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## Why Use Homemade Convenience Foods?

Preparing homemade convenience foods allows you to control the final product, the nutritional value, and the quality and quantity of the ingredients. You can limit fat, sodium, sugar and additives in your convenience foods, and also save valuable time.

When you compare the costs of home-prepared foods with those of commercial convenience foods, remember that cost per serving is only one consideration. There are other factors to consider when deciding whether to prepare a mix at home or to buy it at the local store.

## Purchased "convenience foods" may be a bargain when

- product is less bulky than other forms, which will save storage space (for example, juice concentrate, instant coffee, etc.);
- it is a lot of work to make the item at home (for example, squeezing oranges for juice or making pasta); or the product contains rarely-used ingredients that you probably would not use (for example, certain spices).


## Purchased "convenience foods" may NOT be a bargain when

- the main ingredient is meat (generally, with a few exceptions); has a great deal of packaging;
- you have the ingredients for the home-prepared product on hand and want to use them.
- one or more of the ingredients for the home-prepared product are available either free, or at a substantial savings. (For example, you might have free apples and decide to make applesauce.)


## Suggestions for making "convenience mixes" more nutritious

1. Substitute whole wheat flour for all or part of the bleached white flour.
2. Use vegetable oil instead of solid shortening.
3. Use fat-free milk instead of whole milk.
4. Add more nonfat dry milk than the recipe calls for.

## Reducing fat in your homemade convenience foods

In baking, fat adds moisture, flavor, and tender texture to cookies, cakes, quick breads, and muffins.
Using fruit puree - such as banana, prune, or apple - and nonfat dairy products, like nonfat yogurt or sour cream, help to give some fat-like flavor and texture characteristics to homemade baked goods without adding fat. Adding fruit to your recipes will also increase the nutritive value of the food.

Some of the recipes in this publication have been revised to lower the fat content and change the type of fat, to make the recipes more heart-healthy. Fruit sauces, purees, or nonfat yogurt, when added to recipes or used to replace some of the fat, will make foods more moist.

People often ask if oil can be substituted for margarine or shortening when making cookies. All three ingredients are fats, but they are not all interchangeable. Oil is 100 percent fat. Margarine is a mixture of fat and water (light margarine or spreads have a higher percentage of water). Substituting one cup of oil for one cup of margarine adds more fat than the original recipe. The cookie will have a greasy taste and feel.

Creaming shortening or margarine with sugar helps produce a cookie with a tender texture. Substituting oil in a cookie recipe may change the texture and volume.

Most recipes will not work if you eliminate all of the fat. But reducing fat is a good choice. Flavor does not have to be lost when reducing fat in recipes to make them healthier. When you modify a recipe using fruit purees, replace the amount of fat called for in the recipe with half as much puree.

## Making a Mix From a Favorite Recipe

You can easily make your own mixes at home for many floured-based foods (cakes, quick breads, pie crusts, cookies), as well as foods containing a variety of spices, such as spaghetti sauce, chili sauce, and meat loaf.

## Flour-Based Mixes

Using a favorite recipe, combine all of the dry ingredients with margarine. Blend well and refrigerate in an airtight container, labeled with directions for preparing. Date it, and use within 3 months. When you are ready to use the mix, empty it into a bowl and add liquid ingredients, such as eggs, milk, water, and vanilla, as given in the original recipe.

Let's say that this is your best pancake recipe and you would like to make it into a mix similar to those available in the stores.

## Basic Pancake Batter

2 cups flour
1 tablespoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons sugar
1 egg
$1 / 2$ cup dry milk plus $1-1 / 4$ cups water or
$11 / 2$ cups fluid milk
3 tablespoons margarine
Thoroughly mix flour, baking powder, salt, sugar, dry milk (if used), and margarine. Refrigerate the mix in a jar or other airtight container labeled with directions. Make only as many batches as you will use within 3 months.

When you are ready to make a batch of pancakes, empty one batch of mix into bowl. Add an egg and water or milk and combine well. Follow recipe directions for cooking.

It may be simpler to make and store several single batches individually. But it is also possible to multiply the dry ingredients to make a quantity of mix to be stored in a larger container. The only difference in using this approach is that you must figure how much mix to measure out when you want a single batch of pancakes. To do this, add together all of the cups, tablespoons, and teaspoons of dry ingredients and fat in the original recipe for a single batch, and then convert the answer you get into cups of dry mix.

## Example:

2 cups four flour $+1 / 2$ cup dry milk $=21 / 2$ cups (or 2 cups and 8 tablespoons)

1 tablespoon baking powder +2 tablespoons sugar +3 tablespoons fat $=6$ tablespoons
1 teaspoon salt $=1$ teaspoon
Total $=2$ cups +14 tablespoons +1 teaspoon (or 3
cups minus 2 tablespoons)
You are likely to get a sum that does not make an even $1 / 4,1 / 3$, or $1 / 2$ cup. Estimate your figures to the nearest tablespoon. In this case, to make a single batch of pancakes, you would measure out 3 cups of the mix less 2 tablespoons.

Saving Money With Homemade Convenience Mixes provides recipes for master convenience mixes that you can make and keep on hand. These mixes are healthier and less expensive than the packaged convenience mixes you buy in the store, and allow you to control the amount of fat, sodium, sugar and additives in your foods without sacrificing the convenience of a mix. There are 15 master convenience mixes, each with recipes you can make from the mix:

1. All-Purpose Convenience Mix
2. Whole Wheat Convenience Mix
3. Corn Bread Convenience Mix
4. Rolled Oats Convenience Mix
5. Hot Cocoa Convenience Mix
6. Convenience Spaghetti Sauce Seasoning Mix
7. Convenience Taco Seasoning Mix
8. Convenience Chili Seasoning Mix
9. Convenience Meat Loaf or Meatball Seasoning Mix
10. Convenience Seasoning Mixes For Rice
11. Convenience Seasoned Coating Mix for Meat, Fish, and Poultry
12. Convenience Seasoned Cornmeal Coating Mix for Meat, Fish, and Poultry
13. Convenience Salt-Free Seasoning Mix
14. Basic Oil and Vinegar Dressing Mix
15. High-Fiber Convenience Snack Mix

## Convenience Mix \#1

## All-Purpose Convenience Mix—12-cup yield

9 cups flour
3/4 cup canola oil
1 tablespoon salt
1/4 cup baking powder
2 cups nonfat dry milk

Combine flour, dry milk, baking powder, and salt in a large bowl. Stir together. Mix in oil until the mixture is smooth. Store in an airtight container. Refrigerate and use within a month, or put into containers suitable for freezing and freeze.

## All-Purpose Convenience Mix-6-cup yield

4 1/2 cups flour
1/2 cup canola oil
1/2 tablespoon salt
2 tablespoons baking powder
1 cup nonfat dry milk


Combine flour, dry milk, baking powder, and salt in a large bowl. Stir together. Mix in oil until the mixture is smooth. Store in an airtight container. Refrigerate and use within a month, or put into containers suitable for freezing and freeze.

## Recipes Using All-Purpose Convenience Mix

- 12-cup yield
- 6-cup yield
- Biscuits
- Biscuit Variations
- Cheese Bread
- Dumplings
- Basic Muffins
- Basic Muffin Variations
- Bran Muffins
- Pancakes
- Waffles
- Banana Bread
- Orange Nut Bread
- Pumpkin Bread
- Yeast Rolls
- Hamburger-Onion Buns
- Italian Bread Sticks
- Coffee Cake
- Fruit Surprise
- Apple Rolls
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- Potato Skillet Cakes
- Tuna Biscuit Squares
- Tuna-Broccoli Casserole


## Biscuits

3 cups All-Purpose Convenience Mix
3/4 cup water

Add the water to the Convenience Mix all at once. Blend lightly with a fork to form a soft dough and turn onto a floured board. Knead the dough slightly and then roll or pat the dough to a minimum of $1 / 2$-inch thickness. Cut with a biscuit cutter and place on a cookie sheet. Bake at $450^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ for 10 to 12 minutes.

Makes 9 biscuits

| Nutrition Facts <br> Serving Size .00 item(s) (61g) |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |

## Biscuit Variations

Combine ingredients as above and continue as follows:
Drop biscuits: Use a little more liquid. Drop dough by spoonfuls onto a greased pan and bake at $450^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ for 10 to 12 minutes.

Cinnamon rolls: Roll biscuit mix to $1 / 4$-inch thickness. Spread with margarine, brown sugar, cinnamon, and raisins. Roll up like a jelly roll. Slice into sections and bake on a greased pan. Bake at $450^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ for 10 minutes.

Meat rollups: Spread cooked leftover thinly sliced or chopped meat or tuna fish on the rolled out biscuit dough. Roll up like a jelly roll. Slice into sections and bake on a greased pan. Serve sections plain or with a cheese sauce. Bake at $450^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ for 12 minutes.

## Cheese biscuits:

Add $1 / 3$ to $1 / 2$ cup grated American or cheddar cheese to
3 cups mix. Then follow biscuit recipe above.


## Shortcake:

Add 1 tablespoon sugar to 3 cups mix. Add $3 / 4$ cup water and prepare as for biscuits. Roll biscuit dough out in a rectangle. Bake at $450^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ for 10 to 12 minutes. Remove from the oven and serve at once with sweetened fruit. For individual shortcakes, cut dough into rounds before baking.

| Nutrition Facts <br> Serving Size 1.00 serving(s) (62g) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Amount Per Serving |  |  |
| Calories 175 | 175 Calories from Fat | 44 |
|  |  |  |
| Total Fat 4.9g |  | $7 \%$ |
| Saturated Fat 0.4 g |  | 2\% |
| Trans Fat 0.0 g |  |  |
| Cholesterol | ol 0.7 mg | 0 \% |
| Sodium 347.3 mg |  | 14 \% |
| Total Carbohydrate 27.6 g |  | $9 \%$ |
| Dietary Fiber $\quad 0.8 \mathrm{~g}$ |  | 3\% |
| Sugars 3.5 g |  |  |
| Protein $\quad 4.6 \mathrm{~g}$ |  |  |
| Vitamin A | $2 \% \quad$ Calcium | 8\% |
| Vitamin C | 0\% Iron | 8 \% |

## Fruit kuchen:

Spread the dough in a prepared pie pan so that dough comes up the sides. Fill with peeled, sliced peaches or apples. Sprinkle peaches with $1 / 4$ cup sugar, or apples with a mixture of $1 / 4$ cup sugar and 1 teaspoon cinnamon. Drop 1 teaspoon margarine on top of fruit. Bake at $400^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ for 20 to 25 minutes.

