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We're kicking things off with a black bean chili that's going to be your new favorite dinner. Save leftover chili for lunches during the week, or freeze for another serving down the road. For the chili, if you don't want to buy a jar of ground chipotle chili for ½ a teaspoon, just substitute for regular chili powder. For the tacos, look for frozen wild fish which is a great deal. If you'd like, substitute ground dark meat chicken or pork in the five spice lettuce wraps. And enjoy the leftovers from the quiche for breakfast or brunch all weekend long. If you're cooking for one or two, these recipes can easily be halved. But remember—leftover lunches save you money, time and calories. You'll quickly see that this month is going to be full of flavorful, delicious and healthy dinners. Let's get started.

WEDNESDAY

Sweet Potato & Black Bean Chili and Kale Salad with Creamy Poppy Seed Dressing





THURSDAY

Grilled Fish Tacos with Coleslaw





FRIDAY

Spaghetti Squash & Chicken with Avocado Pesto and Garlic-Parmesan Roasted Brussels Sprouts





Bonus Recipes









PLATE METHOD SUGGESTIONS

MONDAY

breakfast

Turkey sausage patty, whole grain english muffin, watermelon

lunch

Turkey taco lettuce wraps, rice, grilled onions/peppers

snack

Corn and black bean salsa, jicama sticks/chips

TUESDAY

breakfast

Veggie/egg omelet, grapes, roasted breakfast potatoes

lunch

Salmon, quinoa, mixed berries, brussels sprouts

snack

Cottage cheese, peaches, bell pepper slices

WEDNESDAY

breakfast

Scrambled eggs, whole grain toast, orange

lunch

Light tuna salad with whole grain crackers, cucumbers, grapes

snack

Carrots, celery, hummus, whole grain pretzels

THURSDAY

breakfast

Greek yogurt, mixed berries, unsweetened granola

lunch

Veggie burger with whole grain bun, cauliflower tots, orange

snack

Light chicken salad, whole grain crackers, grapes

FRIDAY

breakfast

Oatmeal with milk, peanut butter, banana

lunch

Baked chicken breast, green beans, carrots, mashed potatoes

snack

Boiled egg, mini bell peppers, popcorn

Since these meals are suggestions, the ingredients are not included in the weekly shopping list.





SHOPPING LIST WEEK ONE

PRODUCE	DAIRY
Avocado	Extra-sharp Cheddar cheese
Baby potatoes, 1 pound	1 dozen eggs
Basil, 1 1/2 cups	Parmesan cheese, shredded
Boston lettuce, 2 heads	Reduced-fat sour cream
Broccoli, 2 cups, stems and florets needed	BAKERY
Brussels sprouts, 3 pounds	12 corn tortillas
Carrot, 1 large	SPICES / HERBS
Chives	Chili powder
Cilantro, 1 bunch	Five-spice powder
Garlic, 2 heads	Garlic powder
Ginger	Ground chipotle chile
Green or red cabbage, 3 cups	Ground cumin
Kale, 1 bunch or bag	Ground pepper
Lemons, 2	Onion powder
Limes, 3	Salt
Radicchio	CANNED GOODS
Red bell pepper, 1 large	1 14-ounce can of diced tomatoes
Rosemary	2 15-ounce cans of black beans
Spaghetti squash, 1, 2½ to 3 pounds	1 8-ounce can of water chestnuts
Sweet potato, 1	1 can of reduced-sodium chicken broth
Thyme	FROZEN FOODS
White onion, 1 large	1 bag of steamable edamame
PROTIEN	16-ounce bag of precooked shredded potatoes or frozen hash browns
Smoked ham, enough for 3/4 cup	OTHER
Ground turkey, 93% lean, 1 pound	Pine nuts, ¼ cup
Skinless, boneless chicken breasts, 1 pound	All-purpose flour
White fish, 2 pounds	Dried cranberries
CONDIMENTS	Instant brown rice
Extra-virgin olive oil	Poppy seeds
Apple cider vinegar	Sugar
Hoisin sauce	Toasted pepitas
Low-fat mayonnaise	Unsalted shelled pistachios, ¼ cup
Sesame oil	



Sweet Potato & Black Bean Chili

Serving Size: 2 cups Yield: 4 servings Active Time: 25 minutes Total Time: 40 minutes

