

# Taco Pockets



Recipe courtesy of Rachael Ray

Show: 30 Minute Meals | Episode: Small Kitchen, Big Flavor



Total: 40 min  
Prep: 15 min  
Cook: 25 min  
Yield: 4 servings  
Level: Easy

## Ingredients:

- 1 1/3 pounds ground sirloin or ground turkey breast
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 tablespoon (a palmful) ground cumin
- 1 tablespoon, (a palmful) dark chili powder
- 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper sauce
- 1 teaspoon (1/3 palmful) coarse salt
- 1 tablespoon (1 turn around the pan) vegetable oil
- 4 (12-inch diameter) soft flour tortillas
- 1 cup mild taco sauce
- 1 heart of romaine lettuce, shredded
- 2 small plum tomatoes, seeded and chopped
- 2 cups shredded monterey jack

## Accompaniments:

- Cut fresh seasonal vegetable pieces and strips
- Assorted organic tortillas like blue corn, red corn or black bean
- Prepared mild salsa, for dipping chips and vegetables, recipe follows

## So Mild Salsa:

- 1 tablespoon (1 turn around the pan) extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped

## Directions:

### Accompaniments:

**1** Combine ground meat with onion, garlic, spices, and salt and form 4 patties. Pan fry patties in 1 tablespoon oil over medium high heat for 7 minutes on each side.



**2** To make a taco pocket, blister a flour tortilla on a hot griddle pan for 30 seconds on each side. Place tortilla on dinner plate and spread surface with 1/4 cup mild taco sauce. Pile shredded lettuce, tomatoes and a handful of cheese in center of tortilla. Top veggies and cheese with cooked taco burger patty and wrap tortilla up and over patty on all four sides. Turn square pouch over and cut from corner to corner, making 2 taco pockets that will not crumble and drip like traditional tacos.

**3** Serve taco pockets with cut fresh seasonal veggies, assorted tortilla chips and mild salsa for dipping.

### So Mild Salsa:

**4** Heat a small saucepan over moderate heat and add oil, onions, peppers, and garlic. Season vegetables with cumin, salt, and pepper and cook for 5 minutes, until vegetables are just tender.

**5** Remove the pan from heat and add canned tomatoes. Stir salsa to combine and transfer to a small serving bowl. Serve salsa at room temperature or chilled with veggies and assorted corn tortillas for dipping.

- 1 medium green bell pepper, seeded and finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon (1/3 palmful) ground cumin
- Salt and pepper
- 1 (15-ounce) can chunky-style crushed tomatoes