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Recipe for the week

This meal is perfect for left over chicken or any meat will do! It is also freezable!

Ingredients

- 1 lb. shredded cooked chicken
- 2 c. frozen corn or 1 can drained
- 1 can black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 green pepper, chopped
- 1 1/2 c. shredded Colby, Monterey Jack cheese
- 6 large whole wheat tortillas
- 2-10 oz. cans enchilada sauce

Directions

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees.
2. In bowl, combine 1 can enchilada sauce, corn, green pepper, black beans and chicken.
3. Place 2 large corn tortillas (overlapping is fine) at the bottom of a 9 x 13 baking dish.
4. Pour half the chicken mixture on top of the tortillas.
5. Sprinkle 1/2 c. shredded cheese over chicken mixture.
6. Place 2 more tortillas on top of chicken mixture.
7. Pour remaining chicken mixture over tortillas.
8. Sprinkle 1/2 c. shredded cheese on top of chicken.
9. Lay last 2 corn tortillas on top of chicken mixture.
10. Pour 1 can of enchilada sauce over tortillas.
11. Cover with aluminum foil and bake for 20 minutes.
12. Remove foil, add remaining 1/2 c. shredded cheese on top. Bake additional 10 minutes.

Welcome H.O.M.E. (Home Ownership, Maintenance, Empowerment)

Saturday, April 13, 2013
9:00 - Noon
Vine Hill Community Center
$15 per person or $20 per couple (sharing materials)

Hands on quarterly workshops helping new and not so new homeowners learn practical preventative maintenance skills and financial tips to keep that new home looking great without breaking the bank.

April’s Workshop is Lock, Stock, Barrel. Learn how to change locks, take stock of your tools and learn what a basic tool kit is and let’s get our hands dirty and plant a container herb/flower garden.

Door Prizes including Grand Door Prize from Unipro of TN worth $500!

Brought to you by Christian Community Services for more information and to register contact bhoward@ccsinashville.org or call 615-297-4024 ext. 5