

SECOND NATURE

## 7-day meal plan

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# Balanced plate model

A useful way to learn how to build a balanced meal is to use our balanced plate model.

- At least 1/2 your plate of vegetables
- 1/4 of your plate of proteins
- 1/4 of your plate of complex carbohydrates
- · A source of fats



## Monday

Breakfast · Monday

## **Bowl of yoghurt**

## Ingredients

- · 200g plain, unsweetened Greek yoghurt
- · Optional toppings: berries and sliced almonds





Lunch · Monday

# Courgette Frittata slice + salad

### **Ingredients (Frittata)**

- 6 large eggs
- 4 tbsp wholemeal flour
- 1 cup (125g) cheddar cheese, grated
- 1 tub (300g) cottage cheese
- 2 courgettes, grated
- 3 spring onions, sliced
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- Salt and pepper

### Ingredients (Salad)

- 2 handfuls of baby spinach
- 1 tomato
- 1/4 slice off a length of cucumber
- ½ chopped red pepper
- Pre-prepped lemon salad dressing

- 1. Preheat the oven to 180°C.
- 2. Whisk the eggs in a large bowl until combined.
- 3. Add the flour and whisk until smooth.
- 4. Add the cheeses, courgettes, spring onions, olive oil and a pinch of salt and pepper and stir to combine.
- 5. Pour the mixture into a baking pan (square or rectangular) lined with greaseproof paper.
- 6. Bake for 35–40 minutes, until cooked through and lightly browned on top.
- 7. Prep salad ingredients, add lemon salad dressing and toss ready for serving.



Dinner · Monday

## Goulash soup

#### Ingredients

- 2 tbsp olive oil 1 onion, diced
- 2 garlic cloves, finely diced or minced
- 1 tsp ground paprika
- 400g diced beef
- 400g mushrooms, sliced
- 1 carrot, diced
- 1L beef stock
- 1 × 400g tin chopped tomatoes
- 200g potatoes, cut into 1cm cubes
- 100g plain natural or Greek yoghurt
- 50g fresh flat leaf parsley, roughly chopped

- Heat 2 tbsp of oil in a large saucepan, over medium heat.
  Fry the onion, garlic, and paprika, until softened.
- 2. Add the beef and stir until evenly browned. Add the mushrooms and carrots, and cook until softened.
- 3. Pour in the stock and tomatoes, and season with salt and pepper. Stir to combine and bring to a boil. Reduce to a simmer, cover and cook for up to 1hr.
- 4. Add the potatoes and cook uncovered for 20-30mins, or until the potatoes are tender.
- Ladle into bowls, and top with a spoonful of yoghurt and chopped parsley.





## Tuesday

Breakfast · Tuesday

## Eggs your way!

## Ingredients

- · Eggs
- · Avocado (Slice or mash ¼ of an avocado)
- 1 slice of wholegrain toast



Lunch · Tuesday

## Leftover goulash soup



Dinner · Tuesday

## Mediterranean quinoa

#### Ingredients

- 400ml vegetable stock
- 5-6 sprigs fresh thyme
- 120g quinoa
- 2 bay leaves (optional)
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 red onion, roughly chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, roughly chopped
- 1 large aubergine, diced
- 2 courgettes, chopped
- 1 red pepper, deseeded & chopped
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 400g tin chopped tomatoes
- Handful flat-leaf parsley or a small handful fresh basil, roughly chopped
- Optional: 2 tbsp Greek yoghurt as a topping

- 1. Put the stock, thyme, quinoa and bay leaves in a saucepan and bring to a boil. Cover and turn the heat to low.
- 2. Gently simmer for 15-20 minutes until quinoa is cooked (i.e. tender and easily fluffed with a fork). Drain off any excess liquid, remove the herbs and set aside.
- 3. Meanwhile, heat the olive oil in a large frying pan. Add the onion, garlic and aubergine and fry until lightly browned.
- 4. Add the courgette and red pepper and dried oregano. Fry for a couple of minutes.
- 5. Add the tinned tomatoes and salt & pepper and bring up to a simmer. Cover and simmer gently for approx. 20 minutes until the aubergines are tender. Add 2-3 tbsp water if necessary to reduce the thickness of the sauce.
- 6. Serve the vegetables on the guinoa and garnish with the remaining herbs.













