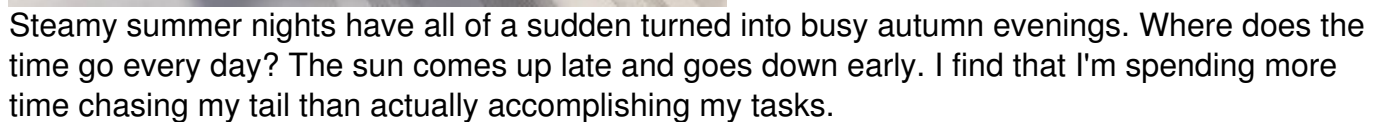


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Autumn Salad

1/4 cup red-wine vinegar

1 tablespoon Dijon mustard

1 teaspoon sugar

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Salt and black pepper, to taste

½ cup extra-virgin olive oil

Whisk the vinegar, mustard, sugar, salt and pepper together in a small bowl. Whisking

constantly, add the oil in a slow, steady stream and continue whisking until thickened. Set aside until ready to use.

For the salad:

Sliced almonds

Mixed salad greens

Red delicious or gala apples, diced, skin-on

Red seedless grapes, halved

Kiwi, peeled and cut into bite-sized pieces

Toast the almonds in a 350 degree oven for 10 minutes or until lightly browned and crunchy. Set aside until ready to use. Place salad greens in a large bowl. Toss with red wine vinaigrette. Top with apples, grape halves, kiwi and toasted almonds.

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Chicken and Broccoli



1 cup fresh broccoli florets

5 cups cooked cubed chicken

1 (10½ -ounce) can cream of chicken soup

1 cup sour cream

1 (2-ounce) jar diced pimentos, drained

½ cup butter, melted

1-1/3 cups (1 sleeve) crushed butter-flavored crackers

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2 teaspoons poppy seeds

Place cubed chicken and broccoli florets in a large mixing bowl. Stir in soup, sour cream, and pimentos. Mix well. Spoon mixture into a greased 2-quart baking dish. Combine $\frac{1}{2}$ cup melted butter, crushed crackers and poppy seeds in a small bowl. Sprinkle cracker mixture evenly over the chicken mixture. Bake in a preheated 350degree oven for 20 to 30 minutes until heated through. Serves 6 to 8.



Praline Pumpkin Imperial

2 (15-ounce) cans pumpkin

1½ cups sugar

4 eggs, lightly beaten

3 cups evaporated milk

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½ teaspoon ground cloves

½ teaspoon ground ginger

½ teaspoon pumpkin pie spice

½ teaspoon salt

1 (15.25-ounce) box yellow cake mix

2 sticks butter, melted

2 cups chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Lightly grease a 9x13-inch glass baking dish. In a large bowl, combine pumpkin, sugar, eggs, evaporated milk and spices. Pour mixture into prepared baking dish. Sprinkle top evenly with dry cake mix. Drizzle melted butter evenly over cake mix. Sprinkle chopped pecans on top. Bake for 75 to 85 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center of dessert comes out clean. Cool on wire rack for 30 minutes. Refrigerate before serving. Serves 12 to 15.



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