Your Good Veggie Recipe!

Easy Cooked Spinach

Ingredients

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- 2 large bunches of spinach, about 1 lb
- Olive oil, extra virgin
- 3 cloves garlic, sliced



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• Salt to taste; use sea salt if possible!

Directions

 Cut off thick stems of spinach and discard. Clean spinach by filling up sink with water and soaking spinach to loosen any sand or dirt. Drain spinach & repeat soaking & draining. Put spinach in salad spinner to remove excess moisture.

- Heat 2 Tablespoons olive oil in large skillet on medium-high heat. Add garlic & sauté for about 1 minute, until garlic is just beginning to brown.
- Add spinach to pan, packing it down a bit if needed with your hand. Use a couple spatulas to lift spinach and turn it over in the pan to coat with olive oil & garlic. Repeat a couple times. Cover pan & cook for 1 minute. Uncover & turn spinach over again. Cover pan & cook for additional minute.
- After 2 minutes of covered cooking, the spinach should be completely wilted. Remove from heat. Drain excess moisture from pan. Add a touch more olive oil, sprinkle with salt to taste. Serve immediately & enjoy! © http://simplyrecipes.com/recipes/spinach/

Spinach Quick Facts: (Popeye was right on track, after all!)

- Contains 13 flavonoid compounds in spinach, serving as antioxidants & anti-cancer agents
- One cup of fresh spinach contains almost 200% of daily recommended Vitamin K, which supports bone health!
- Spinach is an excellent source of Vitamin C & Vitamin A, both of which work to reduce amounts of free radicals in the body. Also a great source of Folate & Magnesium!
- Has been shown to improve brain health, gastrointestinal health & fight inflammation!
- Eating spinach helps your eyesight (from Lutein) and gain energy (from Iron)!
- Choose vibrant, deep green leaves. Avoid any yellowing, wilting, bruising &/or slimy leaves.
- Store unwashed & loosely packed in a plastic bag in the fridge; will keep about five days. Avoid storing cooked spinach, it doesn't keep very well.
- Quick Serving Ideas: *Add layers of steamed spinach to next lasagna recipe. *Pine nuts are a great addition to cooked spinach. *Use to make a side salad with your favorite meal.

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