sitr in the bran (and any bran menaining in the silter). In a medium bowl, mix the remaining in the silter). In a medium bowl, mix the remaining into the dry light startlib blended.
Spoon the batter into a lightly oiled 5 by 9-inch loaf pan. Bake at 350 degrees until a knife inserted into the middle comes out clean, about 50-60 minutes. Each of the 12 silers contains a grams of fat and 157 calories.
Recipe from the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Low-fat cooking

jalapeno 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper (optional) 1 recipe Phylio Cups Plain nonfet yogurt (optional) Fresh cliantro or paraley sprigs (outlonal)

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Place chicken in a medium skillet with water. Bring to boiling, reduce heat. Cover and simmer for 12 to 14 minutes or until no longer pink. Drain and cool. Use a fork to pull chicken spart into long, thin shreds; set aside.

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In a 2-quart assurppan cook onion
and garlic in hot oil over medium
high heat until tender but not
brown. Stir in chili powder and oragano; cook for 1 minute more. Drain
aterwed tomatoes, reserving fuices;
set aside. Add reserved tomato
joice, beer and lime juice to onion
misture; bring to boiling. Reduce
heat; simmer, uncovered, for 6 miautes.

No-butter phyllo makes amazing appetizer tarts

AP — Nonstick costing replaces the codies of butter usually spread between the shoets of phyllo dough for these appetizer tarts, You'll be amazed that the shoet of the spicy chicken filling spooned into each shell takes a playful twist on all-American beef chill. For buffet parties, set out a tray of the phylio cups and a pot of chill; so guesta can fill their own.

BLACK BEAN CHILI IN PHYLLO TARTS

6 to 8 ounces skinless, bone-less chicken breast

- small onion, finely chopped or 2 cloves gartic, minced poon olive oil or cook
- ing oil

 I teaspoon chill powder

 I teaspoon dried oregano.
- 14½-ounce can stewed toma-toes
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 toep beer
 tablespoons lime juice
 15-ounce can black beans,
 rinsed and drained
 t or 2 fresh jalapene peppers,
 seeded and diced, or 2

meanwhile, coarsely chop the stewed tomatoes. Add tomatoes, shredded chicken, black beans, jalapenos and red pepper to onion mixture. Simmer mixture, uncovered, for 15 to 20 minutes more or until most of the liquid is absorbed. (It should be thick.) Season with

salt and pepper.

Just before serving, speen about. I tablespoon chill into each phyllocup. Top with yogust and clanter, sprigs, if desired. Berve immediate, and in the serving in the serving soft whee 30 to 40 sepper.

Phyllo Copper Thaw eight with monstick spray coating. The serving soft with monstick spray coating. (Keep remaining phyllo dough. Spray coating. (Keep remaining phyllo dough covered with a damp cloth until you's ready with monstick spray coating. The second sheet of phyllo flowers and spray coating. Population and spray with spray; coating. Fepset with two more sheets of phyllo med additional spray coating. You should have four layers of phyllo med additional spray coating. You should have four layers of phyllo med additional spray coating. You should have four layers of phyllo and sadditional spray coating. You should have four layers of phyllo med additional spray coating for such seeping layers intact. Press each square gently into a 1 winch minimpen, creasing as needed to fit.

Repeat with remaining for sheets of phyllo daugh and spray coating to make 90 cupe total. Barry for 8 to 10 minutes or until crisp and golden. Cool phyllo cupe for simulates in the pass.

Nutrition facts per tort: 39 cal.

Tree decorators will enjoy a casual buffet of a party

AP — Everyone looks forward trimming the Christmas tree, this year, plan a casual buffet that will appeal to tree-trimmers all ages. Choose foods like of all ages. Choose foods like lasagna that are easy to serve and can be prepared shead.

No-FUSS LASAGNA

- i pound ground beef (80 per-cent lean)

 1 jer (26 to 32 ounces) pre-pared spicy spaghetti sauce
 14/y-ounce can diced toma-
- toes
 15-ounce carton part-skim
 ricotta cheese
 1 egg, well beaten

4 cup grated Parmesan cheese 1 teaspoon dried basil leaves 6 uncooked lasagna noodles 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese

cheese
Heat oven to 375 degrees F. Cook
ground beef in preheated large skillet over medium heat 4 to 6 minutes
or until no longer pink. Pour off
drippings. Add speaghettl sauce and
tomatoes with liquid to skillet, stirring to combine; set saide.

Meanwhile combine ricotta cheese, egg. Parmesan cheese and

Spread 2 cups beef sauce mixture

over bottom of 11- by 7-inch baking-dish, arrange three lasages needles in a single layer, pressing into besi-nation of the single layer, pressing into besi-ture on top of noodles, sprinkle with tup of the mouzarella choices and-top with 2 cups beef sauce mixture. Arrange remaining noodles in a single layer, pressing lightly into beef sauce mixture. Top with remaining beef sauce mixture, apress evenly to cover noodles. Baks in a 575-degrey: 7 oven for 45 mixture, out in noo-dles are fork tender. Sprinkle re-maining morzaella choces on top; tent lightly with aluminum foil. List stand at least 15 minutes before



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with not cranery-trinamon sauce.
When making your holiday breads, try this delicious Maple Pumpkin Bread relpe. In addition to the goodness of beta-caroten-rich pumpkin, the low-fat yogurt or skim milk and the limited amount of oil keeps fat to a minimum. Whole wheat flour and wheat bran in this recipe add a

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