## American pizza:

Use 3 cups mix and $1 / 2$ cup water. Roll out dough into a 15 -inch circle, 1/4-inch thick. Place on baking sheet. Spread dough with 1 cup spaghetti sauce. Sprinkle with grated mozzarella cheese. Add other toppings as desired. If using pepperoni, reduce fat by laying the slices on paper towels and microwaving for 20 seconds before placing on pizza. Bake at $425^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ for 20 minutes or until edges are brown.

## Cheese Bread

## 3 3/4 cups All-Purpose Convenience Mix

1 egg
1 1/2 cups water
3/4 cup grated natural sharp cheese (cheddar)
Beat egg; add water and stir in Convenience Mix and cheese. Beat until well blended. Pour into greased loaf pan, $9 \times 5 \times 3$ inches. Bake 1 hour at $350^{\circ}$ F. Let cool a few minutes. Slice $1 / 2$-inch thick and serve warm. Or cool thoroughly, wrap in waxed paper, and refrigerate overnight. Slice thinly. Also good toasted.


## Dumplings

3 cups All-Purpose Convenience Mix
3/4 cup water (about)

Pour water into mix and stir about 30 strokes. Drop from tablespoon into gently boiling stew. Cook for about 20 minutes, keeping pot tightly covered during the last 10 minutes.

| Nutrition Facts <br> Serving Size 1.00 item(s) (22g) |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Amount Per Serving |  |
| Calories $61 \quad$ Calories from Fat | 16 |
| \% Daily Value |  |
| Total Fat $\quad 1.8 \mathrm{~g}$ | $3 \%$ |
| Saturated Fat 0.1 g | 1\% |
| Trans Fat $\quad 0.0 \mathrm{~g}$ |  |
| Cholesterol 0.2 mg | 0\% |
| Sodium 125.0 mg | $5 \%$ |
| Total Carbohydrate 9.4 g | 3\% |
| Dietary Fiber $\quad 0.3 \mathrm{~g}$ | 1\% |
| Sugars 0.7g |  |
| Protein $\quad 1.6 \mathrm{~g}$ |  |
| Vitamin A $1 \% \quad$ Calcium | 3\% |
| Vitamin C 0\% Iron | 3\% |

## Basic Muffins

2 1/2 cups All-Purpose Convenience Mix
1/3 cup sugar
3/4 cup water
1 egg
Combine Convenience Mix and sugar. In a separate bowl, beat egg and add water; add to dry ingredients. Stir just enough to mix in dry ingredients. Fill greased muffin tins about $2 / 3$ full and bake at $400^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ for 18 to 20 minutes.

| Nutrition Facts <br> Serving Size .00 item(s) (50g) |  |  |
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## Basic Muffins Variations

## Raisin muffins:

Add 1/2 cup raisins.


## Blueberry muffins:

Add $1 / 2$ cup blueberries (fresh or frozen).


## Date muffins:

Add $1 / 3$ cup chopped dates.


## Pineapple muffins:

Add 1/2 cup well-drained, crushed pineapple.

| Nutrition Facts <br> Serving Size 1.00 item(s) (61g) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Amount Per Serving |  |  |
| Calories 142 | 142 Calories from Fat | 31 |
| \% Daily Value |  |  |
| Total Fat $\quad 3.5 \mathrm{~g}$ |  | $5 \%$ |
| Saturated Fat $\quad 0.4 \mathrm{~g}$ |  | 2\% |
| Trans Fat 0.0g |  |  |
| Cholesterol | ol 18.1 mg | $6 \%$ |
| Sodium $\quad 223.2 \mathrm{mg}$ |  | $9 \%$ |
| Total Carbohydrate 24.3 g |  | 8 \% |
| Dietary Fiber 0.6 g |  | 3\% |
| Sugars $\quad 9.1 \mathrm{~g}$ |  |  |
| Protein $\quad 3.4 \mathrm{~g}$ |  |  |
| Vitamin A | 2\% Calcium | 5\% |
| Vitamin C | 2\% Iron | $6 \%$ |

Oatmeal muffins: see Rolled Oats Convenience Mix

## Bran Muffins

1 egg
1/4 cup sugar
2/3 cup water
2 tbsp. canola oil
1 cup whole bran cereal
1 1/2 cups All-Purpose Convenience Mix
Place egg in a bowl and beat. Add sugar, water, and oil. Continue beating. Blend in whole bran cereal. Add Convenience Mix. Stir quickly and vigorously until just mixed. Batter will look lumpy. Spray or rub muffin pans lightly with oil. Fill greased muffin tins about $2 / 3$ full and bake at $400^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ for 18 to 20 minutes.


## Pancakes

1 1/2 cups All-Purpose Convenience Mix
2 tablespoons sugar
3/4 cup water
1 egg, well beaten
Blend Convenience Mix and sugar. Stir water and egg into mix until blended. Drop batter onto hot griddle which has been lightly greased. Cook on first side until bubbles form. Turn and cook on the other side. Serve immediately. Makes 12 medium pancakes.

| Nutrition Facts <br> Serving Size 1.00 item(s) (37g) |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Amount Per Serving |  |
| Calories 78 Calories from Fat | 20 |
| \% Daily Value |  |
| Total Fat $\quad 2.2 \mathrm{~g}$ | $3 \%$ |
| Saturated Fat 0.3 g | 1\% |
| Trans Fat 0.0 g |  |
| Cholesterol 17.9 mg | 6 \% |
| Sodium $\quad 136.3 \mathrm{mg}$ | 6\% |
| Total Carbohydrate 12.0 g | $4 \%$ |
| Dietary Fiber 0.3 g | 1\% |
| Sugars $\quad 2.9 \mathrm{~g}$ |  |
| Protein $\quad 2.2 \mathrm{~g}$ |  |
| Vitamin A 1\% Calcium | 3\% |
| Vitamin C 0\% Iron | $3 \%$ |

## Waffles

1 1/2 cups All-Purpose Convenience Mix
2 tablespoons sugar
3/4 cup water
1 egg, well beaten
Blend Convenience Mix and sugar. Gradually add beaten egg mixed with water. Mix thoroughly. Pour about $1 / 2$ cup of the mixture onto a heated waffle iron and bake. Makes 4 to 5 waffles.

Variations: Top each waffle with your favorite fruit or vegetable. Try blueberries, apples, corn, broccoli, or nuts.


## Banana Bread

3 cups All-Purpose Convenience Mix
3/4 cup sugar
3/4 cup water
1 egg
1/2 cup unsweetened apple sauce
1 cup mashed bananas
1/4 cup wheat germ (optional)
1/2 cup nuts (optional)

Beat egg and water together. Add sugar and bananas and mix. Stir in Convenience Mix and beat until blended. Add wheat germ and/or nuts. Pour into a lightly greased $9 \times 5 \times 3$-inch pan. Bake for 45 to 50 minutes at $350^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. Let cool before slicing.

Nutrition Facts
Serving Size 1.00 slice(s) (92g)


## Orange Nut Bread

3/4 cup sugar
1 egg
1 1/4 cups orange juice
1 tablespoon grated orange rind
3 cups All-Purpose Convenience Mix
3/4 cup chopped nuts

Mix sugar, egg, orange juice, rind, and Convenience Mix. Beat vigorously. Batter may be lumpy. Stir in nuts. Pour into lightly greased loaf pan, $9 \times 5 \times 3$ inches. Bake at $350^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ for 50 to 55 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center of bread comes clean. Cool before slicing.

| Nutrition Facts |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Serving Size 1.00 slice(s) (81g) |  |  |
| Amount Per Serving |  |  |
| Calories | 242 | Calories from Fat |
|  |  | 80 |
|  | \% Daily Value |  |
| Total Fat | 8.9 g | $14 \%$ |
| Saturated Fat | 0.9 g | $4 \%$ |
| Trans Fat | 0.0 g |  |
| Cholesterol | 18.1 mg | $6 \%$ |
| Sodium | 266.3 mg |  |
| Total Carbohydrate | 36.1 g | $12 \%$ |
| Dietary Fiber | 1.2 g | $5 \%$ |
| Sugars | 16.6 g |  |
| Protein | 5.2 g |  |
| Vitamin A | $3 \%$ | Calcium |
| Vitamin C | $23 \%$ | $7 \%$ |

## Pumpkin Bread

3 cups All-Purpose Convenience Mix
3/4 cup sugar
3 tablespoons water
1 egg
1 cup pumpkin pie filling or cooked pumpkin
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

Combine all ingredients together and mix well. Pour into lightly greased loaf pan, $9 \times 5 \times 3$ inches. Bake at $350^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ for 50 to 55 minutes.

| Nutrition Facts <br> Serving Size 1.00 item(s) (74g) |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Amount Per Serving |  |
| Calories 206 Calories from Fat | 37 |
| \% Daily Valuo |  |
| Total Fat $\quad 4.1 \mathrm{~g}$ | $6 \%$ |
| Saturated Fat 0.5 g | 2\% |
| Trans Fat 0.0 g |  |
| Cholesterol 18.1 mg | 6 \% |
| Sodium $\quad 312.8 \mathrm{mg}$ | 13\% |
| Total Carbohydrate 38.4 g | $13 \%$ |
| Dietary Fiber $\quad 2.6 \mathrm{~g}$ | 10\% |
| Sugars 14.2 g |  |
| Protein $\quad 4.2 \mathrm{~g}$ |  |
| Vitamin A $39 \% \quad$ Calcium | $7 \%$ |
| $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Vitamin C } & \text { 2\% Iron }\end{array}$ | 8 \% |

## Yeast Rolls

Makes 16 rolls

1 package dry yeast
2/3 cup warm water
1 tablespoon sugar
2 tablespoons oil
2-1/2 cups All-Purpose Convenience Mix

Dissolve yeast in warm water. Stir in sugar, oil, and Convenience Mix; beat vigorously. Turn dough onto floured surface. Knead until smooth, about 20 times. Cut off small sections of dough and shape into rolls. Arrange in a lightly greased baking pan so that the rolls are packed tightly and touching each other. It doesn't matter if your rolls don't take up the whole pan. Cover with damp cloth. Let rise in warm place until double in size, about 30 minutes. Bake in $400^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ oven 10 to 15 minutes, or until golden brown.