WEDNESDAY

Ingredients

1 tablespoon plus 2 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil

1 medium-large sweet potato, peeled and diced

1 large onion, diced

4 cloves garlic, minced

2 tablespoons chili powder

4 teaspoons ground cumin

½ teaspoon ground chipotle chile

1/4 teaspoon salt

21/2 cups water

2 15-ounce cans black beans, rinsed

114-ounce can diced tomatoes

4 teaspoons lime juice

½ cup chopped fresh cilantro

Instructions

Heat oil in a Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Add sweet potato and onion and cook, stirring often, until the onion is beginning to soften, about 4 minutes. Add garlic, chili powder, cumin, chipotle and salt and cook, stirring constantly, for 30 seconds. Add water and bring to a simmer. Cover, reduce heat to maintain a gentle simmer and cook until the sweet potato is tender, 10 to 12 minutes.

Add beans, tomatoes and lime juice; increase heat to high and return to a simmer, stirring often. Reduce heat and simmer until slightly reduced, about 5 minutes.

Remove from heat and stir in cilantro.

Nutrition

Calories 319
Total Fat: 8 g
Saturated Fat: 1 g
Cholesterol: 0 mg
Carbohydrates: 54 g

Fiber: 15 g

Total Sugars: 13 g

Added Sugars: 0 g Protein: 12 g Sodium: 518 mg Potassium: 1036 mg Folate: 117 mcg Calcium: 157 mg

Carbohydrate servings: 3



Kale Salad with Creamy Poppy Seed Dressing

Serving Size: 1½ cups Yield: 6 servings Active Time: 25 minutes Total Time: 25 minutes

WEDNESDAY

Ingredients

1/4 cup low-fat mayonnaise 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil 1 teaspoon poppy seeds 1 teaspoon sugar 1/4 teaspoon salt 1/4 teaspoon ground pepper 4 cups coarsely chopped kale, any tough stems removed 2 cups matchstick-cut peeled broccoli stems, save florets for quiche if desired 2 cups thinly sliced trimmed Brussels sprouts (8 ounces) ½ cup sliced radicchio 3 tablespoons dried cranberries 3 tablespoons toasted pepitas

Instructions

Whisk mayonnaise, vinegar, oil, poppy seeds, sugar (or honey), salt and pepper in a large bowl. Add kale, broccoli stems, Brussels sprouts, radicchio, cranberries and pepitas; toss until well coated with the dressing.

Nutrition

Calories 161 Total Fat: 12 g Saturated Fat: 2 g Cholesterol: 4 mg Carbohydrates: 12 g Fiber: 3 g

Total Sugars: 6 g

Added Sugars: 3 g Protein: 4 g Sodium: 182 mg Potassium: 375 mg Folate: 43 mcg Calcium: 61 mg

Carbohydrate servings: 1/2



Grilled Fish Tacos with Coleslaw

Serving Size: 2 tacos Yield: 6 servings Active Time: 30 minutes Total Time: 50 minutes

THURSDAY

Ingredients | Fish

4 teaspoons chili powder

2 tablespoons lime juice

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

1 teaspoon ground cumin

1 teaspoon onion powder

1 teaspoon garlic powder

1 teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon freshly ground pepper 2 pounds white fish, ½-¾ inch thick, skinned and cut into 4 portions

Ingredients | Coleslaw

¼ cup reduced-fat sour cream
¼ cup low-fat mayonnaise
2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
1 teaspoon lime zest
2 tablespoons lime juice
1 teaspoon sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
Ground pepper to taste
3 cups finely shredded red or green cabbage
12 corn tortillas, warmed

Instructions

To prepare fish: Combine chili powder, lime juice, oil, cumin, onion powder, garlic power, salt and pepper in a small bowl. Rub chili powder all over fish. Let stand 20 to 30 minutes for the fish to absorb the flavor.

To prepare coleslaw: Combine sour cream, mayonnaise, cilantro, lime zest, lime juice, sugar, salt and pepper in a medium bowl; mix until smooth and creamy. Add cabbage and toss to combine. Refrigerate until ready to use. Preheat grill to medium-high.

Oil the grill rack or use a grilling basket. Grill the fish until it is cooked through and easily flakes with a fork, 3 to 5 minutes per side. Transfer the fish to a platter and separate into large chunks.

