

The Longevity Snack You Didn't Know You Needed

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Some longevity-boosting snacks hide behind green powders and complicated prep. But others? They're humble, affordable, and hiding in your pantry.

Meet your new favorite functional food: popcorn—when done right.

Popcorn with Olive Oil, Salt, and Nutritional Yeast—It's simple, satisfying, and surprisingly good for you.

There's something timeless about popcorn. It's light, warm, and endlessly adaptable. But this version? It's not movie night junk food. It's a longevity-forward snack that's high in fiber, rich in antioxidants, and delivers a savory, cheesy flavor hit without the dairy.

Here's why this three-ingredient combo works overtime for your health:

The Science Behind the Snack

- ■ **Popcorn** is a 100% whole grain. It's packed with polyphenols—plant compounds that fight inflammation and oxidative stress. Plus, the fiber supports gut health, blood glucose, and satiety.
- ■ **Olive oil**, especially extra virgin, is loaded with heart-healthy monounsaturated fats and powerful antioxidants like oleocanthal (which has anti-inflammatory effects similar to ibuprofen).

- **Nutritional yeast** is a quiet powerhouse. A source of **B vitamins** (especially B12 in fortified versions. **Bragg's is my favorite**), it may support energy metabolism and immune function while adding a crave-worthy umami flavor.

Plus, it's vegan, gluten-free, and endlessly satisfying.

The Best (Healthy) Popcorn Recipe

Whether you're slow and savory or short on time, this popcorn has your back. And thankfully, it skips the questionable stuff found in most store-bought microwave bags, like **endocrine-disrupting chemicals**.

THE STOVETOP METHOD (BEST FLAVOR + TEXTURE)

1. 1 Heat 2–3 tablespoons of extra virgin olive oil in a large pot over medium heat.
2. 2 Add ½ cup organic popcorn kernels. Cover and shake occasionally until popping slows to 1 pop every few seconds. I also let a little steam out of the lid now and then, lifting it slightly on the opposite side from where I'm standing while trying not to let the kernels escape.
3. 3 Remove from heat and pour into a large bowl.
4. 4 Drizzle with a bit more olive oil, toss to coat.
5. 5 Sprinkle with your favorite salt and 1–2 tablespoons of nutritional yeast. Toss again. Taste. Add more if you like it bolder.

MICROWAVE METHOD (IF YOU'RE MOVING FAST)

1. 1 Add ¼ cup organic popcorn kernels to a brown paper lunch bag. Fold the top over twice.
2. 2 Microwave on high for about 2 minutes, or until popping slows.

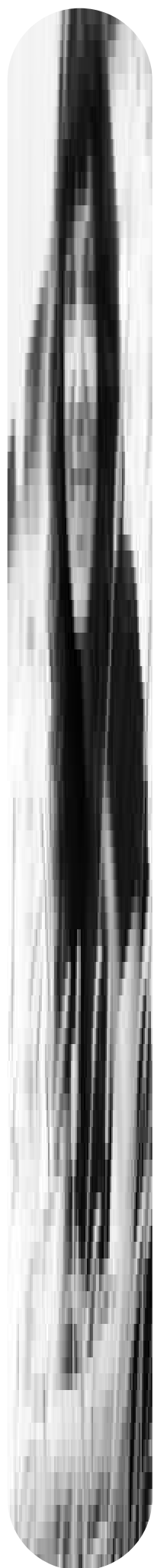
- 3 Carefully open the bag and pour into a bowl.
4. 4 Drizzle with olive oil, sprinkle with salt and nutritional yeast, and toss. Enjoy!

This snack hits the Super Age sweet spot: real ingredients, real benefits, and real satisfaction. Whether you're fueling up between meetings or winding down with a book, this is one snack your body (and your taste buds) will thank you for.

Pro Tip: Want extra crunch? Toast your nutritional yeast in a dry skillet for 30 seconds before sprinkling. You're welcome.

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