## Hamburger-Onion Buns

1 package dry yeast<br>1 cup warm water (not hot-110 to 115 degrees)<br>2 tablespoons sugar<br>4 cups All-Purpose Convenience Mix<br>2 tablespoons onion flakes

Dissolve yeast in water. Add sugar and half the Convenience Mix. Beat with mixer for two minutes at medium speed, scraping sides and bottom of bowl frequently (or 300 strokes by hand). Add remaining Convenience Mix and onion flakes; blend well with spoon. Cover with cloth and let rise in warm place until doubled in size, about 30 minutes. Stir down by beating 25 strokes. Drop dough by spoonfuls, forming 12 mounds, about 2 inches apart on greased baking sheet. With floured fingers, flatten mounds into rounds about $1 / 2$-inch thick. Let rise in warm place for about 40 minutes. Bake 12 to 15 minutes, or until nicely browned, in a $400^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ oven.


## Italian Bread Sticks

3/4 cup warm water (not hot-110 to 115 degrees)
1 package active dry yeast
2 1/2 cups All-Purpose Convenience Mix

Dissolve yeast in warm water. Mix in Convenience Mix. Beat vigorously. Turn dough onto surface well-dusted with flour. Knead until smooth, about 20 times. Divide dough into 16 equal parts. Roll each piece between your hand to form pencil-like strips, 8 inches long. Put strips of dough on greased baking sheet. Sprinkle with caraway seeds, poppy seeds, celery seeds, sesame seeds or garlic powder. Cover with clean cloth. Let rise in warm place about 1 hour. Bake at $425^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ for 15 minutes, until light brown.


## Coffee Cake

## Makes 9 servings

1 egg
3/4 cup water
3 cups All-Purpose Convenience Mix
1/2 cup sugar

## Topping

1/2 cup brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
2 tablespoons flour
2 tablespoons margarine

Mix the egg and water together in large bowl. Add Convenience Mix and sugar.

| Nutrition Facts <br> Serving Size 1.00 serving(s) (91g) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Amount Per Serving |  |  |
| Calories 280 | 280 Calories from Fat | 72 |
| \% Daily Value |  |  |
| Total Fat 8.0 g |  | 12 \% |
| Saturated Fat $\quad 1.1 \mathrm{~g}$ |  | $5 \%$ |
| Trans Fat 0.5 g |  |  |
| Cholesterol | ol 24.2 mg | 8 \% |
| Sodium 387.0 m | 387.0 mg | $16 \%$ |
| Total Carbohydrate 46.8 g |  | 16 \% |
| Dietary Fiber $\quad 1.0 \mathrm{~g}$ |  | 4\% |
| Sugars $\quad 21.1 \mathrm{~g}$ |  |  |
| Protein 5.5 | 5.5 g |  |
| Vitamin A | 5\% Calcium | $9 \%$ |
| Vitamin C | 0\% Iron | $10 \%$ | Mix until ingredients are blended. Pour into a lightly greased, 9-inch baking pan.

For the topping, mix the sugar, cinnamon, and flour thoroughly. Add the margarine and mix until fine and crumbly. Sprinkle the topping over the cake mixture. Bake the cake at $350^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ for 30 to 35 minutes.

## Fruit Surprise

Makes 9 servings
2 cups All-Purpose Convenience Mix
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
1/4 cup fruit juice or water
2 cups canned fruit, pineapple, or peaches, well drained
Put Convenience Mix into a bowl. Add the sugar, eggs, and fruit juice or water. Stir until well mixed. Put the fruit on the bottom of a greased, 9 -inch baking pan. Spread the batter over the fruit. Bake in a $375^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ oven for 35 minutes.


## Apple Rolls

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2 cups All-Purpose Convenience Mix
1/2 cup water
1 tablespoon margarine
2 cups diced tart apples
1/2 cup sugar
1 to 2 teaspoons cinnamon
1 teaspoon nutmeg (optional)
Syrup
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1/2 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup white sugar
2 tablespoons margarine
1 cup boiling water


Put Convenience Mix in a bowl; make a well in the center. Add $1 / 2$ cup water; stir with a fork about 25 strokes. Roll out dough on a lightly floured surface into an $8 \times 8$ inch rectangle. Spread with margarine, diced apples, sugar, and cinnamon. Roll up like a jelly roll and pinch and seal edges well. Cut into 1 -inch slices.

Boil all syrup ingredients for 2 to 3 minutes; then pour into an $8-\mathrm{x} 8$ - x 2 -inch pan. Place dough cut side up in the syrup. Bake at $450^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ for 20 minutes. Serve warm with the syrup from the pan, or top with low-fat ice cream.

## Brownies

Makes 9 servings

1 cup All-Purpose Convenience Mix
1/4 cup softened margarine
2/3 cup sugar
1/2 cup cocoa
1 egg
1/4 cup water
1/4 cup canola oil

Grease an 8 -inch square pan. Put Convenience Mix into a bowl. Add the margarine and mix with a fork. Mix in the sugar and cocoa. Add the egg, water, and oil. Beat 25 times. Pour the mixture into the greased baking pan. Bake for 20 minutes at $350^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$.

Nutrition Facts
Serving Size 1.00 item(s) (58g)


## Molasses Cookies

Makes 5 dozen

4 cups All-Purpose Convenience Mix
1/2 cup sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
$1 / 2$ teaspoon cloves
1 egg
1 cup molasses
Stir sugar and spices into Convenience Mix. Combine beaten egg with molasses and add to the mix. Blend well, chill 1 hour, shape into balls, and roll in sugar. Flatten on greased baking sheet and bake at $375^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ for 10 to 12 minutes.

| Nutrition Facts <br> Serving Size 1.00 serving(s) (16g) |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Amount Per Serving |  |
| Calories $57 \quad$ Calories from Fat | 10 |
| \% Daily Value |  |
| Total Fat $\quad 1.1 \mathrm{~g}$ | $2 \%$ |
| Saturated Fat 0.1 g | 1\% |
| Trans Fat 0.0 g |  |
| Cholesterol $\quad 3.7 \mathrm{mg}$ | 1\% |
| Sodium 72.5 mg | 3\% |
| Total Carbohydrate 11.0g | 4\% |
| Dietary Fiber 0.2 g | 1\% |
| Sugars 5.1 g |  |
| Protein $\quad 1.0 \mathrm{~g}$ |  |
| Vitamin A $0 \% \quad$ Calcium | 3\% |
| Vitamin C 0\% Iron | 3\% |

## Oatmeal Cookies

## Makes 2 dozen

1 cup rolled oats
1/4 cup sugar
$1 / 4$ brown sugar, packed
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
1 cup All-Purpose Convenience Mix
1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 tablespoons water
Mix the rolled oats, sugar, brown sugar, and cinnamon with Convenience Mix. In a separate bowl, add vanilla and water to beaten egg. Pour into the dry mix. Mix until the cookie dough cleans the side of the mixing bowl. The dough will be stiff. Drop the dough by teaspoons onto a greased cookie sheet. Bake at $375^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ for
 10 to 12 minutes.

## Oatmeal Cookies Variations

## Oatmeal Raisin Cookies:

Add 1/2 cup raisins with oats, sugar and cinnamon.

## Oatmeal Banana Cookies:

Add 1 cup mashed bananas with the vanilla, water and egg. (Cookies will be softer and moister.)

| Nutrition Facts <br> Serving Size 1.00 item(s) (25g) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Amount Per Serving |  |  |  |
| Calories | 69 Ca | s from Fat | 12 |
|  |  | \% D | Value |
| Total Fat | 1.3 g |  | 2 \% |
| Saturated Fat |  |  | 1\% |
| Trans Fat $\quad 0.0 \mathrm{~g}$ |  |  |  |
| Cholestero | ol 8.9 mg |  | $3 \%$ |
| Sodium | 46.9 mg |  | 2 \% |
| Total Carbohydrate |  |  | $4 \%$ |
| Dietary Fiber 1 |  |  | $4 \%$ |
| Sugars 4.7g |  |  |  |
| Protein | 2.0 g |  |  |
| Vitamin A | 1 \% | Calcium | $2 \%$ |
| Vitamin C | 1 \% | Iron | $3 \%$ |

## Potato Skillet Cakes

Makes about 25 cakes

## 1 egg

1 cup cold
mashed potatoes
1/2 cup milk
2 tablespoons
vegetable oil
2 cups All-
Purpose
Convenience Mix

Beat egg with mixer. Add potatoes, milk, and vegetable oil; beat until smooth. Mix in Convenience
mix. Drop batter by tablespoonfuls onto hot griddle. Bake over medium heat until golden brown, about 5 minutes for each side. Serve hot with syrup or jelly.

## Peanut Butter Cookies

Makes 3 dozen small cookies

1/3 cup sugar
1/3 cup peanut
butter
1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 tablespoon water
1 1/2 cups All-
Purpose
Convenience Mix

Measure sugar and peanut butter into a bowl; mix well. Add egg, vanilla, water and stir all together. Add the
 Convenience Mix.
Mix until you have a smooth, soft dough. Make 1-inch balls. Put balls 2 inches apart on a greased cookie sheet. Flatten balls with a fork dipped in flour. Bake the cookies at $375^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ for about 8 to 10 minutes, until golden brown.

## Tuna Biscuit Squares

## Biscuit dough

1 can (6 1/2 oz) tuna, drained and flaked
1/4 cup sweet pickle relish
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon prepared yellow mustard
3 tablespoons low-fat mayonnaise
Prepare biscuit dough, divide in half, and roll half into a 9-inch square. Place this on greased baking sheet. Mix remaining ingredients together and spread over square. Roll the remaining biscuit dough into a 9 -inch square and place over filling. Bake at $450^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ for 10 to 12 minutes. Cut into squares.

This is good served with white sauce over the top. For added flavor and nutrition, add leftover vegetables to the white sauce.


## Tuna-Broccoli Casserole

## Makes 6 servings

2 cups frozen chopped broccoli
1 can (6 1/2 oz) tuna, drained and flaked
1 can (10-1/2 oz) low-sodium cream of mushroom soup
1/2 cup water
Biscuit dough

Cook broccoli until almost tender, drain well. Place broccoli in greased 9-x 9-x 2-inch square pan. Cover broccoli with tuna. Mix soup and water together and pour over top. Make biscuit dough according to recipe. Beat 20 strokes. Drop dough by tablespoonfuls over mixture in pan. Bake at $450^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ for 15 minutes or until golden brown. Serve hot.