Serve the tacos family-style by passing the fish, tortillas, coleslaw and taco garnishes separately.

Nutrition

Calories 318
Total Fat: 9 g
Saturated Fat: 2 g
Cholesterol: 110 mg
Carbohydrates: 29 g

Fiber: 5 g Total Sugars: 3 g Added Sugars: 1 g Protein: 31 g Sodium: 714 mg Potassium: 829 mg Folate: 28 mcg Calcium: 99 mg

Carbohydrate servings: 2



Spaghetti Squash & Chicken with Avocado Pesto

Serving Size: 1½ cups Yield: 4 servings Active Time: 30 minutes Total Time: 1 hour

FRIDAY

Ingredients

1 2½- to 3-pound spaghetti squash, halved lengthwise and seeded
1 ripe avocado
1 cup packed basil leaves
¼ cup unsalted shelled pistachios
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 clove garlic
¾ teaspoon salt, divided
½ teaspoon ground pepper, divided
5 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
1 pound skinless, boneless chicken breasts, trimmed and cut into 1-inch pieces

Instructions

Preheat oven to 400°. Coat a large rimmed baking sheet with cooking spray.

Place squash, cut-side down, on one side of the prepared pan. Bake until tender, about 45 minutes.

Meanwhile, combine avocado, basil, pistachios, lemon juice, garlic, ½ teaspoon salt and ¼ teaspoon pepper in a food processor. Pulse until finely chopped. Add 4 tablespoons oil and process until smooth.

Ten minutes before the squash is done, toss chicken, the remaining 1 tablespoon oil and the remaining ¼ teaspoon each salt and pepper together in a medium bowl. Spread the chicken in an even layer on the empty side of the baking sheet. Return to the oven and bake until just cooked through, about 10 minutes.

Using a fork, scrape the squash from the shells into a large bowl. Add the chicken and toss gently to combine. Serve topped with the pesto.

Nutrition

Calories 497 Total Fat: 32 g Saturated Fat: 5 g Cholesterol: 83 mg Carbohydrates: 26 g

Fiber: 8 g Total Sugars: 6 g Added Sugars: 0 g Protein: 30 g Sodium: 543 mg Potassium: 1072 mg Folate: 86 mcg Calcium: 101 mg

Carbohydrate Servings: 1 1/2







Garlic-Parmesan Roasted Brussels Sprouts

Serving Size: 1 cup Yield: 6 servings Active Time: 10 minutes Total Time: 30 minutes

FRIDAY

Ingredients

2 pounds Brussels sprouts, trimmed and halved (or quartered if large)
1 small lemon, sliced
4 cloves garlic, sliced
¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil
1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme or 1 teaspoon dried
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon ground pepper
⅓ cup finely shredded Parmesan cheese
¼ cup toasted pine nuts

Instructions

Position racks in upper and lower third of oven; preheat to 425°.

Toss Brussels sprouts, lemon, garlic, oil, thyme, salt and pepper in a large bowl. Divide between 2 large rimmed baking sheets and spread in an even layer.

Roast without stirring for 10 minutes. Switch the pans top to bottom and continue roasting, without stirring, until lightly browned and tender, 8 to 10 minutes more. Transfer to a serving dish and sprinkle with Parmesan and pine nuts.

Nutrition

Calories 204 Total Fat: 15 g Saturated Fat: 3 g Cholesterol: 3 mg Carbohydrates: 14 g Fiber: 5 g

Total Sugars: 3 g

Added Sugars: 0 g Protein: 7 g Sodium: 304 mg Potassium: 577 mg Folate: 102 mcg Calcium: 122 mg

Carbohydrate Servings: 1



Five-Spice Turkey & Lettuce Wraps

Serving Size: 1¼ cups filling & about 6 lettuce wraps
Yield: 4 servings, 1¼ cups filling each
Active Time: 30 minutes
Total Time: 30 minutes

BONUS

Ingredients

½ cup water ½ cup instant brown rice 2 teaspoons sesame oil 1 pound 93%-lean ground turkey 1 tablespoon minced fresh ginger 1 large red bell pepper, finely diced 18-ounce can water chestnuts, rinsed and chopped ½ cup reduced-sodium chicken broth 2 tablespoons hoisin sauce 1 teaspoon five-spice powder ½ teaspoon salt 2 heads Boston lettuce, leaves separated ½ cup chopped cilantro or chives 1 large carrot, shredded Bag of steamed edamame

Instructions

Bring water to a boil in a small saucepan. Add rice; reduce heat to low, cover and cook for 5 minutes. Remove from the heat.

