

How to Bake Fresh Pumpkin

SERVINGS: 4-6 EST. COST: \$2.00 COST PER SERVING: \$0.50

Ingredients

- 1 ea pumpkin
- 1 tbsp oil (e.g. olive oil, avocado, coconut)
- 1 tsp salt

Equipment

Oven, baking sheet, parchment paper, knife, spoon
Optional: ice cream scoop, fork, blender or food processor

Directions

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (176 C) and line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
- 2.Using a sharp knife, cut pumpkin in half lengthwise (removing the top and bottom is optional). Then use a sharp spoon or ice cream scoop to scrape out all of the seeds and strings.
- 3.Brush the pumpkin flesh with oil, sprinkle with salt, and place flesh down on the baking sheet.

 Pierce skin a few times with a fork or knife to let steam escape.
- 4. Bake for 45-50 minutes or until a fork easily pierces the skin. Then remove pan from the oven, let the pumpkin cool for 10 minutes, then scoop out and use for whatever dish you'd prefer.
- 5. If turning into purée, simply scoop pumpkin into a blender or food processor and blend until creamy and smooth. if it has trouble blending, add a little water. But it shouldn't need it!





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Nutrition Facts		
Serving Size	1 full recipe	
Amount Per Serving		
Calories	168.3	
	% Dai	ly Value*
Total Fat	13.7 g	18 %
Saturated Fat	2 g	10 %
Trans Fat	0 g	
Cholesterol	0 mg	0 %
Sodium	1106.7 mg	48 %
Total Carbohydrate	12 g	4 %
Dietary Fiber	2.7 g	10 %
Total Sugars	5.1 g	
Added Sugars	0 g	0 %
Protein	1.8 g	
Vitamin D	0 mcg	0 %
Calcium	41.7 mg	3 %
Iron	1.6 mg	9 %
Potassium	572 mg	12 %

Culinary Tip:

Baked pumpkin and pumpkin purée will keep covered in the refrigerator up to 1 week, or in the freezer for 1 month (or longer).

Health Benefits:

Pumpkin contains calcium, potassium, magnesium, and vitamins A, B1, B6, and C, copper, fiber, folate, and manganese. Pumpkin is very healthy and rich in antioxidants and is considered a safe food for weight loss.

References:

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