## Convenience Mix \#2

## Whole Wheat Convenience Mix

Makes 13 cups

3 cups whole wheat flour
1/2 cup wheat germ (optional)
5 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup sugar
2 cups nonfat dry milk
1/4 cup baking powder
1 cup canola oil
1 tablespoon salt

Put all ingredients except oil in large bowl and mix well with a spoon. Mix in oil with pastry blender or fork until finely distributed. Store in airtight container in the refrigerator (use within a month) or freezer.

| Nutrition Facts <br> Serving Size 1.00 cup(s) (115g) |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Amount Per Serving |  |
| Calories 490 Calories from Fat | 160 |
| \% Daily Value |  |
| Total Fat 17.8g | 27 \% |
| Saturated Fat $\quad 1.4 \mathrm{~g}$ | 7\% |
| Trans Fat 0.1 g |  |
| Cholesterol 1.9 mg | 1\% |
| Sodium 960.9 mg | $40 \%$ |
| Total Carbohydrate 71.1 g | 24 \% |
| Dietary Fiber $\quad 4.7 \mathrm{~g}$ | 19\% |
| Sugars 13.4 g |  |
| Protein $\quad 12.4 \mathrm{~g}$ |  |
| Vitamin A $5 \% \quad$ Calcium | 21 \% |
| Vitamin C 1\% Iron | $19 \%$ |

## Recipes Using Whole Wheat Convenience Mix

- Whole Wheat Convenience Mix
- Whole Wheat Bread
- Whole Wheat Muffins
- Whole Wheat Pancakes
- Whole Wheat Coffee Cake


## Whole Wheat Bread

1 egg
1 1/4 cup water
4 1/2 cups Whole Wheat Convenience Mix
Beat the egg and water in a large bowl. Stir in the whole wheat mix just until dry ingredients are moistened. Turn into a greased $9-\times 5$ - x 3 -inch loaf pan and bake at $350^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ for 50 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Let stand in pan on wire rack about 5 minutes; loosen sides with a spatula and turn right side up on rack. Cool thoroughly before slicing.


## Whole Wheat Muffins

## Makes 18 muffins

Prepare batter as for Whole Wheat Bread. Spoon into greased medium muffin cups, filling them $2 / 3$ full. Bake in $400^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ oven for 15 to 20 minutes.

| Nutrition Facts <br> Serving Size 1.00 item(s) (51g) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Amount Por Sorving |  |  |
| Calories 126 | 126 Calories from Fat | 43 |
| \% Daily Value |  |  |
| Total Fat $\quad 4.7 \mathrm{~g}$ |  | 7 \% |
| Saturated Fat 0.4 g |  | $2 \%$ |
| Trans Fat $\quad 0.0 \mathrm{~g}$ |  |  |
| Cholesterol | ol 12.2 mg | $4 \%$ |
| Sodium 244.7 mg |  | $10 \%$ |
| Total Carbohydrate 17.8g |  | $6 \%$ |
| Dietary Fiber $\quad 1.2 \mathrm{~g}$ |  | 5\% |
| Sugars 3.4 g |  |  |
| Protein $\quad 3.5 \mathrm{~g}$ |  |  |
| Vitamin A | $2 \% \quad$ Calcium | $5 \%$ |
| Vitamin C | 0\% Iron | $5 \%$ |

## Whole Wheat Pancakes

Makes about 15 3-inch pancakes

1 egg
1 cup water
2 1/4 cups Whole Wheat Convenience Mix

Beat the egg slightly with the water in a bowl. Stir in the Whole Wheat Convenience Mix, just until dry ingredients are moistened. Pour batter onto greased, hot griddle and cook over medium heat until browned on both sides and cooked through. Serve hot with applesauce or syrup.


## Whole Wheat Coffee Cake

1 egg
1/2 cup water
2 1/4 cups Whole Wheat Convenience Mix
1/2 cup raisins

## Crumb Topping

1/2 cup brown sugar
2 tablespoons flour
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
2 tablespoons margarine

Mix the sugar, flour, and cinnamon together until there are no lumps of sugar. Add the margarine and mix until topping is fine and crumbly.

Nutrition Facts
Serving Size 1.00 item(s) (69g)


Preheat oven to $400^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. In a separate bowl, beat the egg slightly with the water in a bowl. Stir in the Whole Wheat Convenience Mix and raisins just until dry ingredients are moistened. Spread evenly in greased 8-x 8-inch baking pan. Sprinkle with Crumb Topping and bake in preheated $400^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ oven about 25 minutes. Cut in squares. Best served warm.

## Convenience Mix \#3

## Corn Bread Convenience Mix

## Makes 11 cups

4 cups flour
1/2 cup sugar
4 cups cornmeal
1/4 cup baking powder
1 1/2 cups instant dry milk
1 tablespoon salt
1 cup margarine

Stir dry ingredients together until well mixed. Cut in margarine with a pastry blender. Store in tightly covered container in the refrigerator or freezer. Use within a month.

| Nutrition Facts <br> Serving Size 1.00 cup(s) (134g) |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Amount Per Serving |  |
| Calories 548 Calories from Fat | 168 |
| \% Daily Value |  |
| Total Fat 18.7g | $29 \%$ |
| Saturated Fat 3.5 g | $17 \%$ |
| Trans Fat $\quad 3.1 \mathrm{~g}$ |  |
| Cholesterol $\quad 1.7 \mathrm{mg}$ | 1 \% |
| Sodium 1325.7mg | $55 \%$ |
| Total Carbohydrate $84.3 \mathrm{~g} \quad 28 \%$ |  |
| Dietary Fiber $4.5 \mathrm{~g} \quad 18 \%$ |  |
| Sugars $\quad 14.4 \mathrm{~g}$ |  |
| Protein $\quad 11.6 \mathrm{~g}$ |  |
| Vitamin A $21 \% \quad$ Calcium | $21 \%$ |
| Vitamin C 1\% Iron | $20 \%$ |

## Recipes Using Corn Bread Convenience Mix

- Corn Bread Convenience Mix
- Golden Bread Drops
- Golden Corn Bread, Corn Muffins, or Corn Sticks
- Corn Bread Variations
- Corn Doodle Cookies
- Golden Goody Pancakes


## Golden Bread Drops

2 cups Corn Bread Convenience Mix
1/2 cup water
Combine Convenience Mix and water and drop onto baking sheet. Bake at $425^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ for 10 to 12 minutes. Or mix and drop onto a heavy skillet that has been greased and heated. Cook 5 to 7 minutes on each side on top of stove.


## Golden Corn Bread, Corn Muffins, or Corn Sticks

Makes 9

2 cups Corn Bread Convenience Mix
2/3 cup water
1 egg
Mix Convenience Mix, water, and egg. Pour mixture into greased 8-x 8-inch pan, greased muffin pan, or hot, greased corn-stick pan. Bake at $425^{\circ} \mathrm{F} 20$ to 25 minutes until lightly browned or a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.

Nutrition Facts
Serving Size 1.00 serving(s) (53g)

| Amount Per Serving |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Calories 130 | Calories from Fat | 42 |
| \% Daily Value |  |  |
| Total Fat $\quad 4.7 \mathrm{~g}$ |  | $7 \%$ |
| Saturated Fat 0.9 g |  | 5\% |
| Trans Fat 0.7 g |  |  |
| Cholesterol | 23.9 mg | 8 \% |
| Sodium 302. | 9mg | $13 \%$ |
| Total Carbohydrate 18.8g |  | $6 \%$ |
| Dietary Fiber | 1.0 g | 4\% |
| Sugars $\quad 3.2 \mathrm{~g}$ |  |  |
| Protein $\quad 3.3$ |  |  |
| Vitamin A | 5\% Calcium | 5\% |
| Vitamin C | 0\% Iron | $5 \%$ |

## Corn Bread Variations

## Blueberry Squares:

Add 1 cup blueberries.

| Nutrition Facts <br> Serving Size 1.00 serving(s) (69g) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Amount Per Serving |  |  |
| Calories 139 | 139 Calories from Fat | 43 |
| \% Daily Value |  |  |
| Total Fat $\quad 4.8 \mathrm{~g}$ |  | $7 \%$ |
| Saturated Fat 0.9g |  | 5\% |
| Trans Fat 0.7 g |  |  |
| Cholesterol | ol 23.9 mg | 8 \% |
| Sodium 303. | 303.1 mg | $13 \%$ |
| Total Carbohydrate $\quad 21.1 \mathrm{~g}$ |  | $7 \%$ |
| Dietary Fiber $\quad 1.4 \mathrm{~g}$ |  | 6\% |
| Sugars 4.8 g |  |  |
| Protein $\quad 3.4 \mathrm{~g}$ |  |  |
| Vitamin A | 5\% Calcium | $5 \%$ |
| Vitamin C | $3 \% \quad$ Iron | $5 \%$ |

Harvest Corn Squares:
Add 2 tablespoons sugar and $3 / 4$ cup diced apples.

## Corn Bread Variations

## Onion-Cheese Corn Bread:

Add $1 / 3$ cup chopped onion and $1 / 2$ cup shredded cheddar cheese.

| Nutrition Facts <br> Serving Size 1.00 serving(s) (65g) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Amount Per Serving |  |  |
| Calories 157 | 157 Calories from Fat | 61 |
| \% Daily Value |  |  |
| Total Fat 6.8 g |  | $10 \%$ |
| Saturated Fat $\quad 2.3 \mathrm{~g}$ |  | 11\% |
| Trans Fat 0.7 g |  |  |
| Cholesterol | rol 30.5 mg | $10 \%$ |
| Sodium 342. | 342.1 mg | $14 \%$ |
| Total Carbohydrate 19.4 g |  | 6 \% |
| Dietary Fiber | Fiber 1.1 g | 4\% |
| Sugars $\quad 3.5 \mathrm{~g}$ |  |  |
| Protein 4.9 | 4.9 g |  |
| Vitamin A | 6\% Calcium | $10 \%$ |
| Vitamin C | 1\% Iron | $5 \%$ |

## Corn Doodle Cookies

2 cups Corn Bread Convenience Mix
1/3 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1 egg
3 tablespoons water
1/4 teaspoon vanilla

Stir together Convenience Mix, sugar, and cinnamon. Blend in egg, water, and vanilla. Drop by teaspoons onto greased baking sheets. Bake at $375^{\circ} \mathrm{F}, 10$ to 12 minutes, until lightly browned on edges. Remove from oven. Cool on baking sheet and loosen cookies with spatula.


