

Greek-Inspired Baked Zucchini Fritters with Cashew Tzatziki

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Ingredients:

1 cup, soaked, plus 1/3 cup, unsoaked raw unsalted cashews

2 medium zucchini

1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon lemon juice, divided

½ teaspoon red wine vinegar

1 teaspoon nutritional yeast

1/4 heaping teaspoon garlic powder

1/4 heaping teaspoon oregano

1 tablespoon Bob's Red Mill brand egg replacer

2 tablespoons scallions, chopped

2 tablespoons red onion, chopped

2 tablespoons fresh mint, chopped

4 tablespoons fresh dill, chopped (divide among fritters and tzatziki)

½ teaspoon lemon zest

2 tablespoons all-purpose flour or rice flour if gluten-free

1/3 cup plain breadcrumbs - regular or gluten-free

1 English cucumber

1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar

Salt, divided, 1 1/2 teaspoons total

Pepper, about 1/8 teaspoon total

Water

Drizzle of olive oil for coating parchment paper

Instructions:

- 1. Add 1 cup of cashews to a small bowl and cover with about an inch of water. Allow to soak for at least an hour.
- 2. In a food processor, use the shredding blade to shred 2 cups of zucchini. Toss the shredded zucchini with a pinch of salt. Set aside for about 30 minutes to release excess water.
- 3. Make the Cheesy Cashew Crumble: in the food processor with the S blade, combine ½ cup raw unsoaked cashews with 1 teaspoon lemon juice, ½ teaspoon red wine vinegar, 1 teaspoon nutritional yeast, ¼ heaping teaspoon garlic powder, ¼ heaping teaspoon oregano, ½ teaspoon salt, and a pinch of pepper. Pulse in the food processor until it's ground into small uniform pieces, like a parmesan sprinkle.
- 4. Pre heat the oven to 375°F.
- 5. Make the egg replacer mixture by whisking together 1 tablespoon of the egg replacer and 2 tablespoons water in a small bowl. Allow it to sit for a few minutes to thicken.
- 6. Chop the scallions, fresh herbs and red onion. Zest the lemon.





- 7. Using a tea towel or cheesecloth, squeeze as much moisture as you can out of the shredded zucchini and pat dry.
- 8. In a medium-sized bowl, combine the shredded zucchini, the Cheesy Cashew Crumble, the fresh herbs, red onion, breadcrumbs, flour, egg replacer mixture, lemon zest, ¾ tsp salt, and scant ¼ tsp pepper. Mix together until it can be molded into patties.
- 9. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper or a silicone baking mat and drizzle a bit of olive oil over it to help the fritters turn golden and crispy.
- 10. Use a ½ cup measuring cup to portion the mixture, rolling each scoop into a ball and pressing it down into a small patty, smoothing out the edges as needed.
- 11. Bake for 15 minutes, then flip the fritters and bake for another 10 minutes.
- 12. While the fritters are baking, make the Cashew Tzatziki sauce: Slice the cucumber lengthwise and scoop out the seeds. Using the shredding blade in the food processor, shred the cucumber.
- 13. Drain the soaking cashews and add to a high-speed blender along with ½ heaping cup water, 1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar, 1 tablespoon lemon juice, and ¼ tsp salt. Blend until smooth.
- 14. Pour the sauce into a bowl and stir in the shredded cucumber and 2 tablespoons chopped dill.
- 15. Once the patties are baked, they can be eaten warm out of the oven, or reheated in a pan with a little olive oil later on. Serve with the Cashew Tzatziki for dipping.