Meanwhile, heat oil in a large nonstick pan over medium-high heat. Add turkey and ginger; cook, crumbling with a wooden spoon, until the turkey is cooked through, about 6 minutes. Stir in the cooked rice, bell pepper, water chestnuts, broth, hoisin sauce, five-spice powder and salt; cook until heated through, about 1 minute.

To serve, spoon portions of the turkey mixture into lettuce leaves, top with herbs and carrot and roll into wraps.

Enjoy alongside steamed edamame.

Nutrition

Calories 286 Total Fat: 11 g Saturated Fat: 2 g Cholesterol: 65 mg Carbohydrates: 24 g

Fiber: 5 g

Total Sugars: 6 g

Added Sugars: 0 g Protein: 26 g Sodium: 596 mg Potassium: 414 mg Folate: 90 mcg Calcium: 58 mg

Carbohydrate Servings: 1 ½







Garlic-Rosemary Smashed Potatoes

Serving Size: ½ cup each Yield: 4 servings Active Time: 15 minutes Total Time: 40 minutes

BONUS

Ingredients

1 pound baby potatoes, halved
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
3 cloves garlic, minced
1 teaspoon chopped fresh rosemary
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon ground pepper

Instructions

Preheat oven to 425°. Place a large rimmed baking sheet in the oven to preheat.

Bring 1 inch of water to a boil in a large saucepan fitted with a steamer basket. Add potatoes, cover and steam until just tender, 12 to 14 minutes.

Meanwhile, combine 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tablespoons oil, garlic, rosemary, salt and pepper in a small bowl.

Brush the hot baking sheet with the remaining ½ tablespoon oil. Place the steamed potatoes on the pan, skin-side up, and smash with the bottom of a jar or smooth side of a meat mallet. Drizzle with the garlic oil. Roast until browned on the bottom, about 15 minutes.

Nutrition

Calories 146 Total Fat: 7 g Saturated Fat: 1 g Cholesterol: 0 mg Carbohydrates: 19 g Fiber: 2 g

Total Sugars: 1 g

Added Sugars: 0 g Protein: 2 g Sodium: 312 mg Potassium: 528 mg Folate: 21 mcg Calcium: 17 mg

Carbohydrate Servings: 1 1/2







Broccoli, Ham & Cheese Quiche

Serving Size: 1 slice Yield: 6 servings Active Time: 20 minutes Total Time: 2 hours

BONUS

Ingredients

16 ounces precooked shredded potatoes or frozen hash browns (thawed)
8 eggs, beaten
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon Extra-virgin olive oil
¼ teaspoon salt
2 cups finely chopped broccoli florets
1 cup shredded extra-sharp Cheddar cheese
¾ cup finely diced smoked ham
¾ cup reduced-fat sour cream
¼ cup minced fresh chives

1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper

Instructions

Preheat oven to 375°. Generously coat a 9-inch springform pan with cooking spray. Line a rimmed baking sheet with foil.

If using hash browns, squeeze any excess moisture from the thawed potatoes. Toss shredded potatoes (or hash browns) with ¼ cup egg, flour, oil and salt in a medium bowl. Pat the mixture into the bottom and 2 inches up the sides of the prepared springform pan. Bake until the potatoes are beginning to brown at the edges, 35 to 40 minutes.

Fill the crust with broccoli, cheese and ham. Whisk the remaining 1½ cups egg, sour cream, chives and pepper in a medium bowl. Place the pan on the prepared baking sheet and pour the egg mixture over the filling.

Bake the quiche until the center is just set, 50 minutes to 1 hour. Let cool for 15 minutes. Run a knife around the edges to loosen the sides, remove the pan sides and cut the quiche into wedges.

Nutrition

Calories 297 Total Fat: 16 g Saturated Fat: 7 g Cholesterol: 41 mg Carbohydrates: 17 g Fiber: 2 g

Total Sugars: 1 g

Added Sugars: 0 g Protein: 21 g Sodium: 622 mg Potassium: 436 mg Folate: 46 mcg Calcium: 212 mg

Carbohydrate Servings: 1