## Golden Goody Pancakes

Makes 8 to 10 pancakes

2 cups Corn Bread Convenience Mix
1 egg
1 cup water

Mix Convenience Mix, egg, and water. Drop onto hot greased skillet or griddle. Turn over when edges look dry. Cook until lightly browned on bottom. Serve with molasses.


## Convenience Mix \#4

## Rolled Oats Convenience Mix

## Makes 10 cups

4 cups flour
1 teaspoon salt
4 cups quick-cooking oats (not instant)
1/4 cup baking powder
$11 / 2$ cups nonfat dry milk
3/4 cup butter or margarine

Put all ingredients except margarine in large bowl and stir until very well mixed. Cut in margarine with a fork or pastry cutter until well blended. Cover and refrigerate; will keep 1 month.

NOTE: Store in airtight glass jars or canisters. To measure, spoon into cup,


10 servings per container
Serving size $\quad 1$ cup $(\mathbf{1 1 8 g})$

| Amount per serving Calories | 490 |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | \% Daily Value* |
| Total Fat 17 g | 22\% |
| Saturated Fat 9g | 45\% |
| Trans Fat 0.5 g |  |
| Cholesterol 40 mg | 13\% |
| Sodium 290 mg | 13\% |
| Total Carbohydrate 68g | 25\% |
| Dietary Fiber 5g | 18\% |
| Total Sugars 6 g |  |
| Includes 0g Added Sugars | gars 0\% |
| Protein 15g |  |
| Vitamin D 1mcg | 6\% |
| Calcium 875 mg | 70\% |
| Iron 4mg | 20\% |
| Potassium 243mg | 6\% |
| "The \% Daily Value tells you how much a nutrient in a serving of food contributes to a daly diet. 2,000 calories a day is used for general nutrition advice |  | pack lightly, and level off.

## Recipes Using Rolled Oats Convenience Mix

- Rolled Oats Convenience Mix
- Oat Muffins
- Oat Pancakes
- Date-Nut Oat Bread
- Coconut Dreams
- Coconut Dreams Variation


## Oat Muffins

$21 / 4$ cups Rolled Oats Convenience Mix
1/4 cup raisins (optional)
2 Tablespoons sugar
2/3 cup water
1 egg, beaten
Put all ingredients in bowl and stir until just moist. Spoon into 12 greased 2 1/2inch muffin cups and bake at $425^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ about 20 minutes.

Nutrition Facts

| 12 servings per container |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Serving size 1 serving(s) (44g) |  |
| Amount per serving Calories | 110 |
|  | \% Daily Value* |
| Total Fat 3.5 g | 4\% |
| Saturated Fat 2g | 10\% |
| Trans Fat Og |  |
| Cholesterol 25 mg | 8\% |
| Sodium 60mg | 3\% |
| Total Carbohydrate 17g | 6\% |
| Dietary Fiber 1g | 4\% |
| Total Sugars 5g |  |
| Includes 2g Added Sugars | gars 4\% |
| Protein 3g |  |
| Vitamin D Omcg | 0\% |
| Calcium 168mg | 15\% |
| Iron 1mg | 6\% |
| Potassium 77mg | 2\% |
| *The \% Daily Value tells you how much a nutrient in a serving of food contributes to a daily diet. 2,000 calories a day is used for general nutrition advice |  |

## Oat Pancakes

Makes about 16 3-inch pancakes

1 1/2 cups Rolled Oats Convenience Mix
1 cup water
1 egg
Stir all ingredients in a bowl with a spoon until blended. Cook on hot griddle or in a skillet until browned on both sides and done. Top with fresh berries or syrup.

| Nutpition Eacts |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| 16 servings per container |  |
| Serving size 1 serving | 1 serving(s) (29g) |
| Amount per serving Calories | 50 |
|  | \% Daily Value* |
| Total Fat 2 g | 3\% |
| Saturated Fat 1g | 5\% |
| Trans Fat Og |  |
| Cholesterol 15mg | 5\% |
| Sodium 30mg | 1\% |
| Total Carbohydrate 6 g | $6 \mathrm{~g} \quad 2 \%$ |
| Dietary Fiber 1g | 4\% |
| Total Sugars 1g |  |
| Includes Og Added Sugars | 0\% |
| Protein 2g |  |
| Vitamin D 0mcg | 0\% |
| Calcium 84mg | 6\% |
| Iron Omg | 0\% |
| Potassium 27 mg | 0\% |
| *The \% Daily Value tells you how much a nutrient in a serving of food contributes to a daily diet. 2,000 calories a day is used for general nutrition advice. |  |

Date-Nut Oat Bread<br>8 ounces pitted dates<br>1 cup boiling water<br>1/2 cup sugar<br>1 egg<br>3 cups Rolled Oats Convenience Mix<br>1 cup chopped walnuts

Chop dates and put in bowl. Cover with the boiling water and mix well. Stir in sugar, let stand until lukewarm, then add remaining ingredients and mix well. Put in greased, $9-\times 5-\times 3$-inch loaf pan and bake at $350^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ for 1 hour, or until done. Remove from pan and cool before slicing.

| Nutrition Facts |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| 10 servings per container |  |
| Serving size 1 se | 1 serving(s) (106g) |
| Amount per serving Calories | 320 |
|  | \% Daily Value* |
| Total Fat 13g | 17\% |
| Saturated Fat 3.5 g | 18\% |
| Trans Fat Og |  |
| Cholesterol 30mg | 10\% |
| Sodium 95mg | 4\% |
| Total Carbohydrate 45g | 16\% |
| Dietary Fiber 4 g | 14\% |
| Total Sugars 24g |  |
| Includes 7g Added Sugars | gars 14\% |
| Protein 7g |  |
| Vitamin D 0 mcg | 0\% |
| Calcium 288mg | 20\% |
| Iron 2mg | 10\% |
| Potassium 275mg | 6\% |
| *The \% Daily Value tells you how much a nutrient in a serving of food contributes to a daily diet. 2,000 calories a day is used for general nutrition advice. |  |

## Coconut Dreams

## Makes 24

2 cups Rolled Oats Convenience Mix
2 tablespoons milk
1 egg
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup shredded coconut
1/3 cup sugar
Mix all ingredients thoroughly. Drop by teaspoons onto a greased cookie sheet, 2 inches apart. Bake at $350^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ for 10 to 12 minutes.

Nutrition Facts

| 24 servings per container |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Serving size 1 item | 1 item(s) (18g) |
| Amount per serving Calories | 70 |
|  | \% Daily Value* |
| Total Fat 3.5 g | 4\% |
| Saturated Fat 2.5 g | 13\% |
| Trans Fat Og |  |
| Cholesterol 10 mg | 3\% |
| Sodium 30mg | 1\% |
| Total Carbohydrate 8 g | 3\% |
| Dietary Fiber 1g | 4\% |
| Total Sugars 3g |  |
| Includes 2g Added Sugars | Sugars 4\% |
| Protein 2g |  |
| Vitamin D Omcg | 0\% |
| Calcium 76mg | 6\% |
| Iron Omg | 0\% |
| Potassium 23mg | 0\% |
| "The \% Daily Value tells you how much a nutrient in a serving of food contributes to a daily diet. 2,000 calories a day is used for general nutrition advice. |  |

## Coconut Dreams Variation

## Nut Dreams:

In place of coconut, use 1/2 cup nuts.

24 servings per container<br>\section*{Serving size $\quad 1$ item(s) ( $\mathbf{1 8 g}$ )}

| Total Fat 3.5 g | $4 \%$ |
| :---: | ---: |
| Saturated Fat 2.5 g | $13 \%$ |
| Trans Fat 0 g |  |


| Cholesterol 10mg | $3 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Sodium 30 mg | $\mathbf{1 \%}$ |
| Total Carbohydrate 8 g | $3 \%$ |


| Dietary Fiber 1 g | $\mathbf{3 \%}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Total Sugars 3 g | $4 \%$ |
| Includes 2 g Added Sugars | $4 \%$ |

Includes 2g Added Sugars $\quad 4 \%$

Protein 2g

| Vitamin D 0mcg | $0 \%$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Calcium 76 mg | $6 \%$ |
| Iron 0 mg | $0 \%$ |
| Potassium 23mg | $0 \%$ |

## Cranberry Fruit Bar

Makes 20

2 cups Rolled Oats Convenience Mix
1/2 cup sugar
1/4 cup water
$11 / 3$ cups thick, sweetened cranberry sauce (canned or homemade)
Mix Convenience Mix, sugar, and water. Grease bottom of 9-x 13-inch pan. Spread half of rolled oat mixture over bottom of pan and press. Spread cranberry sauce over the mix. Sprinkle rest of mix evenly over the fruit and press down lightly. Bake at $350^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ for 25 to 30 minutes. Cool and cut into squares.

## Cranberry Fruit Bar Variation

## Fruit Bars:

Any dried, cooked, sweetened fruit may be used in place of the cranberry sauce, if it's not runny. Try dates or peach conserves.

Nutrition Facts
20 servings per container
Serving size 1 serving(s) ( 37 g )

| Serving size 1 serving(s) (37g) |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Amount per serving |  |
| Calories | $\mathbf{\%}$ Daily Value* |
|  | $\mathbf{2 \%}$ |
| Total Fat 1.5 g | $\mathbf{5 \%}$ |
| Saturated Fat 1g |  |
| Trans Fat 0 g | $\mathbf{2 \%}$ |
| Cholesterol 5mg | $\mathbf{1 \%}$ |
| Sodium 30mg | $\mathbf{7 \%}$ |
| Total Carbohydrate 18g | $\mathbf{4 \%}$ |
| Dietary Fiber 1g |  |
| Total Sugars 10g | $\mathbf{8 \%}$ |
| Includes 4g Added Sugars |  |
| Protein 2g |  |


| Vitamin D 0mcg | $0 \%$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Calcium 88 mg | $6 \%$ |
| Iron 0 mg | $0 \%$ |
| Potassium 29mg | $0 \%$ |
| TThe \% Daily Value tells you how much a nutrient in a <br> serving of food contributes to a daly diet. <br> day is used for general nutrition advice. |  |

## Hermits

3 cups Rolled Oats Convenience Mix
1/4 cup brown sugar, packed
1/2 cup sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon cloves
1 egg
1/2 cup milk
$3 / 4$ cup mixture of chopped nuts, raisins, and dates
Combine all dry ingredients. Beat egg and milk in a separate bowl. Add liquid mixture to dry mixture, and stir until all ingredients are well blended. Mix in nuts or fruit. Drop by teaspoons onto a greased cookie sheet. Bake at $350^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ for 15 minutes or until lightly browned. Makes about 2 dozen cookies.

