**Crispy Sweet Potato Fries**  
Serves 12

**Ingredients:**
3 lbs sweet potatoes (washed, cut into ¼ inch thick sticks)  
1/3 cup olive oil  
2 tsp garlic powder  
2 tsp smoked paprika  
¼ cup corn starch  
1 tsp ground black pepper  
Salt to taste

**Directions:**
1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Line roasting pan with parchment paper or aluminum foil.
2. Optional: soak cut sweet potato in cold water for at least 30 minutes, then rinse, drain, and pat try. [This helps remove additional starch to make sweet potatoes extra crispy.]
3. In a large bowl, toss fries in oil until evenly coated. Then toss fries with seasoning mixture.
4. Bake until crispy (~30-40 minutes). Flip about halfway through.
5. Remove from oven, sprinkle with salt, and let rest 3-5 minutes before serving.

**Nutrition Tips:**
1. Wash sweet potatoes well and keep the skin on! The skin of potatoes (regular and sweet) is where many of the phytonutrients and fiber are.
2. ¼ cup cornstarch is an optional key ingredient to make extra crispy sweet potato fries. Hold off on adding salt until the end to reduce sogginess.

**Source:**
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