Loaded Baked Sweet Potato

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The ultimate fast food!

About the Recipe

235 Calories · 11 g Protein · 13 g Fiber Lunch

Ingredients

Makes 4 Servings

- 4 medium sweet potatoes
- 2 c (480 g) cooked black beans, or 1 15-oz (425 g) can black beans
- 1 c (259 mL) salsa
- 1/2 c (8 g) chopped fresh cilantro
- 1/4 cup mashed avocado
- 1/2 c (109 g) roasted pepitas

Directions

- 1. Wash the sweet potatoes. Pierce each potato 4 to 5 times with a fork and bake in the oven or microwave.
- 2. Oven: Preheat the oven to 400 F (204 C). Place the potatoes on a rimmed baking sheet lined with foil or parchment paper. Bake 45 to 75 minutes, or until tender. Microwave: Place the potatoes in a microwave-safe dish with 1/2 c (120 mL) water. Cover loosely with a lid or plastic wrap. Microwave for 10 minutes. Carefully turn the potatoes over. Microwave another 10 to 12 minutes, or until the potatoes are tender.
- 3. Once cooked, split the potatoes and top each potato with black beans, salsa, cilantro, and mashed avocado or pepitas, if using. Note: Other tasting

toppings include corn (fresh or thawed from frozen), chopped tomatoes, and sliced green onions.

Nutrition Facts

Per potato Calories: 268 kcal **Fat:** 1 g Saturated Fat: <0.5 g **Calories From Fat:** 3% Cholesterol: 0 mg Protein: 12 g Carbohydrates: 42 g **Sugar:** 13 g **Fiber:** 14 g Sodium: 516 mg Calcium: 101 mg **Iron:** 3.1 mg Vitamin C: 31 mg Beta-Carotene: 17,529 mcg Vitamin E: 2.7 mg