## Nutrition Facts

24 servings per container
Serving size 1 serving(s) (32g)

| Amount per serving Calories | 0 |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | alue* |
| Total Fat 3g | 4\% |
| Saturated Fat 1.5 g | 8\% |
| Trans Fat Og |  |
| Cholesterol 15mg | 5\% |
| Sodium 45mg | 2\% |
| Total Carbohydrate 17g | 6\% |
| Dietary Fiber 19 | 4\% |
| Total Sugars 8 g |  |
| Includes 5g Added Sugars | 10\% |
| Protein 3g |  |
| Vitamin D Omcg | 0\% |
| Calcium 123mg | 10\% |
| Iron 1mg | 6\% |
| Potassium 66mg | 2\% |
| The \% Daily Value tells you how much a nutrient in a serving of food contributes to a daily diet. 2,000 calories a day is used for general nutrition advice. |  |

## Applesauce Cookies

Makes about 2 dozen cookies
3 1/3 cups Rolled Oats Convenience Mix
1/4 cup brown sugar, packed
1/2 cup sugar
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
$1 / 2$ teaspoon ground cloves
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1 egg
2/3 cup applesauce
1/2 cup raisins
Combine all dry ingredients. Beat egg in a separate bowl and add applesauce.
Add liquid mixture to dry mixture, and stir until all ingredients are well blended.
Drop by teaspoons onto a greased cookie sheet. Bake at $350^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ for 15 minutes.

| Nutition Eacts |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| 24 servings per container |  |
| Serving size 1 serving | 1 serving(s) (34g) |
| Amount per serving Calories | g 100 |
|  | \% Daily Value* |
| Total Fat 2.5 g | 3\% |
| Saturated Fat 1.5 g | g 8\% |
| Trans Fat Og |  |
| Cholesterol 15mg | 5\% |
| Sodium 60 mg | 3\% |
| Total Carbohydrate 18g | $18 \mathrm{~g} \quad 7 \%$ |
| Dietary Fiber 1g | 4\% |
| Total Sugars 9g |  |
| Includes 5g Added Sugars | ded Sugars 10\% |
| Protein 2g |  |
| Vitamin D 0mcg | 0\% |
| Calcium 127mg | 10\% |
| Iron 1mg | 6\% |
| Potassium 71mg | 2\% |
| *The \% Daily Value tells you how much a nutrient in a serving of food contributes to a daily diet. 2,000 calories a day is used for general nutrition advice |  |

## Oat-Raisin Cookies

Makes about 2 dozen
2 1/2 cups Rolled Oats Convenience Mix
1/2 cup sugar
1/3 cup raisins
1/4 cup water
1 egg, beaten
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon vanilla
Mix all ingredients and drop from teaspoon onto greased baking sheets. Bake at $375^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ for 12 to 15 minutes.

| Nutrition Eacts |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| 24 servings per container |  |
| Serving size 1 serving | 1 serving(s) (22g) |
| Amount per serving Calories | 70 |
|  | \% Daily Value* |
| Total Fat 2 g | 3\% |
| Saturated Fat 1g | 5\% |
| Trans Fat Og |  |
| Cholesterol 10 mg | 3\% |
| Sodium 35mg | 2\% |
| Total Carbohydrate 12g | 12 g |
| Dietary Fiber 1 g | 4\% |
| Total Sugars 5 g |  |
| Includes 3g Added Sugars | ded Sugars 6\% |
| Protein 2g |  |
| Vitamin D Omcg | 0\% |
| Calcium 95mg | 8\% |
| Iron 1mg | 6\% |
| Potassium 46mg | 0\% |
| The \% Daily Value tells you how much a nutrient in a serving of food contributes to a daily diet. 2,000 calories a day is used for general nutrition advice. |  |

## Convenience Mix \#5

## Hot Cocoa Convenience Mix

Makes 2 1/2 cups | Serving Size: 4 Tbsp. (1/4 cup) of mix

## 2/3 cup sugar

1 1/2 cups dry nonfat milk
2/3 cup unsweetened cocoa

Add sugar and dry nonfat milk powder into a mixing bowl. Sift cocoa powder into the same bowl. Mix ingredients thoroughly and store in an airtight container. To use, bring 1 cup of water ( 8 oz .) to boil in a saucepan, mix in 4 tablespoons of hot cocoa convenience mix and stir well.

| Nutrition Facts |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| 10 servings per container |  |
| Serving size 4 Table | 4 Tablespoons (25g) |
| Amount per serving Calories | 80 |
|  | \% Daily Value* |
| Total Fat 0.5 g | 1\% |
| Saturated Fat 0g | 0\% |
| Trans Fat 0g |  |
| Cholesterol 0 mg | 0\% |
| Sodium 55mg | 2\% |
| Total Carbohydrate 18g | 8g 7\% |
| Dietary Fiber 2g | 7\% |
| Total Sugars 15g |  |
| Includes 10g Added Sugars | 20\% Sugars |
| Protein 5g |  |
| Vitamin D 1mcg | 6\% |
| Calcium 134mg | 10\% |
| Iron 2mg | 10\% |
| Potassium 255mg | 6\% |
| *The \% Daily Value tells you how much a nutrient in a serving of food contributes to a daily diet. 2,000 calories a day is used for general nutrition advice. |  |

## Recipes Using Hot Cocoa Convenience Mix

- Hot Cocoa Convenience Mix
- Mocha Mix


## Mocha Mix

Combine $1 / 3$ cup Hot Cocoa Convenience Mix and $1 / 4$ cup instant coffee. Store in an airtight container. To serve, measure $11 / 2$ tablespoons mix into a cup. Add boiling water and stir well.


## Convenience Mix \#6

## Convenience Spaghetti Sauce Seasoning Mix

## Makes 8 servings or $21 / 4$ cups mix

1/2 cup instant minced onion
1/2 cup parsley flakes
1/2 cup cornstarch
2 teaspoons salt
2 tablespoons sugar
2 tablespoons Italian seasoning
1 teaspoon garlic powder

Combine all ingredients. Store in a jar and cover tightly. The above recipe makes 8 servings of mix. Measure out $1 / 4$ cup plus 1 teaspoon mix for each serving.
(Option: store in packets.)


## Recipes Using Spaghetti Sauce Seasoning Mix

- Convenience Spaghetti Sauce Seasoning Mix
- Spaghetti
- Sloppy Joes


## Spaghetti

Makes 4 servings
1 lb lean hamburger
16 -oz can tomato paste
2 cups water
1 serving Spaghetti Sauce Seasoning Mix (1/4 cup + 1 tsp.)

Brown hamburger and drain fat. Stir together tomato paste, water, and Seasoning Mix. Add sauce to hamburger. Cover and simmer 20 minutes.


## Spaghetti Alternative:

Use one 6 -oz can tomato paste, 1 cup stewed tomatoes, 1 cup water, and 1 serving Seasoning Mix.


## Sloppy Joes

Makes 6 servings

1 lb lean hamburger
16 -oz can tomato paste
1 1/4 cups water
1 serving Spaghetti Sauce Seasoning Mix
Brown hamburger and drain fat. Stir together tomato paste, water, and Seasoning Mix. Add sauce to meat. Cover and simmer 20 minutes. Serve on hamburger buns.

| Nutrition Facts <br> Serving Size 1.00 serving(s) (200g) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Amount Per Serving |  |  |
| Calories 273 | 273 Calories from Fat | 70 |
|  |  | Value |
| Total Fat 7.7g |  | 12 \% |
| Saturated Fat $\quad 2.9 \mathrm{~g}$ |  | $14 \%$ |
| Trans Fat 0.2 g |  |  |
| Cholesterol | ol 41.6 mg | 14 \% |
| Sodium 577.7m | 577.7 mg | 24 \% |
| Total Carbohydrate $\quad 29.2 \mathrm{~g}$ |  | $10 \%$ |
| Dietary Fiber $\quad 2.2 \mathrm{~g}$ |  | 9\% |
| Sugars $\quad 7.0 \mathrm{~g}$ |  |  |
| Protein $\quad 21.2 \mathrm{~g}$ |  |  |
| Vitamin A | $9 \% \quad$ Calcium | 8 \% |
| Vitamin C 1 | 12\% Iron | $21 \%$ |

Nutrition Facts includes 1 serving of Sloppy Joes and 1 hamburger roll.

## Convenience Mix \#7

## Convenience Taco Seasoning Mix

Makes 8 servings or 1 cup mix

1/3 cup instant minced onion
1 tablespoon crushed dried red pepper
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon instant minced garlic
1 tablespoon curry powder
3 tablespoons chili powder
1 tablespoon cornstarch
2 teaspoons oregano

Combine all ingredients. Store in a jar and cover tightly. Measure out 2 tablespoons for each serving. (Option: store in packets.)


## Recipes Using Convenience Taco Seasoning Mix

- Convenience Taco Seasoning Mix
- Tacos

Tacos
Makes 10 tacos

1 lb lean hamburger
1 serving Convenience Taco Seasoning Mix
3/4 cup water
10 taco shells
10 ounces shredded cheddar cheese
1 cup chopped tomato
1 cup shredded lettuce
Brown hamburger in skillet. Drain excess fat. Add Taco Mix and water; bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer uncovered for 10 minutes or until liquid is reduced. Stir. Place about 2 tablespoons meat mixture into each taco shell. Top the meat with shredded cheddar cheese, chopped tomatoes, and finely shredded lettuce.

