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#### **Orange-Beef Stew**

### Ingredients

- 3 to 4 pounds of chuck roast
- 2 cups of beef broth
- 2 cups of orange juice
- 1 tablespoon of sugar
- 2 tablespoons of soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 2 tablespoons of minced garlic
- 1 bunch of scallions
- 2 sweet potatoes, cut into 1 inch cubes
- salt and pepper to taste

#### Instructions

- 1. Divide everything into 2 bags. Label your bags.
- 2. Chop sweet potatoes and scallions, then add to freezer bag
- 3. Add in sugar, flour, soy sauce, garlic and orange juice
- 4. Mix up well and then lay bag flat and place in freezer
- 5. Day of cooking: add contents of freezer bag, roast, 2 cups of beef broth, salt and pepper to slow cooker
- 6. Cook on low for 8 hours or high for 4 hours
- 7. Serve with fresh salad and homemade sourdough bread, if you have it

# **Cranberry Chicken (2 bags)**

# Ingredients

- 4 medium apples, cut into wedges
- 2 medium onion, chopped
- 4 pounds chicken breasts or thighs
- The juice of three lemons
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 2 can of cranberry sauce (or you can use fresh cranberries if they are in season)

#### Instructions

- 1. Divide everything into two, one gallon freezer bags and label
- 2. When ready to cook, dump into slow cooker and cook on high for 4 hours
- 3. Serve with rice or couscous.

# Healthy BBQ Chicken (2 bags)

#### Ingredients

- 3 medium unpeeled sweet potatoes, cut into 1/2 inch pieces, about 2 cups
- 2 large green pepper, cut into strips or cubes, about 2 cups
- 1 large red pepper, cut into strips or cubes, about 1 cup
- 2 zucchini, chopped, about 2 cups
- 2 cups chopped onion
- 2 tablespoon flour
- 2 pounds chicken thighs or drumsticks
- 2 15oz cans of tomato sauce
- 4 tablespoons packed brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tablespoon ground yellow mustard
- 2 clove garlic, finely minced, about 2 tablespoons
- 1 teaspoon salt

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#### Instructions

- 1. Divide everything into two separate one gallon freezer bags, shake it up, seal, label and put in the freezer
- 2. On the day of cooking, dump it into your slow cooker and cook on high for 4 to 6 hours, or low 6-8 hours, depending on your specific slow cooker
- 3. If you want, you can add 1/2 cup of chicken stock to have more sauce, but the liquid from the frozen meat and vegetables melting should give you enough liquid to work with
- 4. Every slow cooker is different, so just watch yours the first time you make it.

#### **Curry Chicken Thighs (2 bags)**

# Ingredients

- 1 can (15 oz.) light coconut milk
- 3 teaspoons curry powder
- 1 pkg (about 1.5 lbs.) boneless skinless chicken thighs
- Salt and pepper
- 3 medium sweet potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 6 carrot sticks, peeled and cut into 2" pieces
- 1 small onion, chopped
- Salt and pepper over the top
- 1. Divide everything into 2 bags.
- 2. Add the chicken thighs (or chicken breasts if you prefer), the sweet potatoes and carrots in plastic bag. Sprinkle a little salt and pepper over the top and freeze.
- 3. **Day of:** Whisk together the coconut milk and curry powder in the base of the slow cooker.
- 4. When ready to cook, add contents of freezer bag to coconut milk mixture to slow cooker and cook on low for 8 hours.

# Sausage Peppers and Onions (2 bags)

# Ingredients:

- 1 lb. hot Italian sausage links
- 1 large green pepper (chopped)
- 1 medium onion (chopped)
- 1 can diced tomatoes
- 4 Garlic cloves minced
- Onion powder
- (I also add red pepper flakes and other Italian type seasonings-it's up to you)
- 1. **Directions:** Combine all ingredients in a bag & freeze.
- 2. Write on Bag: No thaw needed. Cook in slow cooker on LOW for 6-8 hours.

# Paleo Pork Chops w/Apple, Onion & Kraut (1 bag)

#### Ingredients:

- 1 bag sauerkraut: add to crock pot day of
- 4 thick cut pork chops
- Half a granny smith apple in small slices
- 1 medium onion
- Seasoning for chops
- 1. Directions: Place pork chops, apples, and onion into freezer bag. Add kraut to crock pot the day of. Write on Bag:
- 2. Place kraut on the bottom of the slow cooker. Place Pork Chop & apple/onion mixture on top.
- 3. Cook on LOW for 6-8 hours.

