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Savory Quinoa Squares

Makes 36 squares or 4-6 meal sized servings

Ingredients:

1 cup quinoa, rinsed

2 cups water

1/2 cup onions, finely diced

3/4 cup bell pepper, finely diced

1/2 cup kale, finely chopped

2 mushrooms, finely chopped

1 tablespoon grapeseed oil

1 tablespoon fresh rosemary, finely chopped

1 whole egg

1 egg white

1/2 cup Mary's Gone Crackers (or other whole grain crackers),

1/4 cup dried cranberries

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon pepper

Directions:

- 1. Cook quinoa in water according to directions. Typically need to cook covered for 15 minutes at medium/low setting. Let stand until all water is absorbed.
- 2. In small frying pan, sauté onions, bell pepper, kale, mushrooms with grapeseed oil. Add fresh rosemary and continue to cook until onions are translucent.
- 3. In food processor or with rolling pin, crush crackers into crumbs.
- 4. Combine sautéed mixture with quinoa. Add cranberries, egg, egg white, cracker crumbs, salt and pepper and mix well.
- 5. In a prepared 9 x 13 baking dish, pour quinoa mixture and pat down with spoon for even layer.
- 6. Bake at 350° F for 25 minutes.
- 7. Let cool and then cut into squares.

Note: You can also serve as a main dish by baking in a smaller dish for a thicker square and cutting into larger squares.