Nutrition Facts
Serving Size 1.00 serving(s) (163g)

| Amount Per Serving |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Calories | 261 C | es from Fat | 142 |
|  |  |  | $y$ Value |
| Total Fat | 15.8 g |  | 24 \% |
| Saturated Fat |  |  | 41\% |
| Trans Fat $\quad 0.1 \mathrm{~g}$ |  |  |  |
| Cholestero | ol 54.7 m |  | 18 \% |
| Sodium | 295.7 mg |  | 12 \% |
| Total Carbohydrate 11.5 g |  |  | $4 \%$ |
| Dietary Fiber |  |  | $6 \%$ |
| Sugars 1.8g |  |  |  |
| Protein | 18.1 g |  |  |
| Vitamin A | 15 \% | Calcium | 23 \% |
| Vitamin C | $8 \%$ | Iron | $9 \%$ |

## Convenience Mix \#8

## Convenience Chili Seasoning Mix

Makes 8 packages or 2 1/2 cups mix

1 cup flour
1 tablespoon instant minced garlic
1 cup instant minced onion
1/4 cup chili powder
1 tablespoon crushed, dried red pepper, if desired
1 tablespoon curry powder
Combine all ingredients. Store in a covered container. Use $1 / 4$ cup plus 1 tablespoon for each packet.


## Recipes Using Convenience Chili Seasoning Mix

- Convenience Chili Seasoning Mix
- Chili


## Chili

Makes 4 to 6 servings

1 lb lean hamburger
1 serving Convenience Chili Seasoning Mix
1 1-lb can whole tomatoes
1/2 cup water
1 15-oz can kidney beans
Brown hamburger in skillet. Drain excess fat. Stir in Chili Seasoning mix. Add tomatoes (cut into pieces), water, and kidney beans. Bring to boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 10 minutes.


## Convenience Mix \#9

## Convenience Meat Loaf or Meatball Seasoning Mix

Makes 3 cups mix or 4 individual packages

2 cups dried bread crumbs
1/2 cup nonfat dry milk
1 tablespoon poultry seasoning
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
3 tablespoons instant minced onion flakes
1 tablespoon parsley flakes

Combine ingredients. Store whole mix recipe in a tightly covered container. Use 3/4 cup of mix for each recipe.

| Nutrition Facts <br> Serving Size 1.00 serving(s) (74g) |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Amount Per Serving |  |
| Calories 278 Calories from Fat | 31 |
| \% Daily Value |  |
| Total Fat $\quad 3.5 \mathrm{~g}$ | $5 \%$ |
| Saturated Fat 0.9 g | 5\% |
| Trans Fat 0.0 g |  |
| Cholesterol $\quad 2.1 \mathrm{mg}$ | 1\% |
| Sodium 1104.2mg | $46 \%$ |
| Total Carbohydrate 49.7 g | $17 \%$ |
| Dietary Fiber $\quad 3.5 \mathrm{~g}$ | 14\% |
| Sugars $\quad 9.3 \mathrm{~g}$ |  |
| Protein $\quad 12.0 \mathrm{~g}$ |  |
| Vitamin A | 24 \% |
| Vitamin C 9\% Iron | 19\% |

## Recipes Using Convenience Chili Seasoning Mix

- Convenience Meat Loaf or Meatball Seasoning Mix
- Meatloaf
- Meatballs


## Meatloaf

## Makes 6 servings

1/2 medium green pepper, chopped
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1/3 cup water
1 egg, beaten
1 pound lean hamburger
3/4 cup Meat Loaf or Meatball Seasoning Mix
Sauté green pepper in vegetable oil until soft. In a large bowl, add water, egg, and $3 / 4$ cup Seasoning Mix to hamburger. Mix well and press into $8-x$ 4-inch loaf pan. Bake at $350^{\circ} \mathrm{F} 1$ hour or until done ( $160^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ on meat thermometer).


## Meatballs

Makes 18 meatballs

Prepare as for meat loaf mixture. Shape mixture into 2-inch balls, brown on all sides in small amount of fat, add to spaghetti sauce and simmer until thoroughly cooked.


## Convenience Mix \#10

## Convenience Seasoning Mixes For Rice

Below are recipes for making rice flavoring mix. Add 1 packet of mix to 1 cup brown rice, $21 / 2$ cups water. Bring water, rice, and seasoning to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 50 minutes or until the water is absorbed. 1 cup of uncooked brown rice makes about 3 cups of cooked rice.

To use white rice instead of brown rice, reduce the water to 2 cups and reduce the cooking time to 20 minutes.

## Recipes Using Convenience Seasoning Mix

- Convenience Seasoning Mixes For Rice
- Curry Mix
- Beef Mix
- Chicken Mix
- Spanish Rice Mix
- Pre-Mix Flavorings


## Curry Mix

## Makes 6 recipes

Mix 1/2 cup instant onion, 3 tablespoons curry powder, 3 tablespoons low-sodium chicken bouillon granules, 1 teaspoon garlic powder and $1 / 2$ teaspoon ground turmeric. Place in container. Use 2 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon mix for each recipe.

| Nutrition Facts <br> Serving Size 1.00 serving(s) (10g) |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Amount Per Serving |  |
| Calories 42 Calories from Fat | 0 |
| \% Dally Value |  |
| Total Fat 0.1 g | 0\% |
| Saturated Fat 0.0 g | 0\% |
| Trans Fat 0.0 g |  |
| Cholesterol $\quad 0.0 \mathrm{mg}$ | 0\% |
| Sodium 42.1 mg | 2\% |
| Total Carbohydrate 9.0 g | $3 \%$ |
| Dietary Fiber 0.7 g | 3\% |
| Sugars $\quad 2.6 \mathrm{~g}$ |  |
| Protein $\quad 0.7 \mathrm{~g}$ |  |
| Vitamin A $0 \% \quad$ Calcium | 2\% |
| Vitamin C $9 \% \quad$ Iron | 1\% |

Curry Mix Nutrition Facts

| Nutrition Facts <br> Serving Size 1.00 serving(s) (2g) |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Amount Per Serving |  |
| Calories $7 \quad$ Calories from Fat | 1 |
| \% Daily Value |  |
| Total Fat 0.1 g | 0\% |
| Saturated Fat 0.0 g | 0\% |
| Trans Fat |  |
| Cholesterol 0.1 mg | 0\% |
| Sodium 7.2 mg | 0\% |
| Total Carbohydrate 1.4g | $0 \%$ |
| Dietary Fiber $\quad 0.1 \mathrm{~g}$ | 0\% |
| Sugars 0.5 g |  |
| Protein $\quad 0.2 \mathrm{~g}$ |  |
| Vitamin A $0 \% \quad$ Calcium | 0\% |
| $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Vitamin C } & 1 \%\end{array}$ | 0\% |

Curry Mix Per Half Cup Serving of Rice Nutrition Facts

## Beef Mix

## Makes 6 recipes

Combine 3 tablespoons low-sodium beef bouillon granules, $1 / 2$ cup instant minced onion, $1 / 2$ cup parsley flakes. Place in container. Use 2-1/2 tablespoons mix for each recipe.

| Nutrition Facts <br> Serving Size 1.00 serving(s) (12g) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Amount Per Serving |  |  |
| Calories 44 | 44 Calories from Fat | 6 |
|  |  | Value |
| Total Fat 0.6 g | 0.6 g | 1\% |
| Saturated Fat | ed Fat 0.1 g | 1\% |
| Trans Fat |  |  |
| Cholesterol | ol 0.5 mg | 0\% |
| Sodium 48.4m | 48.4 mg | 2\% |
| Total Carbohydrate 8.7 g |  | 3\% |
| Dietary Fiber | Fiber 1.0 g | 4\% |
| Sugars $\quad 3.29$ |  |  |
| Protein 1.59 | 1.59 |  |
| Vitamin A | 3\% Calcium | 4\% |
| Vitamin C | 11\% Iron | 7\% |

Beef Mix Nutrition Facts

| Nutrition Facts <br> Serving Size 1.00 serving(s) (2g) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |
| Amount Per Serving |  |  |  |
| Calories | $7 \quad \mathrm{C}$ | s from Fat | 1 |
| \% Daily Value |  |  |  |
| Total Fat | 0.1g |  | 0 \% |
| Saturated Fat |  |  | $0 \%$ |
| Trans Fat |  |  |  |
| Cholestero | ol 0.1 mg |  | $0 \%$ |
| Sodium | 8.1 mg |  | $0 \%$ |
| Total Carbohydrate 1.5 g |  |  | $0 \%$ |
| Dietary Fiber 0.2 g |  |  | 1\% |
| Sugars 0.5g |  |  |  |
| Protein | 0.3 g |  |  |
| Vitamin A | 0 \% | Calcium | 1 \% |
| Vitamin C | $2 \%$ | Iron | 1 \% |

Beef Mix Per Half Cup Serving of Rice Nutrition Facts

## Chicken Mix

## Makes 6 recipes

Combine 3 tablespoons low-sodium chicken bouillon granules, 1/2 cup parsley flakes, 1 tablespoon celery flakes, $1 / 2$ cup instant minced onion, and $1 / 4$ teaspoon pepper. Place in a container. Use 3 tablespoons mix for each recipe.


Chicken Mix Nutrition Facts

## Nutrition Facts

Serving Size 1.00 serving(s) (2g)

| Amount Per Serving |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Calories | 8 C | Calories from Fat | 1 |
|  | \% Daily Value |  |  |
| Total Fat 0.1 g |  |  | $0 \%$ |
| Saturated Fat 0.0 g |  |  | 0\% |
| Trans Fat |  |  |  |
| Cholesterol | ol 0.1 mg |  | $0 \%$ |
| Sodium | 9.3 mg |  | $0 \%$ |
| Total Carbohydrate |  | e 1.5 g | $1 \%$ |
| Dietary Fiber |  | 0.2 g | 1\% |
| Sugars 0.6 g |  |  |  |
| Protein | 0.3g |  |  |
| Vitamin A | $1 \%$ | \% Calcium | 1\% |
| Vitamin C | $2 \%$ | \% Iron | 1\% |

Chicken Mix Per Half Cup Serving of Rice Nutrition Facts

## Spanish Rice Mix

## Makes 4 recipes

Combine 1 tablespoons instant minced onion, $1 / 4$ cup parsley flakes, 1 teaspoon salt, $1 / 2$ teaspoon black pepper, 1 teaspoon garlic powder, and 1 teaspoon turmeric. Store in a container. Use $1 / 4$ cup mix for each recipe.

