Garlic Roasted Potatoes
Makes 8 servings

Ingredients:
3 lbs fingerling or small red potatoes (cut in half)
¼ cup olive oil
2 TBSP garlic (minced)
1 tsp pepper
1 tsp salt
Optional: 2 TBSP fresh rosemary or parsley (minced)

Directions:
1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Line baking sheet with aluminum foil.
2. Using a large bowl, toss potatoes in olive oil, garlic, salt, and pepper until well coated.
3. Transfer potato mixture evenly onto lined baking sheet and roast in the oven until golden brown and tender (~30-35 minutes). Flip twice during the baking process to ensure even browning.
4. Remove potatoes from oven and toss with fresh herbs (rosemary or parsley).

Nutrition Tips:
1. Roasting potatoes in olive oil and herbs is an excellent way to keep the moisture, add great flavor, and incorporate heart-healthy fats in place of the butter or sour cream which are full of saturated fats.
2. Potatoes are considered a “starchy vegetable” and therefore should fulfill the starch portion of your balanced plate (similar to pastas, rice, and other grains) rather than replace non-starchy vegetables such as broccoli, carrots, green beans, etc.

Source:
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