



### **Baked Lentils with Cheese**

#### **Ingredients:**

1 onion
4 carrots
1 cup lentils
2 cups water
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
15 ounces low sodium tomatoes, canned

1 green pepper2 cups shredded reduced fat Cheddar cheese

### **Equipment:**

Baking dish Measuring Cups Measuring Spoons Cutting board Knife Cheese Grater

Number of Servings: 10 Prep Time: 10 minutes Total Time: 1 1/2 hours

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## Directions

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray a baking dish with non stick cooking spray.
- 2. Cut the ends off of the onion, and peel off the brown layers. Cut the onion in half lengthwise, and place the flat side on the cutting board. Slice across the onion, from one side to the other, then lay the slices on their side, and slice from the widest side to the smallest, across the onion. Chop up any large pieces. Add to the baking dish.
- **Nutrition Facts** Serving Size: 1 cup Servings: 10 Amount Per Serving Calories 132 Calories from Fat 18 %Daily Value\* Total Fat 2g Saturated Fat 1g 5% Cholesterol 5mg 2% Sodium 157mg 7% Total Carbohydrate 18g 6% Dietary Fiber 8g 30% Protein 12g 24% Vitamin A 171% Vitamin C 35% Iron 13% Calcium 13% \*Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet.
- 3. Wash the carrot and place on the cutting board, cut into thin slices. Add to the baking dish.
- 4. Add lentils, water, pepper, onion, garlic, carrots, celery and tomatoes in a baking dish.
- 5. Cover tightly and bake at 375°F for one hour and 15 minutes.
- 6. While lentils are baking, cut up green pepper by cutting it in half lengthwise, and breaking out the top and seeds. Peel off any white membranes remaining. Place flat side on cutting board and cut slices across pepper, then chop slices into small pieces. Set aside.
- 7. Use a grater to shred cheese into small pieces.
- 8. When baking is done, stir green pepper into the casserole. Top with cheese. Return the dish to the oven and bake uncovered for 5 minutes, until cheese melts.

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