

## **Stuffed Sweet Potatoes – Mexican Style**

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## Ingredients

(\* indicates my preferred ingredients - see notes for alternatives)

2 sweet potatoes
1 cup shredded red cabbage
1 cup black beans
½ cup quartered cherry tomatoes
½ cup corn (thawed and patted dry, or off the cob)
3 tablespoons (heaped) minced cilantro
2 tablespoons minced red onion
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 lime, juiced (divided), about 2 -2 ½ tablespoons of juice
2 tablespoons O&V <u>Unflavored EVOO</u> \*
2 teaspoon O&V <u>Guacamole Dip</u> \*
1 avocado
Sliced jalapeno or red chili (optional for heat)
2 tablespoons toasted pepitas
Jalapeño Crema for drizzling

## Preparation

Preheat the oven to 400 F. Using a fork, prick holes all over the sweet potatoes, rub gently with 1 teaspoon of EVOO to coat lightly. Place in the oven and bake for 40 -60 minutes (depending on the size of your potatoes) until fork tender.

In a bowl, combine the shredded cabbage, black beans, tomato, corn, cilantro, red onion and garlic.

In a smaller bowl mix the Guacamole dip mix with two teaspoons of water and let sit for 5 minutes to rehydrate the herbs. Then add in 1 tablespoon of lime juice and the remaining EVOO. Combine well and drizzle over the shredded cabbage and black bean mixture. Toss well.

Mash the avocado in a small bowl, add the remaining tablespoon of lime juice and salt to taste. Prepare the Jalapeño Crema.

Make a slit down the center of the potato about halfway to the bottom of the potato. Pinch the long ends together to open up the center. Using a fork, fluff the center of the sweet potato and fill with the cabbage and black bean mixture.

Top with a dollop of mashed avocado, a drizzle of the <u>Jalapeño Crema</u> and a sprinkle of pepitas. Serve alongside sliced jalapeños or sliced chili for more optional heat.

Serves 2 Active time 15 minutes Total Time: 55 minutes

## Notes

\* The <u>Guacamole Dip</u> is a really fun and easy way to add tremendous flavor with little effort, email me for an alternative spice concoction that you can use if you prefer. The <u>Unflavored EVOO</u> adds antioxidant health and great flavor to the dish, feel free to substitute with your favorite high quality EVOO or even a <u>Garlic EVOO</u>. Whatever you do, don't miss out on the amazing flavor of my favorite sauce – the <u>Jalapeño Crema</u>

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