## Wednesday

**Breakfast** · Wednesday

## Very berry smoothie

### Ingredients

- 200g plain natural or Greek yoghurt
- 1 tbsp rolled oats
- 1 tbsp milled flaxseed (optional)
- 1 handful baby spinach leaves
- 1 small handful fresh or frozen fruit (e.g. stoned cherries, berries, kiwi, melon, pineapple)
- 100ml milk

- 1. Place all ingredients in the order they are listed in a blender.
- 2. Screw the lid on tight and blend until smooth.





Lunch · Wednesday

# Leftover courgette frittata slice + salad





Dinner · Wednesday

## Coconut dahl

#### Ingredients

- 2 tbsp coconut or olive oil
- 1 large onion, finely diced
- 3 garlic cloves, finely diced or minced
- · 2cm fresh ginger, grated
- 2 1/2 tsp ground garam masala
- 1 tsp ground turmeric
- 1/4 tsp dried chilli flakes
- 200g red lentils or split peas
- 400ml vegetable stock
- 1 × 400ml tin coconut milk
- 1 large handful baby spinach
- 1 handful fresh coriander leaves, roughly chopped

- 1. Heat 2 tbsp of oil in a large saucepan, over medium heat. Fry the onion, garlic, and ginger, until softened.
- 2. Stir in the spices and fry until lightly browned.
- 3. Stir in the lentils or split peas, and a pinch of black pepper.
- 4. Add the coconut milk and vegetable stock, and bring it to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer gently for 20–25mins. If using split peas, add an extra 125ml water and cook for a further 15–20mins.
- 5. The lentils or split peas should be soft and cooked through. Add in the spinach leaves and stir the dahl.
- 6. Serve with coriander.





## Thursday

**Breakfast** • Thursday

## Mushroom omelette

#### Ingredients

- 2-3 medium or large eggs
- 2 tbsp plain natural or Greek yoghurt
- 1 small handful fresh or dried herbs (optional)
- 1-2 handfuls your choice of vegetables, diced
- 1 tbsp butter
- 30g Cheddar cheese, grated
- Optional: Slice of wholegrain bread

- 1. Gently whisk the eggs in a small bowl with yoghurt and a pinch of salt and pepper (and any dried herbs).
- 2. Heat a non-stick frying pan, over medium heat. If you're adding any vegetables, cook these in a drizzle of olive oil for 2–3mins to soften. Transfer to a side dish.
- 3. Add the butter to the pan. When it's melted (but not browned), pour the egg mix in. Once the mixture starts to set, tilt the pan and use a spatula to lift the edges slightly to allow the raw egg to flow underneath.
- 4. Distribute the cooked vegetables, cheese, and/or fresh herbs over the top. If your pan has a lid, put it on, but this isn't essential.
- 5. When the omelette starts to firm up around the edges, tilt the pan and fold it over in half.













Lunch · Thursday

# Leftover mediterranean quinoa (w/greek yoghurt)





Dinner • Thursday

## Warm lamb salad

#### Ingredients

- 200g plain Greek yoghurt
- 1/2 lemon, zested and juiced
- 1 garlic clove, finely diced or minced
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 400g lamb fillet or leg steaks
- 4 handfuls (100g) baby spinach and/or salad leaves
- 1/2 red onion, finely sliced
- 250g cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 red pepper, deseeded and finely sliced

- 1. Combine the Greek yoghurt, lemon zest, lemon juice, and garlic in a bowl.
- Heat 1 tbsp of oil in a frying pan, over medium-high heat. Season the lamb with salt and pepper, and cook to your liking (or 3mins each side). Cover with foil and set aside.
- 3. Mix the spinach, red onion, tomatoes, and red pepper in a large bowl. Dress with half the yoghurt dressing.
- 4. Slice the lamb diagonally into pieces and add to the salad, along with any juice from the pan.
- 5. Serve with extra dressing on the side.













