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## **RECIPE #1 BUTTERNUT SQUASH STEAKS**

## Ingredients needed:

- 1 large butternut squash
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 tablespoon butter, cut into pieces
- 6 sage leaves, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- Salt to taste
- Freshly ground black peper to taste
- 1 apple, sliced thin
- ¼ cup pepitas

## Instructions:

- 1.Cut the neck and rounded edges off the squash leaving the long neck portion. Then peel the squash saving scraps for other uses.
- 2.Cut squash in half, length-wise. Trim off the outer rounded side of each piece to create two ¾"-thick steaks (about 6 oz. per steak).
- 3. Heat oil in a large heavy skillet over medium. Cook squash steaks, turning every 3 minutes, until deeply browned on both sides and forktender, about 15 minutes.
- 4.Add butter, sage, and garlic to skillet, tilt pan toward you so that butter pools on one side, and use a large spoon to continually baste steaks with butter. Cook, basting until beginning to brown -for about 1 minute.
- 5. Remove from heat and stir in lemon juice; season with salt and pepper.
- 6.Top with Kale salad, fresh apple slices, and pepitas.





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## **RECIPE #3 QUICK PICKLED MINI BELL PEPPER GRILLED CHEESE**

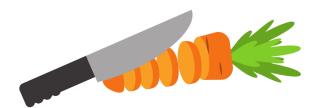
#### Ingredients needed:

- Baby sweet peppers
- ¼ cup Red Onion
- 2 garlic cloves
- 1/2 cup cilantro
- 1 and 1/2 cup white vinegar
- ½ cup water
- Whole peppercorns
- Mustard Seeds

#### Instructions:

- 1.Blanch baby sweet peppers. (boil water, add peppers for 2 minutes) remove rinse with cool water;
- 2. Chop onion, garlic, cilantro;
- 3. Lightly sauté red onion, peppercorns, mustard seed, and garlic cloves with olive oil;
- 4. Make the brine (boil the vinegar and water, add onion, mustard seed, peppercorns and garlic;
- 5. Immediately pour brine over peppers in mason jars and add cilantro;
- 6. Shake to distribute;
- 7.Cool to room temperature, seal and store in refrigerator (up to 30 days)

Let these pickle for 3-5 days and then take out some peppers, slice thin and use as a topping on sandwiches or grilled cheese!





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## RECIPE #4 BEET PEPPERONI & SPINACH ROLL

### Ingredients needed:

- 1-2 Tablespoon butter
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 1 large handful of spinach, wilted
- 2 large beets, washed, peeled, and sliced into thin medallions (pepperoni size)
- 2 Tablespoon fennel seed
- 1 Tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 Tablespoon onion powder
- 3 medium eggs, divided
- Ground black pepper and salt to taste
- 1/8 cup flour (for rolling out pastry)
- 25 ounces puff pastry (or shortcrust pastry)

#### Instructions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
- 2. Prep your beet pepperoni: slice beets and sauté with butter, fennel, garlic powder, onion powder and salt until the edges are crispy like pepperoni.
- 3.Sauté your onion with butter until lightly brown. (5-6 min)
- 4. Place the spinach in the sauté pan with the onion, stir and wilt spinach for 1-2 minutes. A lid may help the wilting process. Sprinkle some water if your ingredients seem dry.
- 5. In a large mixing bowl, add the beet pepperoni, cooked onion, wilted spinach and 2 of the eggs. Season with a couple of pinches of black pepper and a good sprinkling of salt. Mix well until all the ingredients are thoroughly and evenly combined;
- 6.On a lightly floured surface, roll out the pastry into two 8- by 10-inch rectangles. Cut each rectangle into 2 long strips (4 total).
- 7. Place the cold pastry onto two lightly greased baking pans. In the center of each pastry, add a layer of beet pepperoni, spinach, and onion mixture the length of the pastry strip. Beat the remaining egg in a small bowl and lightly brush the edges of the pastry.
- 8. Fold the pastry over the filling to form long rolls. Flip the roll over so the seam is underneath. Lightly brush the top surface with egg.
- 9.Cut the rolls into 1 1/2-inch lengths. Or vary the length to the style of roll you want.

Bake for 20 minutes or until golden brown.





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## **RECIPE #5 KALE SALAD**

## Ingredients needed:

- ½ large bunch of kale, rinsed, stems
- removed, and chopped
- 1/8 cup olive oil
- 2 Tbsp lemon juice
- Salt to taste

#### **Optional**:

- 1-2 teaspoons crushed red
- pepper flakes and 1/8 cup grated hard, dry cheese (parmesan or aged gouda)

## Instructions:

- 1. Rinse kale and pat dry;
- 2. Chop kale, add olive oil, lemon juice, and salt;
- 3. Massage thoroughly. (gets better as it sits)

