Try this new twist on a classic comfort food, that doesn’t skimp on flavor. Dark leafy greens are packed with nitrates to support blood vessel health and are also a good source of plant-based calcium.

**SMOKY SAUTÉED COLLARD GREENS**

**INGREDIENTS**

Serves 8 (½ cup each)

- 1 white or yellow onion, thinly sliced
- 3 cloves garlic, finely minced
- 1 red bell pepper, sliced into strips
- 2 bunches collard greens, rib removed, chopped or sliced
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1 teaspoon less-sodium soy sauce
- ½ to 1 teaspoon smoked paprika
- ½ teaspoon black pepper

Items are DUO-eligible for those who qualify.

**DIRECTIONS**

1. Heat a medium sauté pan over medium heat. Add oil and heat until shimmering.
2. Add onions and cook while stirring (sautéing) for about 2 minutes, or until onion is translucent (clear).
3. Add garlic and red bell pepper and sauté until fragrant.
4. Add collard greens and cook until the greens have become soft, around 8 minutes.
5. Add soy sauce, smoked paprika, black pepper, and stir well.

**TIP:** For the best taste, choose greens that are bright green. They will taste less bitter than greens that look dull or are turning yellow. For softer greens, cook them a little longer, which can also help to cook out some of the bitter flavor.

Nutrients per serving: 52 calories, 3 g total fat (0 g saturated), 6 g total carbohydrates (3 g dietary fiber), 2 g protein, 42 mg sodium, 187 mg potassium, 121 mg calcium, 19 mg magnesium

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This recipe was developed by the OU Culinary Medicine Program and professionally reviewed by a registered dietitian to ensure it aligns with dietary guidelines for people living with type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease. For more help with a personalized meal plan based on your health goals, you can ask your provider for a referral to see a registered dietitian.

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