MARLEY SPOON



Appetizer Duo: BBQ Cocktail Meatballs

& Tuscan Bean Dip with Chips





Two simple-to-prepare-but-sure-to-wow appetizers will make you a holiday hero. Tender, bite-sized beef meatballs lacquered with sweet barbecue sauce topped with fresh scallions are an addictive nosh. Plus, a picture-perfect platter of rosemary-scented white bean dip with crisp pita wedges for dipping. This duo is a guaranteed crowd-pleaser! (2p-plan serves 4; 4p-plan serves 8nutrition reflects 1 portion of meatballs and dip)

What we send

- garlic
- 1 piece fresh ginger
- 2 scallions
- 10 oz pkg grass-fed ground beef
- 1 oz panko ⁴
- 2 oz barbecue sauce
- 15 oz can cannellini beans
- ¼ oz fresh rosemary
- 2 Mediterranean pitas ^{2,3,4}

What you need

- kosher salt & ground pepper
- 1 large egg ¹
- 7 Tbsp olive oil
- sugar
- apple cider vinegar (or white wine vinegar)

Tools

- medium ovenproof skillet
- medium skillet
- · rimmed baking sheet

Cooking tip

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Allergens

Egg (1), Sesame (2), Soy (3), Wheat (4). May contain traces of other allergens. Packaged in a facility that packages gluten containing products.

Nutrition per serving

Calories 540kcal, Fat 25g, Carbs 47g, Protein 26g



1. Prep mini meatballs

Preheat oven to 450°F with a rack in the center. Finely chop 2 teaspoons each of garlic and peeled ginger. Trim scallions; thinly slice. In a medium bowl, knead to combine beef, panko, chopped garlic and ginger, ¾ of the scallions, 1 teaspoon salt, 1 large egg, and a few grinds of pepper. Shape into 16 equal-sized meatballs. Transfer to an oiled medium ovenproof skillet.



2. Roast mini meatballs

Roast **meatballs** on center rack until cooked through, 10-12 minutes. In a small bowl, stir to combine **barbecue sauce, 2 tablespoons water**, and **1 tablespoon each of sugar and vinegar**. Carefully add sauce to skillet; place on stovetop over medium heat, and cook, turning meatballs, until glazed, 2 minutes. Transfer to a plate; skewer with toothpicks. Sprinkle with remaining **scallions**.



3. Prep bean dip

Preheat oven to 450°F with a rack in the center. Finely chop **1 teaspoon garlic**. (No need to drain or rinse **beans**.)



4. Make rosemary oil

Heat ½ cup oil in a medium skillet until shimmering. Add half of the rosemary sprigs (save rest for own use) and cook over medium heat until crisp and fragrant, 1-2 minutes. Use tongs to carefully transfer rosemary sprigs to a paper towellined plate. Carefully pour oil into a heatproof bowl to cool; reserve for steps 5 and 6.



5. Make bean dip

Heat 2 tablespoons of the reserved rosemary oil in same skillet. Add chopped garlic; cook over low heat, stirring, until fragrant but not browned, about 30 seconds. Carefully add beans and their liquid (it may splatter). Cook over medium-high heat, mashing beans with a spoon, until fairly smooth and thick, 5-6 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper.



6. Toast pita & serve

Brush each **pita** generously with **oil** and sprinkle with **salt**. Cut each into eighths and arrange on a rimmed baking sheet. Toast on center oven rack until crisp and golden, about 5 minutes. Spoon **bean dip** into a shallow bowl and drizzle with **1 tablespoon of the reserved rosemary oil**. Sprinkle with **salt** and **crisp rosemary**, and serve with **pita** alongside. Enjoy!