Oven Roasted Broccoli
Serves 6

Ingredients:
3 heads broccoli (broken into bite-sized florets)
¼ cup olive oil
4 cloves garlic (minced or thinly slices)
½ tsp salt
¼ tsp ground black pepper
Optional: ¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese, 1 TBSP lemon juice

Directions:
1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Line roasting pan with aluminum foil, parchment, or baking sheet.
2. In a medium bowl, toss all ingredients until the broccoli is well coated.
3. Transfer broccoli mixture to roasting pan. Arrange in a single layer on baking sheet. Bake for 15-20 minutes, or until the broccoli is beginning to turn golden brown and tender.

Nutrition Tips:
1. Broccoli is considered a cruciferous vegetable, as are brussels sprouts, collard greens, kale, cauliflower, and radishes. These vegetables are packed with dietary benefits such as detoxifying enzymes. Aim to consume 1-2 servings of these vegetables every day.
2. Broccoli is rich in water-soluble vitamins, including vitamin C and B vitamins, which the body can easily absorb.
3. Cooking food with water can deplete the item of some water-soluble vitamins, so eating it raw or roasting as a water-free cooking method can help maintain more nutrients.

Source:
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