

My Favorite Protein Shakes

Protein shakes and smoothies are a great addition to any healthy diet plan. I prefer mine in frozen shake form. Below are some of my favorites.

For protein, I use pasteurized egg whites. My favorite brand is **All Whites** liquefied egg white. The product is clear and does not add a strange taste as others might.

A word about bananas. I drink a lot of shakes. I use a lot of bananas. I hate to buy a bunch and have them spoil before the week is out. Our local Ingles has ripened bananas in bags for sale **cheap**. I buy them two bags at a time. I slice them thin and freeze in small bags. (You have to do this right away or they will spoil on you.) Each bag contains amount equal to a small banana (You be the judge. This can be 2/3 a large banana.) And is perfect for an individual shake. They keep beautifully in the freezer for up to a month. (They will begin to turn darker after that. I have kept and used them up to three months.) Frozen bananas are great for adding that frozen shake texture to a smoothie.

Walden's Chocolate has no fat, no sugar, etc. The thick liquid chocolate is wonderful in coffee and perfect for shakes and smoothies. If you crave chocolate as I do, you will really love this product. I can only find it locally in Ingles. They do have a website. I also love their caramel flavoring.

Fruit: I know fresh is better. However, it is also expensive and I like variety. I buy pineapple in a can. I buy frozen strawberries, mangoes, peaches, and berry mix. Frozen adds to texture of frozen shake. If you use fresh you will have to add more ice for a frozen shake.

Flavorings: I much prefer real fruit. However, some recipes may use flavorings such as strawberry, pineapple, and even rum. Have fun with your favorite combinations.

Sweetener: I know many people use artificial sweetener. However, I use Stevia. If you have not tried it, you should.

I have a small smoothie blender. However, I sometimes make more than one and it is more convenient to use the large blender. Don't think you have to go out and buy a special blender.

Recipes

Banana Split Smoothie or Shake

¼ cup All Whites Pasteurized Egg Whites

1 small ripe banana (fresh or frozen)

3 or 4 fresh or frozen strawberries (or 1/8 teaspoon strawberry flavoring)

1 Tablespoon of Walden's Chocolate

1 pack of Stevia

3 or 4 ice cubes for frozen shake

Blend, add tablespoon of water if too thick .

Pina Colada Smoothie

¼ cup All Whites Pasteurized Egg Whites

Canned pineapple, crushed or chunk, ½ of small can (or 1/3 of regular can)

1/8 teaspoon coconut flavoring (or use teaspoon of good quality coconut oil)

1/8 teaspoon rum flavoring

1 pack of Stevia

4 or 5 ice cubes

Jennifer's Morning Coffee Smoothie

¼ cup All Whites Pasteurized Egg Whites

1 cup coffee the way you like it (flavored or non dairy creamer? Stevia)

4 or 5 ice cubes

*This smoothie is great with a tablespoon of Walden's Chocolate and/or Caramel. My favorite coffee blend is Chocolate Raspberry with non-dairy creamer, so I think this flavor is great. Jennifer loves regular coffee with rich, French vanilla creamer. ** Jennifer always adds a tablespoon of good quality coconut oil to her hot or frozen coffee.

I hope that you love these smoothie recipes. Try your own combination of fruits.

Frozen fruit such as mangoes or peaches should be about 1 cup

Try Bananas with a few Strawberries, and Kiwi

The secret to the smoothie is the protein in the egg whites and the natural sweetener makes it delicious. Note that this is a meal or snack replacement. If you count carbs, points, or calories you must take the ingredients into consideration.

Now, I have to add the following disclaimer.

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