Broccoli

Nutrient powerhouse with Vitamins C & K, potassium, folate & fiber



Broccoli with Roasted Red Pepper

8 cups large broccoli florets 2 T. slivered almonds, toasted

2 T. chopped bottled roasted red pepper

1 T. toasted sesame oil

2 tsp. reduced-sodium soy sauce 1 tsp. finely chopped fresh ginger

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Fill a large Dutch oven with water to a depth of 1 inch. Bring water to boiling. Place a steamer basket in the Dutch oven. Place broccoli in the steamer basket. Cover and steam about 8 minutes, or until broccoli is tender. Remove steamer basket with broccoli, allowing excess water to drain off. Meanwhile, in a large bowl combine almonds, roasted red pepper, oil, soy sauce, ginger, and crushed red pepper. Add broccoli; toss well to coat. 6 (3/4 cups servings)

Fresh Vegetable Marinade

Flowerets from 4 stalks broccoli, chopped
4 summer squash, halved and sliced
3 carrots, sliced
4 cup vinegar
2 cup canola oil
2 cup sugar or sugar substitute
1 tsp. dry mustard
1 tr. poppy seed

Combine vegetables in bowl, tossing lightly. Mix remaining ingredients and pour over vegetables. Chill for 3 or more hours. Makes 8-10 servings.

Oven-Roasted Broccoli

2 T. olive oil ½ tsp. salt

4 cups broccoli florets ¼ tsp. black pepper

1 cup thinly sliced leek or green onion

Add oil to a shallow baking pan. Heat in a 450° F oven for 1 minute. Stir broccoli into hot oil. Bake, covered, for 15 minutes. Stir leek, salt, and pepper into baking pan. Roast, covered, for 5-7 minutes more or until broccoli is crisptender. Makes 4-6 servings

Grilled Broccoli

2 heads broccoli 2 T. olive oil

½ tsp. course-grain salt

Wash and cut broccoli into smallish pieces with long stems. Toss broccoli in a large bowl with olive oil and salt. Place on grill over medium heat. Cook for 3-5 on each side until tender. Serves 6-8.

Almond Broccoli Salad

34 cup salad dressing (olive oil or light) 1 medium red onion, chopped

½ cup equivalent sugar substitute ½ lb. turkey bacon, cooked and broken into pieces

1 T. red wine vinegar 1 cup dried cranberries

4 heads fresh broccoli, cut into florets 1 (4 oz.) bag slivered almonds

Mix first three ingredients. Stir until well mixed. This can be made a day ahead of serving. Pour over mixture of remaining ingredients; tossing gently to coat. Makes 8 servings

Broccoli Melange

1 cup fresh broccoli, cut into 1-inch pieces ½ cup sliced yellow summer squash ½ cup sliced fresh mushrooms ½ cup sliced zucchini squash

1 T. vegetable oil Salt and pepper to taste

½ cup thin red bell pepper strips

Sauté broccoli and mushrooms in vegetable oil until mushrooms are light brown—about 5 minutes. Add remaining ingredients. Cover and simmer 5-10 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Serve immediately. Makes 4 servings

Quick Veggie Slaw

1 (16 oz.) package broccoli slaw
1 Red Delicious apple, chopped
1 green onion, chopped
1/3 cup sugar
1/4 tsp. salt
1/2 cup cider vinegar
1/4 tsp. pepper

Combine broccoli slaw, apple, and green onion in a large bowl. Combine remaining ingredients and stir well. Pour vinegar mixture over slaw mixture and toss. Serve immediately, or cover and chill. Yield 9 (1-cup) servings

Lemon Broccoli

2 T. chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley 1 T. olive oil

Process bread in a food processor 30 seconds to 1 minute or until coarsely crumbled. Melt butter with garlic in a large skillet over medium heat; add breadcrumbs, and cook, stirring constantly, 2 to 3 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from heat, and stir in parsley and lemon zest.

Cook broccoli in boiling salted water to cover 3 to 4 minutes or until crisp-tender; drain well. Toss broccoli with lemon juice, olive oil, salt, and freshly ground pepper, to taste. Transfer to a serving platter, and sprinkle with breadcrumb mixture. 6 to 8 servings

Lime-Buttered Broccoli

1 T. lime juice

Place broccoli in a steamer basket; place in a large saucepan over 1 inch of water. Bring to a boil; cover and steam for 3-4 minutes or until crisp and tender. Meanwhile, in a small bowl, combine the remaining ingredients. Drizzle butter mixture over broccoli; toss to coat. 8 servings