When using this seasoning mix, add one 14 ounce can of stewed tomatoes along with 1 cup of rice and 2 1/2 cups of water.


Spanish Rice Mix Nutrition Facts

| Nutrition Facts <br> Serving Size 1.00 serving(s) (1g) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Amount Per Serving |  |  |
| Calories 2 | 2 Calories from Fat | 0 |
|  |  | Value |
| Total Fat 0.0 g |  | 0\% |
| Saturated Fat 0.0 g |  | 0\% |
| Trans Fat 0.0 g |  |  |
| Cholesterol | 10.0 mg | 0\% |
| Sodium 97.7mg | 97.7 mg | $4 \%$ |
| Total Carbohydrate 0.4 g |  | $0 \%$ |
| Dietary Fiber $\quad 0.1 \mathrm{~g}$ |  | 0\% |
| Sugars $\quad 0.1 \mathrm{~g}$ |  |  |
| Protein 0.1 g |  |  |
| Vitamin A | 0\% Calcium | $0 \%$ |
| Vitamin C | 1\% Iron | 0\% |

Spanish Rice Mix Per Half Cup Serving of Rice Nutrition Facts

## Pre-Mix Flavorings

## Mexican Flavoring:

Cumin powder is an important ingredient for Mexican flavoring. Cayenne pepper can be added for the hot taste and the red color. To make a milder recipe and still maintain the color, try blending some cayenne pepper and paprika. Add both cumin and chili powder to onion when it is being sautéed.

## Italian Flavoring:

Makes 27 teaspoons
Combine 6 tablespoons basil, 2 tablespoons oregano, 1 tablespoon thyme and keep package in a dry container. Add about 1 teaspoon per cup of tomatoes, tomato sauce or puree, or add to taste.

Nutrition Facts
Serving Size 1.00 teaspoon(s) (1g)

| Amount Per Serving |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Calories | 2 C | s from Fat | 0 |
|  |  | \% D | Value |
| Total Fat | 0.0g |  | $0 \%$ |
| Saturated Fat |  |  | 0\% |
| Trans Fat |  |  |  |
| Cholestero | rol 0.0 mg |  | $0 \%$ |
| Sodium | 0.2 mg |  | $0 \%$ |
| Total Carbohydrate |  |  | $0 \%$ |
| Dietary Fiber 0 |  |  | 1\% |
| Sugars $\quad 0.0 \mathrm{~g}$ |  |  |  |
| Protein | 0.1 g |  |  |
| Vitamin A | 1 \% | Calcium | 1\% |
| Vitamin C | 1 \% | Iron | $2 \%$ |

## Convenience Mix \#11

## Convenience Seasoned Coating Mix for Meat, Fish, and Poultry

Makes 3 cups of seasoned coating mix or 4 packages.

2 cups fine bread crumbs
1 teaspoon poultry seasoning
$1 / 2$ cup white or whole wheat flour
1/2 teaspoon pepper
2 tablespoons margarine
1 tablespoon paprika
Combine dry ingredients. Cut in margarine thoroughly. Store whole recipe in a tightly covered container in the refrigerator or measure $3 / 4$-cup portions into plastic bags with twist ties or other small, airtight containers in the refrigerator.


To use coating: Place $3 / 4$ cup seasoned coating mix in a brown paper or plastic bag. Add a cutlet, fish, chop, a piece of chicken, or other meat to bag and shake until coated. Bake or fry as desired.

## Convenience Mix \#12

## Convenience Seasoned Cornmeal Coating Mix for Meat, Fish, and Poultry

Makes 2 1/2 cups seasoned cornmeal coating mix or 3 packages
1 cup white or whole wheat flour
1 cup cornmeal
2 teaspoons sugar
1/2 cup dry milk
1/8 teaspoon pepper
1/2 teaspoon poultry seasoning
1/8 teaspoon paprika, if desired
Combine ingredients. Store whole recipe in a tightly covered container, or measure out $3 / 4$-cup portions into plastic bag with twist tie or other small, airtight
 container.

To use coating: Place $3 / 4$ cup seasoned cornmeal coating mix in a brown paper bag. Add a cutlet, chop, fish, a piece of chicken, or other meat to the bag and shake until coated. Bake or fry as desired.

## Convenience Mix \#13

## Convenience Salt-Free Seasoning Mix

1 teaspoon dried thyme
2 teaspoons dry mustard
1-1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
$1 / 2$ teaspoon onion powder
1-1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 teaspoon dill weed
2 teaspoons paprika
Combine and place in an airtight container; store in a cool place. Use in place of salt to season food.


## Convenience Mix \#14

## Basic Oil and Vinegar Dressing Mix

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Makes 4 cups
4 teaspoons salt
3 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1 cup vinegar
3 cups salad oil
1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper
1/2 teaspoon pepper
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Combine all ingredients in a glass jar or bottle. Cover, shake well and store in refrigerator. Shake again before using.


## Recipes Using Basic Oil and Vinegar Dressing Mix

- Basic Oil and Vinegar Dressing Mix
- Dressing Variations


## Dressing Variations

## Curry Dressing:

1 teaspoon curry powder, $1 / 4$ teaspoon dry mustard (optional) and 1 or 2 finely chopped, hard-cooked eggs.

## Florentine Dressing:

3 tablespoons finely minced raw spinach.

| $\begin{array}{l}\text { Nutrition Facts } \\ \text { Serving Size } \\ \hline\end{array} .00$ tablespoon(s) |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| (18g) |  |  |$)$


| Nutrition Facts |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Serving Size 1.00 tablespoon(s) (15g) |  |  |
| Amount Per Serving |  |  |
| Calories 93 | 93 Calories from Fat | 92 |
| \% Daily Value |  |  |
| Total Fat $\quad 10.2 \mathrm{~g}$ |  | 16 \% |
| Saturated Fat 0.8 g |  | 4\% |
| Trans Fat 0.0 g |  |  |
| Cholesterol | ol 0.0 mg | 0 \% |
| Sodium 145.7mg |  | $6 \%$ |
| Total Carbohydrate 0.8 g |  | $0 \%$ |
| Dietary Fiber 0.0 g |  | 0\% |
| Sugars 0.6 g |  |  |
| Protein $\quad 0.0 \mathrm{~g}$ |  |  |
| Vitamin A | 1\% Calcium | 0 \% |
| Vitamin C | 0\% Iron | $0 \%$ |

## Dressing Variations

## Parmesan Dressing:

3 to 4 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese.

## Vinaigrette Dressing:

2 teaspoons finely chopped chives and 1 to 2 finely chopped, hard-cooked eggs.


## Chiffonaide Dressing:

4 teaspoons minced pimento, 1 teaspoon dried parsley flakes, and 1 finely chopped, hard-cooked egg.


Mint Dressing:
2 tablespoons dried mint leaves and 4 teaspoons sugar.


## Dressing Variations

## Indian Rose Dressing:

1 small cooked beet, finely chopped, $1 / 2$ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce, and 2 tablespoons chopped sweet pickle.

## Spicy Red Dressing:

1/3 cup ketchup, $1 / 2$ teaspoon dried oregano, 1 teaspoon parsley flakes, $1 / 2$ teaspoon dried basil flakes, $1 / 2$ teaspoon dried dill weed, and $1 / 4$ teaspoon celery salt (cover and refrigerate for 1 week to give herbs time to flavor dressing).


## Blue Cheese Dressing:

1/4 cup crumbled blue cheese.


## Celery Dressing:

1 teaspoon celery seeds.


## Honey-Celery Dressing:

$1 / 2$ cup honey and 1 tablespoon celery seeds.

| Nutrition Facts <br> Serving Size 1.00 tablespoon(s) (26g) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Amount Per Serving |  |  |
| Calories 126 | 126 Calories from Fat | 93 |
| \% Daily Value |  |  |
| Total Fat $\quad 10.3 \mathrm{~g}$ |  | 16 \% |
| Saturated Fat 0.8 g |  | 4\% |
| Trans Fat 0.0 g |  |  |
| Cholesterol | ol 0.0 mg | $0 \%$ |
| Sodium 146.4 mg | 146.4 mg | $6 \%$ |
| Total Carbohydrate 9.6g |  | $3 \%$ |
| Dietary Fiber $\quad 0.1 \mathrm{~g}$ |  | 0\% |
| Sugars 9.2 g |  |  |
| Protein $\quad 0.1 \mathrm{~g}$ |  |  |
| Vitamin A | 0\% Calcium | 1\% |
| Vitamin C | 0\% Iron | 1\% |

## Honey-Lemon-Orange Dressing:

2 tablespoons honey, 4 teaspoons lemon juice, I teaspoon orange juice, and $1 / 2$ to 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel.


## Honey-Orange Dressing:

2 tablespoons honey, 4 teaspoons orange juice,
1 teaspoon lemon juice, and $1 / 2$ teaspoon grated orange peel.


## Convenience Mix \#15

## High-Fiber Convenience Snack Mix

Makes 10 cups
8 cups high-fiber cereal or a combination (rice, multi-Grain, or wheat "Chex"type cereal)
1/2 cup peanuts
1 cup pretzel sticks
2 tablespoons margarine
1/2 to 1 teaspoon garlic powder
1 1/2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce

Set oven to $250^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. Heat margarine in shallow baking pan in oven until melted. Remove pan from oven and stir in garlic powder and Worcestershire sauce. Add cereal, nuts, and pretzels. Mix until all pieces are coated. Heat in oven 1 hour, stirring every 15 minutes. Spread on absorbent paper to cool.

| Nutrition Facts <br> Serving Size .00 cup(s) (53g) |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Amount Per Serving |  |  |
| Calories | 206 | Calories from Fat |
|  |  | 60 |
| Total Fat | 6.6 g | \% Daily Value |
| Saturated Fat | 0.9 g | $10 \%$ |
| Trans Fat | 0.4 g | $5 \%$ |
| Cholesterol | 0.0 mg |  |
| Sodium | 405.4 mg | $0 \%$ |
| Total Carbohydrate | 34.7 g | $12 \%$ |
| Dietary Fiber | 3.4 g | $14 \%$ |
| Sugars | 4.0 g |  |
| Protein | 5.2 g |  |
| Vitamin A | $11 \%$ | Calcium |
| Vitamin C | $10 \%$ | $10 \%$ |

Note: Snack Mix can be frozen, so make a double batch. Thaw at room temperature in its storage container.

