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# CrossFitkitchen



## **SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALL CUPCAKES**

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#### overview

With words like "spaghetti" and "cupcake" in its title, how can this recipe be Paleo-friendly? There are always sneaky (ahem), I mean, smart ways to make fun foods healthier. There's nothing cake-y about these cupcakes, but your kids will love calling them cupcakes. And spaghetti? No way! But spaghetti squash? Yes way.

makes approximately 10 cupcakes

# ingredients

1 spaghetti squash

2 cups of tomato sauce

1 lb. ground beef

1 egg

2 tbsp. water

½ cup of almond meal

½ tsp. salt

1/8 tsp. pepper

# supplies

10 cupcake wrappers

### directions

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 F.
- 2. Cut the spaghetti squash in half, length-wise. Scoop out the seeds. Place it in a 9 x 11-inch pan, cut side up. Add 1 inch of water to the bottom of the pan. Bake for approximately 45 minutes, until the squash is tender and can be scooped out of the shell.
- 3. As the squash cooks, combine the egg, water, almond meal, and salt and pepper in a large bowl. Add the ground beef and mix everything together. You may have to use your hands to thoroughly combine these ingredients. Form the mixture into meatballs about 1 inch in diameter and place them in a baking dish.
- 4. Once the squash is done cooking, place it aside to cool. Pop the meatballs into the pre-heated oven and cook for about 20-25 minutes, until cooked through.
- 5. As the meatballs are cooking, fill the cupcake wrappers with spaghetti squash and cover them with a tablespoon of tomato sauce.
- Once the meatballs are cooked and cool, top each cupcake with a meatball and serve.