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# **Cheesy Turkey Meatballs**

with Spinach Salad & Peppery Croutons

30-40min 🕅 2 Servings

We thought about how much we love meatballs and cooked up this leaner, meaner version made with ground turkey and chopped spinach. The lean protein benefits from a bit of additional TLC in the form of cheese–fontina to be exact. The sauce is a kicked up version of a tomato sauce, with the addition of a little chili powder. A refreshing spinach salad with homemade croutons is served alongside. C...

#### What we send

- baby spinach
- Kashmiri chili powder
- canned whole-peeled tomatoes
- ground turkey
- garlic

## What you need

- 1 large egg <sup>3</sup>
- kosher salt & ground pepper
- olive oil
- red wine vinegar
- sugar

### Tools

- fine-mesh sieve
- medium skillet
- rimmed baking sheet

#### Allergens

Egg (3). May contain traces of other allergens. Packaged in a facility that packages gluten containing products.

#### Nutrition per serving

Calories 738kcal, Fat 45g, Carbs 37g, Proteins 45g



**1. Prep ingredients** 

Preheat the oven to 425°F with a rack in the center. Peel and finely chop **2 large** garlic cloves. Halve fontina horizontally, then cut into 8 pieces total. Chop tomatoes in the can with kitchen shears. Cut roll into 1-inch pieces. On a sheet of foil, toss bread cubes with **1 tablespoon** oil and ¼ teaspoon each salt and pepper.



2. Sauté spinach

Heat **1 teaspoon oil** in a medium ovenproof skillet, preferably nonstick, over medium-high. Add **half of the spinach**, <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> **of the garlic**, and **1 tablespoon water**, and cook until wilted, 1-2 minutes. Transfer to a fine-mesh sieve and press out excess liquid. Coarsely chop wilted spinach on a cutting board, then transfer to a medium bowl.



3. Make meatballs

To bowl with **spinach**, add **turkey**, **panko**, **1 large egg**, **1 tablespoon oil**, **¾ teaspoon salt**, and **¼ teaspoon pepper**. Using lightly moistened hands, form into 8 meatballs. Press **a piece of cheese** into the center of each meatball and patch the hole, reforming into a ball.



4. Brown meatballs

Heat **2 tablespoons oil** in the same skillet over medium-high. Add **meatballs** and cook, turning occasionally, until browned but not cooked through, about 6 minutes. Transfer to a plate leaving **oil** in the skillet.



5. Braise meatballs

Add **remaining garlic** and **1 teaspoon chili powder** to same skillet and cook 10 seconds. Add **tomatoes with their juice**, **1/3 cup water**, **1/2 teaspoon salt, several grinds pepper**, and **1/2 teaspoon sugar**. Boil for 2 minutes. Add **meatballs**, turning to coat and place skillet in oven. Cook, turning meatballs once, until cooked through and sauce is thickened, 15-20 minutes.



6. Make salad & serve

While **meatballs** are cooking, transfer **croutons** to oven and toast directly on rack next to meatballs until toasted, 10-15 minutes (watch closely as ovens vary). In a medium bowl, toss **remaining spinach**, **1 tablespoon each vinegar and oil**, and **croutons**. Season with **salt** and **pepper** and serve alongside **meatballs and sauce**. Enjoy!