

Shepherd's Pie Sweet Potato Skillet Fries

Courtesy of The Fit Slow Cooker Queen

INGREDIENTS:

32oz. frozen sweet potato fries 1lb lean ground meat (Shannon used chicken, I used beef) 1/2 medium onion, chopped

1 garlic clove

6 oz. can tomato paste

1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce

1/2 cup low-sodium broth (beef or chicken, depending on meat used)

10 oz. frozen mixed vegetables, thawed (I've never thawed the vegetables and haven't had an issue. They heat up quickly!)

1 cup shredded cheddar cheese



- Preheat oven to 400 degrees F and prepare fries according to package instructions.
- While the fries are baking, add meat, onion garlic, and a pinch of salt and pepper to a skillet.
- Cook until meat is browned and drain any excess grease.
- Stir in tomato paste, Worcestershire sauce and broth.
- Add vegetables and bring to a simmer, and cook until thickened slightly and fries are done.
- Season to taste with salt and pepper.
- Transfer the fries to an ovenproof baking dish or skillet and top with meat mixture and shredded cheese and return to oven for about 5 minutes until cheese is melted and lightly browned.

Some Notes:

To make Paleo and Whole 30 Compliant - omit the cheese and Worcestershire, and slice your own sweet potatoes to make the fries.

To make Vegetarian - Instead of meat, use crumbled tofu, coarsely mashed chickpeas, tempeh, lentils, or roasted mushrooms! YUM!

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Want to make it Vegan-approved? In addition to the meat substitutes, you can substitute the cheese with my Vegan Cheese Sauce.

Chef Angela's Vegan Non-Cheese "Cheesy" Sauce

Yields about 1 ½ cups

INGREDIENTS:

¾ cup chickpeas (in a pinch you could sub navy beans)

1 tsp minced garlic

1 tsp garlic powder

2 tsp lemon juice

1 tsp spicy brown mustard (or Dijon, I prefer spicy, and this really does not make the sauce spicy AT ALL, just allows for some added flavor)

Salt and pepper to taste

½ cup nutritional yeast

¾ cup vegetable broth

1/4 tsp turmeric

Pinch of cayenne

Zest and juice of half a lemon

1 TBSP Cornstarch

DIRECTIONS:

- Combine chickpeas, garlic, garlic powder, lemon juice, mustard, salt and pepper in food processor.
- Add yeast, broth, turmeric, cayenne, lemon zest and juice, process to combine.
- ▶ Add entire mixture to a saucepan, over medium heat stir with a whisk and add 1 heaping TBSP cornstarch mixed with 3 TBSP warm water.
- Continue stirring until sauce thickens and starts to boil. Remove from heat once comes to a boil.

