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Healthy Eats: A Delicious Apple Dessert That Won't Break The Caloric Bank

'Tis the season for apple and pumpkin everything, but many of our beloved autumnal desserts carry a hefty caloric price tag. **New York-based nutritionist, personal trainer and exercise physiologist Franci Cohen** understands the food temptations all of the fall festivities can bring so here she offers a scrumptious-sounding dessert that is good *and* good for you. Low-Fat Individual Apple Pies In Their

Own Shell

Ingredients:

- Pie crust
- 6 Granny Smith apples
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 Tbsp brown sugar 1/2 tsp cinnamon

For the filling:

- 1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
- 2. Cut off the top of 4 apples and remove the inside with a spoon or scooper. Be very careful, as to not puncture the peel!
- 3. With the 2 additional apples, remove the skin and slice very thinly. These apple pieces will be the filling for the mini apple pies.
- 4. Throw the apple slices in a blow and mix with sugars and cinnamon. Scoop mixture evenly into each of the 4 hollow apples.

For the topping:

- 1. Roll out pie crust and slice into 1/4 inch strips. Note: You can also add a strip of pastry inside the top of the apple almost like a liner to add a little more texture and sweetness to the pie.
- 2. Cover the top of the apple in a lattice pattern with pie crust strips.
- 3. Place apples in an 8×8 pan and add just enough water to the cover the bottom of the pan. Cover with foil and bake for 20-25 minutes.
- 4. Remove foil and bake for an additional 20 minutes or until crust is golden brown and sliced apples are soft.