Top Ten...

Foods You Always Bought Pre-made from a Store but Now Will Have to Make from Scratch

Tomato Sauce

- 5 to 6 tomatoes (maticha)
- Salt and Pepper (mlHa u lbzar)
- > 1 Onion (bsla) chopped, 3-5 cloves of garlic (tuma)
- າ 1 Tbsp. paprika (tHamra)
- > 1 Tbsp. basil (Hbq)
- 1 Tsp. Oregano (z3tr)
- > 1 Tbsp. Sugar (senida) (more or less depending on how sweet the tomatoes are)
- Sautee onion and garlic 3-5 minutes in pot. Add shredded tomatoes. Season with herbs, and salt and pepper. Bring to boil, then reduce heat and allow to simmer until reduced to desired consistency.
- > Enjoy over spaghetti with kesta or cooked veggies.







- → 1 cup sesame seeds
- 3-4 Tbsp. olive oil
- Clean sesame seeds, then blend 1/4 cup at a time thoroughly in spice grinder. Combine full cup of ground sesame seeds in grinder, then blend together and add oil until smooth.





Hummus

2 1 cup uncooked chickpeas

- 3-4 Tbsp. tahini
- ⇒ Juice from one lemon ⇒ 1/4-1/2 cup olive oil
- 2 2-4 garlic cloves

- Salt, pepper and cumin to taste
- Put uncooked chickpeas in a pressure cooker. Add at least 3 cups of water to cover well. Sprinkle with salt and olive oil. Cook chickpeas and check every 20 to 30 minutes to make sure they don't burn. Add water as needed.
- > When chickpeas are soft, strain chickpeas but RESERVE the liquid.
- Dlend lemon juice, olive oil, and garlic cloves in blender. Then blend in tahini. Finally add in chickpeas and spices. Blend and add reserved cooking water as needed until the hummus reaches a smooth and creamy consistency.
- > Enjoy with carrot and cucumber slices!!

Peanut Butter

- > 1 cup raw peanuts
- > 1-2 Tbsp. veggie oil
- > 1/2 tsp. salt (or to taste)
- 2 tsp. honey or confectioners sugar (optional)



Heat oven to 160 degrees celsius and roast peanuts until light brown. Stir every 5 minutes to prevent burning. Wait until cool then add them to a blender or spice grinder. Add salt, honey or sugar, and 1 Tbsp. oil. Blend. Add more oil to achieve desired consistency. Enjoy in a PB and J sandwich or with carrots (Yes, carrots. It's delicious. Just try it.)

Tortillas

- > 3 cups flour
- > 2 Tbsp. butter
- 2 tsp. baking powder (or 2 packets Alsa)
- > 1 tsp. salt
- 1 cup warm water (as needed)



Mix flour, salt, baking powder, and butter until a crumbly mixture is formed.



Add water 1/4 at a time until a soft, elastic dough is formed. It should not be sticky.



Roll dough into long tube.



Cut into inch thick disks.



Flatten and roll disks into flat circles (or squares)





While rolling out tortillas, heat a pan on medium heat. One by one, bake the tortillas in the pan about 30 seconds on each side or until it just starts to bubble and brown in one or two spots. It is better to undercook than overcook these as overcooked tortillas become hard and brittle. Not ideal for wrapping around hot sizzling chicken and seasoned sautéed peppers.

Ricotta Cheese



Juice or Vinegar

Heat milk just until it starts to boil. Remove from heat and add lemon juice or vinegar. Allow to cool for 30 minutes. The acid in the juice will curdle the milk during this time. After 30 minutes, pour into a cheese cloth or fine sifter over a pot or the sink. Let the liquids drain fully from the curds. This may take several hours. After the mixture is mostly dry, add salt to taste. Enjoy with pasta and tomato sauce.

Recipe taken from Peace Corps Morocco Kitchen Guide

Italian Dressing

- 3 1 Tbsp. garlic salt
- > 1 Tbsp. onion powder
- 1 Tbsp. sugar
- 2 Tbsp. oregano
- 1 tsp. pepper
- > 1/4 tsp. thyme
- > 1 tsp. dried basil
- > 1 Tbsp. dried parsley
- > 1-2 Tbsp. Salt
- 3 1/4 cup white vinegar
- 2/3 cup veggie oil (1/3 veggie and 1/3 olive)
- 2 Tbsp. water
- 2 Tbsp. dried milk (optional)



Mix dry ingredients to make Italian dressing mix.
When ready to use, add mix to wet ingredients and stir well. Enjoy with a salad or over chicken.

Recipe taken from allrecipes.com

Pumpkin Puree

- > 1/2 kg. pumpkin
- > 1 Tbsp. olive or veggie oil
- salt and pepper to taste



Cut pumpkin into 1 inch square pieces. Toss in oil and season with salt and pepper. Place on baking sheet and cook in oven at 150 degrees celsius for about 40 minutes or until very soft. Check every 15 minutes to prevent burning and turn individual pieces as needed. When cooked throughly, remove from oven and allow to fully cool. Then place the pieces in a blender and blend until smooth. Use in pumpkin cookies, pumpkin pie, and pumpkin bread, and share with your Moroccan friends.



Granola

- Combine wet and dry
 Spread on tray
 - 3. Bake at 150 degrees celsius until golden (about 30 min.)
- 4. Enjoy with yogurt or milk or just plain.

Wine Tips

- Get tubing from most hardware stores
- Sanitize equipment with bleach
- > Have someone send wine yeast from the states
- 5 gallon water bottles work well to ferment wine
- > 1.5 liter water bottles work well to store it
- Balloons or condoms work well as air locks
- > If the wine goes bad, use in cooking

