Let's Get Together

(Recipes and Activities for the **BEST GIRLS NIGHT EVER**)





Recipes

The BEST Queso Recipe (Torchy's Taco Copycat)

Ingredients

- 10 oz can Diced Tomatoes and Green Chiles (Ro-tel), drained
- 4 oz can Roasted Green Chiles, do not drain
- 1 tsp garlic powder or 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1¼ cup half and half
- 3 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 cups shredded Oaxaca or quesadilla cheese
- 1 tsp lime juice
- Pinch of salt
- Guacamole (optional)
- Fresh cilantro, finely chopped
- Cotija cheese, crumbled
- Hot sauce like Cholula or Valentina

Instructions

Place a Dutch Oven on the stove top over medium heat. Add tomatoes (drained), green chiles (undrained), and garlic to Dutch Oven. Stir well and cook for 2 minutes or until well heated through. Stir in half and half, cheddar cheese, Oaxaca cheese, and lime juice. Cook over medium-low heat until the cheese is fully melted, stirring occasionally to prevent sticking. Test the queso using the chips you are using and add salt as needed to taste.

To Serve

- Place a small scoop of prepared guacamole on the center of a serving bowl.
- Ladle melted queso on top of queso. If making Hillbilly Queso, spoon cooked chorizo on top of queso.
- Finish with a sprinkling of crumbled Cotija cheese, chopped cilantro, and a drizzle of hot sauce.
- Serve with tortilla chips or fried pork skins.

<u>Recipe courtesy of littlefamilyadventure.com.</u> <u>Head to their website for more recipes!</u>

Amy's Simple Salsa Recipe

My favorite thing about this recipe is that it's not an exact science. You can play with it. You can add different ingredients and truly make it your own. Have fun ⁽²⁾

Ingredients

- 28 oz can of whole tomatoes (I prefer roasted when I can find them, but either works great)
- 2 10 oz cans of diced tomatoes and green chiles (Rotel)
- ¹/₂ cup fresh cilantro (more or less to taste)
- 1 minced garlic clove
- ¼ cup onion (Red is my favorite, but any onion will work)
- 1 or 2 chopped jalapeño (I include the seeds and membrane, but this is also a taste thing.)
- ¼ tsp salt
- ¼ tsp sugar
- ¼ tsp cumin
- ¼ tsp Julio seasoning if you can find it

Instructions

Throw it all together in a blender. Voila!

Easy Guacamole Recipe

Ingredients

- 3 medium avocados
- ¹/₂ tsp ground cumin
- ½ tsp garlic powder
- ¹/₂ tsp onion powder
- ½ 1 tsp sea salt
- ¼ tsp freshly ground black pepper
- 1-2 tbs lime juice
- 2 tbs chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 small tomatoes deseeded and diced

Instructions

- 1. Cut open avocados lengthwise, remove the pit, and use a spoon to scoop out the flesh into a medium-sized mixing bowl.
- 2. Use a potato masher or fork and gently mash the avocado, leaving it a little bit chunky at this point.
- 3. Add cumin, garlic powder, onion powder, ½ tsp salt, pepper and 1 TBS lime juice.
- 4. If you would like your guacamole smoother, use a fork or your potato masher to mix in the spices as you mash the mixture. If you like your guacamole a little chunkier, use a rubber spatula to stir in the spices until well combined!
- 5. Add cilantro and tomatoes and stir until combined.
- 6. Taste and add extra salt or lime juice if needed!
- 7. Let sit for at least 30 minutes at room temperature before Serving.

<u>Recipe courtesy of joyfoodsunshine.com.</u> <u>Head to their website for more recipes!</u>

Amy's Taco Recipe

Ingredients

- 1 pound of ground beef
- 1 tbs chili powder
- 1tsp cumin
- 1tsp garlic powder
- 1tsp onion powder
- ½ tsp red pepper flakes
- Throw in some Julio's Seasoning (I'm telling y'all. I love this stuff)
- 4 oz canned tomato sauce

Instructions

Brown the ground beef in a skillet. Drain SOME (half or more) of the fat, because let's be honest, fat is delicious. You just don't want these too greasy, but I do like to keep some of it in there. Mix in spices and tomato sauce. That's it! You can double, or triple this recipe. You can make it ahead of time and heat it right before your guests arrive.

Amy's Easy Favorite Dessert to go with Tacos

Cut flour tortillas into fourths. Take the pieces and fry them. Remove from oil and sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar. (mixture of 4 tbs sugar and 1 tbs cinnamon). Serve them up, baby!

Jess 's Favorite Girls Night Recipe

Is at a restaurant where they cook it. Don't be afraid to order from your favorite pizza place or Mexican spot. Ain't no shame in the takeout game!

