## **Eggplant Tacos**

Yield: approximately 15 (vary depending on taco size)

### **Ingredients:**

### Filling:

½ large eggplant (chop into cubes: season to taste w/ garlic & pepper)

½ can of black olives (drain and chop)

½ large onion (chopped very fine)

2 cloves of garlic (minced)

½ cup red pepper (chopped)

½ cup green pepper (chopped)

4-5 sprigs of fresh cilantro chopped

½ can (15.5 oz.) garbanzo beans (drain and chop into paste)

½ can (8 oz.) black beans (drained)

1 cups Israeli couscous

½ tsp salt

½ tsp pepper

1/4 cup olive oil

½ cup water

1 pkg. Whole Grain Hard Taco Shells

### Toppings:

Romaine Lettuce

Tomato

Salsa (Medium)

Cheese (Mexican Blend)

### **Directions:**

- 1. Place chopped eggplant, olives, onion, garlic, red pepper, green pepper, cilantro and garbanzo beans into a large bowl.
- 2. Add ½ can of black beans, 1 cups couscous, ½ tsp salt, ¼ tsp pepper, ¼ cup olive oil and ½ cup water.
- 3. Mix well
- 4. Transfer ingredients into a large cooking pot and cook on medium heat for approximately 5 minutes stirring eggplant mixture frequently.
- 5. After about 5 minutes of cooking, lower heat and continue cooking for an additional 25 minutes or until mixture is soft.
- 6. If mixture sticks to the bottom of the pot add ¼ cup more water as needed.
- 7. Place eggplant mixture into taco shells and add toppings.
- 8. Serve and enjoy!

Variations of recipe: Whole Grain Soft tortilla shells

# Cranberry Chickpea Salad

### Ingredients:

1 can (15.5 oz.) garbanzo beans

1 head kale (chopped)

4 oz. dried cranberries

½ cup olive oil

3 Tbsp. balsamic vinegar

1/8 tsp sea salt

1/8 tsp black pepper

1 small granny smith apple (cut into cubes)

1 small red delicious apple (cut into cubes)

1/8 cup lemon juice

#### Directions:

- 1. Place garbanzo beans, kale, and cranberries in a large bowl.
- 2. In a small bowl combine oil, balsamic vinegar, salt and pepper and whisk ingredients together.
- 3. Pour mixture over salad and toss to mix.
- 4. Chop apples into cubes and place in a small bowl. Pour lemon juice over apple and mix.
- 5. Place apples on top of salad. Discard unused lemon juice.
- 6. Serve and enjoy!

Variation of recipe: variety of apples can be used depending on season