Healthy Recipe: Turkey Picadillo Tacos with Zucchini, Spinach, and Tomato

Ingredients:
- Lean ground turkey meat
- 2 zucchinis, cubed
- 1/4 onion, chopped
- 1 Bag of spinach, chopped
- Corn Tortillas
  (the ones shown are corn with cactus)

Directions:
1.) In a frying pan, cook the lean ground turkey meat with olive oil and seasoning to taste. Cook for a few minutes until the meat is cooked thoroughly, separating the pieces of meat to prevent sticking, add the garlic and onion.
2.) Cook another 2-5 minutes on the stove and added the zucchini and cover the pan, leaving it to simmer another 3 minutes.
3.) Meanwhile, heat the tortillas and cut the vegetables so everything is ready when the meat is done to fill the tacos.

What to do now that The Challenge is over?
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Q&A with Robert Rodriguez

Total Pounds Lost: 50

How did you do it to meet your weight loss goal?
“Basically, I watched what I ate and I exercised, and I went to most of the classes (offered during The Challenge).”

What brings you back this year (2016)?
“It was so good that I wanted to do it again. I know I won’t win another Challenge because I’m not going to lose that much weight, but it’s a good event for everyone to participate. I really enjoyed it, being with the people and everything – I think everyone should try it.”

Did you manage to keep the 50 pounds off?
“Yes, I did. I want to lose another 10 or 15, so I figured I’d give it another try, participate with all the other people, maybe encourage them, you know, help them out a little bit.”

You said you might not win this year, so what is your bigger goal?
“To be healthy. I’m looking forward to see what new activities they have.”

How has this past year been different now that you are 50 pounds lighter?
“I feel healthier, more energetic, I’m involved in more sports. I’m going to try for a half-marathon hopefully by next year, and maybe a full marathon as the next goal.”

Healthy Living:
Keep these healthy tips in mind as you continue your healthy living goals!

- CREATE SUPPORT. Don’t rely on willpower to change. For example, use post it notes as reminders and make a plan to change routines and habits.
- CREATE HEALTHY HABITS FOR CHILDREN! Avoid rewarding children with sugary snacks; such a pattern may become a lifelong habit.
- CAN YOU SPARE 15 MINUTES OF YOUR DAY? Consider starting a daily workout routine by exercising 15 minutes each day. It can be as easy as walking down your neighborhood, taking your pet for a stroll or having fun at the park with your family. Try it!
- Taking healthy snacks with you, that are easy to pack, will prevent you from reaching for processed, sugary snacks that could also be high in fat.
- Practice and don’t give up too soon. Habits take months or years to form. You need to spend more time practicing your new healthier and more positive behaviors.

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