## Friday

Breakfast · Friday

## **Overnight oats**

### Ingredients

- 40g rolled oats
- 100g plain natural or Greek yoghurt
- 100ml milk

### Optional topping choices:

- 1 small handful nuts
- 1 handful berries
- 1 tbsp milled flaxseed
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon

- Combine the rolled oats, yoghurt, milk, and a small pinch of salt in a bowl. Stir well to combine.
- 2. Cover and put in the fridge overnight.
- 3. Next morning, top with your favourite choice of toppings, such as nuts, milled flaxseed, berries, or ground cinnamon.





Lunch · Friday

# Leftover warm lamb salad





Dinner · Friday

## Leftover coconut dahl





## Saturday

**Breakfast** · Saturday

## **Blueberry oat pancakes**

### Ingredients

- 2 bananas
- 100g of oats
- 3 large eggs
- 100g of blueberries
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 tbsp butter

Halve the ingredients if you're after a single stack. You can also use a fork to mash the ingredients.

- Using a blender or food processor, blend the bananas and eggs, followed by the oats and salt, until well-combined.
- 2. Heat a frying pan over medium heat and add a bit of butter.
- 3. Pour batter into the pan to desired size, aiming for pancakes about 1cm thick.
- 4. Add blueberries straight away to the top side of the batter in the pan.
- 5. Once bubbles begin to form on the top, flip with a spatula.
- 6. Cook until both sides are golden brown.
- 7. Repeat until remaining batter is used up. Stack and serve with a dollop of greek yoghurt and any leftover berries.







Lunch · Saturday

## **Eating out**

or

leftover goulash soup



**Note:** opt for a meal with lots of non-starchy vegetables and a good source of protein



Dinner · Saturday

# Meatballs in chilli tomato sauce + salad

### Ingredients (Meatballs)

- 400g minced beef
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 2 tbsp fresh parsley, roughly chopped
- ½ tsp chilli powder (optional)
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 small onion, diced
- 2 garlic cloves, finely diced or minced
- 2 small red chillies, finely sliced
- 1 × 400g tin chopped tomatoes

## Ingredients (Salad)

- 2 handfuls of baby spinach
- 1 tomato
- 1/4 slice off a length of cucumber
- ½ chopped red pepper
- Pre-prepped lemon salad dressing

- Mix together the mince, egg, parsley, chilli powder (if using), and a pinch of salt and pepper in a large bowl. Roll them into tight balls and place on a plate.
- 2. Heat 1 tbsp of the oil in a large frying pan, over medium heat. Cook the meatballs in batches, until evenly browned (but not burnt). Remove and place on a plate.
- 3. Fry the onion, garlic, and chilli in the remaining 1 tbsp of oil over medium heat for 5mins, or until softened.
- 4. Add the tinned tomatoes and simmer for 5mins.
- 5. Add the meatballs and cook for 9–10mins, or until cooked through.
- 6. Serve, garnished with extra parsley.





## Sunday

Breakfast · Sunday

## Scrambled eggs

## Ingredients

• 2-3 Eggs

## **Optional topping choices:**

- · 1 grilled tomato
- · 1 handful of baby spinach
- · 2 rashers of back bacon





Lunch · Sunday

# Peri Peri chicken and vegetables

#### Ingredients (Frittata)

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 whole medium chicken
- 1 lemon
- 300g potatoes, cut into chips
- 125ml medium peri peri sauce
- 3 red peppers, cut into chunks
- 2 courgettes, cut into chunks
- 2 red onions, cut into chunks
- 1 large handful fresh coriander

- 1. Preheat the oven to 200°C/180°C fan.
- 2. Lightly oil a large roasting tray with 1 tbsp of oil.
- 3. Place the chicken, breast side up, in the tray, and stuff with lemon. Arrange the potatoes around the chicken, and season with salt and pepper.
- 4. Brush the chicken with 2/3 of the peri peri sauce and roast for 30mins.
- 5. Meanwhile, mix together the rest of the vegetables with a little salt, pepper, and the remaining peri peri sauce.
- 6. Remove the chicken and glaze with the juice from the bottom of the roasting tray. Turn the potatoes and add in rest of the vegetables, cook for another 20–30mins.
- 7. Check the chicken is cooked by piercing the biggest part of the thigh with a skewer or knife. If the juices run clear, it's done. If it's cloudy or pink, return to the oven for another 10–15mins.
- 8. Sprinkle with coriander and serve.



Dinner · Sunday

# Leftover meatballs in chilli tomato sauce