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# Paleo Slow Cooker Stuffed Bell Pepper (1 bag)

# Ingredients:

- 5 bell peppers
- 1 lb. ground Italian hot sausage
- 1/2 head of cauliflower grated or food processed to make cauliflower rice
- 1 small white onion chopped
- 1 small can tomato paste
- 5 cloves of garlic
- Seasoning of Choice- I used basil, oregano, red pepper flakes & thyme.
- 1. **Directions:** Mix all the ingredients in a bowl (except peppers). Cut the tops off and take the seeds out of the bell peppers. Stuff those peppers with the mixture & freeze. I used a few bags and kept the peppers upright.
- 2. Write on Bag: Place peppers at the bottom of slow cooker and cook on LOW for 6-8 hours.

# Chicken Fajitas (makes 2 bags)

- 1.5 2 lbs. Chicken Breasts, boneless and skinless
- 1/2 medium large white onion, sliced vertically
- 1 green pepper, sliced into strips
- 1 red pepper, sliced into strips
- 2 cans (10 oz.) Rotel diced tomatoes
- 2 cloves garlic, diced
- 2 tsp. chili powder
- 2 tsp. cumin
- 1. Divide all ingredients into 2 large freezer bags
- 2. Write on Bag: Cook on low 8-10 hours or on high 4-5 hours. Remove chicken when done cooking & shred, return to crock pot. Serve on tortilla shells with toppings. Side dishes of rice or black or refried beans.
- 3. <u>Directions</u>: First, slice the whole green and red pepper into vertical strips. Take 2 garlic cloves, peel, and slice and dice them up. Now, take a whole onion, peel it and cut in into half. Take one half and slice it up vertically
- 4. Take the chicken breasts and divide between 2 freezer bags and put them in it. Next, add the sliced up green and red peppers, onion and garlic (dividing between the 2 bags). Add 1 can of diced tomatoes. Finally add your seasonings. Freeze.

### Taco Soup: (1 bag)

#### Ingredients:

- 2lb turkey (browned) taco seasoning or cumin, chili powder, s/p, garlic
- 2 cans crushed tomatoes w/ chilies
- 1 16oz package frozen corn
- 2 cans organic black beans
- 2 cans kidney beans
- 1 large onion (chopped)
- 1. Split between 2 bags, seal, mix, lay flat, freeze
- 2. Combine all ingredients into freezer bag. Day of:
- 3. Add 1 cup water. Cook on low 4-6 hours. Serve with corn tortilla chips, sour cream, avocado, and shredded cheese

# **Freezer Meals:**

Chicken Fajitas (Makes 2)
Sausage, onions & peppers (Makes 2)
Pork chops with apple, onions, & kraut (Makes 1)
Orange beef stew (Makes 2)

Chicken curry (Makes 2) Cranberry chicken (2) Barbeque Chicken (2) Stuffed peppers (1) Taco Soup (1)

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# **Grocery List:**

\*I went to Aldi's and Schnuck's and this cost around \$150 total.

\* Total time to assemble freezer bags: 3 hours

roduce:		Random	
0	2 bags sweet potatoes (12 Sweet potatoes)	0	Coconut milk (canned)
0	10 green peppers	0	Orange juice
0	4 red peppers	0	Jar of minced garlic
0	2 Zucchini	_ `	goods or packaged goods:
0	1 bunch of Scallions	0	Beef broth
0	1 bag Apples (10 apples)	0	2 can black beans
0	5 lemons	0	2 can kidney beans
0	5 Carrots	0	2 can crushed tomatoes with chilies
0	Cauliflower	0	Soy sauce
0	2 bags of onions ( 10 onions)	0	Canned Cranberry sauce
leat:		0	2 15oz tomato sauce
0	3-4lbs chuck roast	0	Worchestershire sauce
0	4lb Chicken Thighs	0	Yellow mustard
0	4lbs chicken drumsticks	0	6 cans diced tomatoes
0	8 lb. bag chicken breast	0	Curry powder
0	1lb hot Italian sausage links	0	Tomato paste
0	4 thick cut pork chops	0	Sauerkraut
0	1 lb. ground hot Italian sausage	0	Frozen corn
0	3 lb. Ground turkey		