Amy's Secret Chocolate Chip Cookies

Ingredients

- 11/4 flour
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 2 tbs cornstarch
- 1 stick melted butter
- 8 tbs HEAPING brown sugar

- 5 tbs white sugar
- 1egg
- Mexican vanilla
- Milk chocolate chip
- dark chocolate chips
- Semi-sweet Chocolate chips

Instructions

In a large bowl, whisk together flour, salt, baking soda and cornstarch. Ideally, you would sift these ingredients. You and I both know you aren't going to take the time to do this, so whisking will be just fine.

In a mixing bowl, beat together melted butter (I put mine in the microwave for 25 seconds or so and then I let it cool for 10 minutes), brown sugar and sugar. Beat on high until mixture is smooth. Then beat in egg and Mexican vanilla. I have never once measured the vanilla. I measure with my eyes and my heart, but my guess it's about 1 tablespoon or so. (Yes, regular vanilla is fine. Mexican vanilla is just better.) Beat for a few seconds until it's all blended together and creamy.

Next, mix flour mixture into the butter/sugar mixture. Do not overmix. Personally, I like to do mine by hand, because it makes me feel like I'm accomplishing something really great, but to each his own.

Last, fold in chocolate chips. I like to do a combination of milk, dark and semi-sweet chocolate chips, but you are a grown adult. I trust you to do what feels best for you. Again, I have never measured. I wouldn't even know what to tell you. I pour until my soul whispers "That'll do, Amy. That'll do."

Bake for 5-6 min at 450. Watch them close. Chocolate chip cookies are garbage if they're burned. I like to take mine out when they are a bit gooey on the inside. Leave them on the cookie sheet or baking stone for a few minutes until they've formed up. Then, transfer to a cooling rack and eat at least one while it's still warm and the chocolate melts and gets all over everything. Enjoy.



Activities

Conversation Starters

If you could appear on any reality tv show, which would you choose? You have \$500 to spend in one place. Where are you going? Spa? Target? Nordstrom's?

Text or call? One long text or 5 short texts? Favorite emoji?

Best tv ensemble of all-time? Best tv friends? Favorite character?

Which celebrity would play you in a movie about your life? Did you ever get caught sneaking out as a teenager?

What album would you want to play as the soundtrack to your life? What's the most embarrassing moment in your entire childhood?

What's your most prized possession?

Have you ever been escorted out by security? Be honest! If you were a doctor, which specialty would you choose? What's your favorite song from the last two decades?

Fishbowl

Fishbowl is an entertaining party game perfect for large groups. Be the team to correctly guess more answers in three different game styles to win this game! Find the <u>video tutorial</u> and written explanation for how to play fishbowl below.

Needed

Six or more players; pen; three small pieces of paper per player; bowl; timer

Objective

The object of the game is to correctly guess as many of the words or phrases when it is your team's turn.

Setup

Before the game begins, each player will come up with three words or phrases and write them on separate pieces of paper. Once all the players have finished, fold the slips of paper in half and put them into a bowl. All players are then split into two teams.

Basic Game Play

Teams will alternate having one player from their team drawing from the bowl. The player will try to get his/her team to guess the phrase on the paper drawn.

Once the team correctly guesses the phrase, a new phrase is drawn from the bowl. Each player's turn is 60 seconds. The way the player gives clues to his/her team depends on the round.

Scoring

After each player's turn, the team gets one point for each correctly guessed clue. When a player goes between two rounds, be sure to note the points before returning all the phrases to the bowl. The team with the most points at the end of round 3 wins the game.

Rules

Instructions from Gather Together Games. Find more rules and tutorials <u>here</u>.

Round 1: Taboo

In the first round, players will give clues by describing the word or phrase. For example, if Batman is drawn, the player could say, "comic book superhero," "the dark knight," and "sidekick is robin." The player is not allowed to say any part of the word or phrase, and cannot say "sounds like" or "rhymes with."

After the 60 seconds are up, the current phrase the player has is returned to the bowl. The team will score a point for each phrase correctly guessed.

Team 2 then sends a player up for a 60 second turn. Teams go back and forth until all the phrases from the bowl have been correctly guessed.

When the last clue is correctly guessed, the timer is stopped. The player will note how many answers were correctly guessed. All the clues are put back into the bowl and mixed up.

Round 2: Password

The same player that ended round 1 will begin round 2 with the remaining time left from the turn. In the second round, players will give only a one word clue. It is important to remember all the phrases from round 1 because they are all seen again in round 2.

The timer begins again, and the current player draws a phrase. The player gives the one word clue, and that word is the only word that can be given. Again, teams take 60 second turns and add up their points after each turn.

Once the last phrase from the bowl is correctly guessed, the timer is stopped to end round 2. All the clues are put back into the bowl.

Round 3: Charades

The same player that ended round 2 will begin round 3 with the remaining time left from the turn. In the third round, players will act out the phrase in order to get their team to guess correctly. The timer begins again, and the player draws a phrase to act out. Teams take turns until all the phrases are correctly guessed.



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