# **NUTRITION TIPS & TRICKS**

# **HEALTHY SNACKING**

Tired of snacking on cut-up veggies with dip, cheese and crackers, fruit, and yogurt? We bet your tastebuds will stand up and cheer for these guick and healthy snacking options!



## **Spiced Nuts & Seeds**

An ideal snack, nuts and seeds are full of heart-healthy fats and fiber. Watch portion size because they are also high in calories!

#### **Ingredients**

3 cups whole nuts (almonds and walnuts are your best options)

1/4 cup each flaxseed, quinoa, sunflower seeds

2 egg whites

2 tbsp honey

11/2 tsp coarse salt

1/4 tsp each cayenne, cumin, cinnamon

#### **Directions**

- 1. Mix nuts and seeds in a bowl.
- 2. In a separate bowl, whisk the remaining ingredients together.
- 3. Toss the nuts and seeds with the liquid mixture.
- 4. Spread in a layer on a baking sheet. Bake at 325F until dry, stirring occasionally (30 mins).
- 5. Scrape from the pan while cooling to avoid sticking.
- 6. Divide into 16 portions and store in an airtight container.

Each serving has 178 calories



### Salsa Guac & Pita Chips

Avocado is full of heart-healthy monounsaturated fats. Check out the time-saving tips at the bottom of the recipe.

#### **Ingredients**

1 tbsp fresh salsa 11/2 tbsp quacamole 10 whole-grain pita chips

#### **Directions**

- 1. In a bowl, add salsa and guacamole and stir to combine.
- 2. Enjoy with pita chips!

#### Tips:

- Homemade guacamole is ideal, but you can use prepared.
- In a time crunch? Replace the quacamole with 1/2 an avocado to the salsa and mix.

Makes 1 serving with 136 calories.





#### **Tomatoes & Goat Cheese**

Tomatoes are a great source of vitamins C and K, potassium, and folate. They are the major dietary source of the antioxidant, lycopene.

#### **Ingredients**

5 cherry tomatoes

2 tbsp fresh goat cheese

2 tbsp chopped herbs (chives, basil, or parsley work great)

#### **Directions**

- 1. Cut each tomato in half.
- 2. Divide goat cheese evenly and spread onto each tomato half.
- 3. Sprinkle with herbs.

Makes 1 serving with 98 calories.



Sources: cookinglight.com, wholeliving.com



