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Suggested Meal Planner			
WEEK OF:	BREAKFAST	LUNCH	DINNER
MONDAY	Spicy Green Smoothie	Sweet Potato & Red Lentil Cakes	Lemon-Basil-Fennel Pasta Salad
TUESDAY	Apple Cinnamon Oatmeal	Lemon-Basil-Fennel Pasta Salad	FAST & Easy Linguine & Wild Mushroom Pasta
WEDNESDAY	Chocolate Peanut Butter Smoothie Bowl	Sweet Potato & Red Lentil Cakes	Mushroom Tofu Lettuce Wraps
THURSDAY	Apple Cinnamon Oatmeal	FAST & Easy Linguine & Wild Mushroom Pasta	Roasted Cauliflower Tacos
FRIDAY	Spirulina Smoothie Bowl	Roasted Cauliflower Tacos	Mushroom Tofu Lettuce Wraps



BONUS: Mint Chocolate Smoothie & QUICK Hoisin Sauce

Lunch & Dinner Grocery List

- 1/2 cup Broccoli .
- 1 cup Kale •
- 2 Apples (1 green) •
- 1 cup Pineapple •
- 1 Cucumber
- 5 cups Plant-Based Milk
- 3-4 T Ginger Root
- 1 Avocado •
- 1 Lemon
- 9 Medjool Dates
- 2 cups Rolled Oats
- 2 T Peanut Butter
- 3 Bananas
- 2 t Spirulina Powder
- 3 Mint Leaves
- 1 T Dark Chocolate
- 1 Large Sweet Potato

- 1 cup Red Lentils
- 1 cup Oat Flour
- 2 Yellow Onions
- 3 heads Garlic
- Salad Greens (for 2 meals)
- 1/2 lb. Lentil Pasta
- 1 150z. can Chickpeas
- 1 Bell Pepper
- 1 Red Onion ٠
- 1 bulb Fennel •
- 1 pint Cherry Tomatoes
- 2 cups Fresh Basil
- 2 cups Cashews
- 5 T Tahini
- 1/2 lb. Legume-Based Linguine

- ½ lb. Assorted • Mushrooms
- 2 bunches Scallions
- **1 T Nutritional Yeast** •
- 1 150z. can Cannellini Beans
- 6oz. Cremini Mushrooms
- 1 block Extra-Firm Tofu •
- 1 head Romaine Lettuce •
- 1 head Cauliflower
- 1 bunch Cilantro
- 1 Limes •
- 1 cups Purple Cabbage •
- 1 150z. can Pinto Beans • (or refried beans)
- 1 cup Raisins •
- 1 t Chinese Five Spice

Spicy Green Smoothie

Serves 1

Cook and Prep Time: 5 minutes

You Need:

- 1/2 cup Broccoli Florets ٠
- ¹/₄ cup Kale, packed
- 1 Green Apple, diced



- 1 cup Pineapple, diced
- ½ Cucumber
- 2 t Spirulina Powder
- 1/2 c Coconut Milk (or other plant based milk OR Water)
- 1 t Ginger, grated
- ½ Avocado
- 1 t Chia Seeds
- ½ Lemon juiced
- 1-2 Medjool Dates (optional)
- ½ t Cinnamon

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Clean and prep the ingredients as necessary.
- 2. Add all ingredients to blender.
- 3. Pulse until smooth. Enjoy!

Apple Cinnamon Oatmeal

Cook and Prep Time: 15 minutes

Serves: 1

You Need

For the Oatmeal

- ¹/₂ cup Rolled Oats
- 1 T Chia Seeds
- ¹/₂ cup Carrot, grated
- 1 ½ cups Water
- 1 t Cinnamon

For the Apple

- 1 Apple, chopped
- 1 t Cinnamon
- Water, for sautéing

For Serving

• Chia Seeds



- Peanut Butter
- Coconut Flakes
- Hemp Seeds
- Pumpkin Seeds
- Ground Cinnamon
- Fresh Berries

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Rinse and chop the produce accordingly.
- 2. Add the oatmeal to a small pot and cook on a medium heat. Cook until thickened, about 8-10 minutes.
- 3. Meanwhile, sauté the apples. Add the apples to a pan set to medium heat. Add 1 T of water at a time, and cook until the apples have softened, 6-8 minutes. Season with cinnamon before serving.
- 4. Serve oatmeal immediately, and top with apple and your desired garnishes. Enjoy!

Chocolate Peanut Butter Smoothie Bowl

Cook and Prep Time: 5 minutes

Serves: 1

You Need

- 2 T Peanut Butter
- 1 T Cocoa Powder
- ½ t Vanilla Extract
- 1-2 Medjool Dates (optional, for sweetness)
- 1 Frozen Sliced Banana
- 2 T Plant Milk of Choice

Toppings*

- 1 T Nuts or Seeds of Choice
- 1 T Dried Fruit
- Fresh Fruit of choice
- 1 t Chia Seeds
- 1 T Desiccated Coconut
- 1 T Nut Butter of choice

*Feel free to mix and match toppings as you see fit!



- 1. To a blender, add bananas, peanut butter, cocoa powder, vanilla extract, dates, and plant milk. Add more milk if necessary, but you want the mixture to be very thick.
- 2. Blend until smooth.
- 3. Place the mixture in a bowl. Top with your desired toppings.
- 4. Serve and eat immediately. Enjoy!

Spirulina Smoothie Bowl

Cook and Prep Time: 5 minutes

Serves: 1

You Need

- 1-2 t Spirulina Powder
- ½ cup Rolled Oats
- 1 Frozen Sliced Banana
- 1-2 Medjool Dates (optional)
- 2 T Coconut Milk (or plant milk of choice)

Toppings*

- 1 T Nuts or Seeds of Choice
- 1 T Dried Fruit
- Fresh Fruit of choice
- Hemp Seeds
- 1 t Chia Seeds
- 1 T Desiccated Coconut
- 1 T Nut Butter of choice

*Feel free to mix and match toppings as you see fit!

- 5. To a blender, add bananas, spirulina powder, rolled oats, and plant milk. Add more milk if necessary, but you want the mixture to be very thick.
- 6. Blend until smooth.
- 7. Place the mixture in a bowl. Top with your desired toppings.



8. Serve and eat immediately. Enjoy!

Mint Chocolate Smoothie

Serves 1

Cook and Prep Time: 5 minutes

You Need:

- 1 Banana, chopped
- 1 cup Spinach, packed
- ¹/₂ cup Plant Milk of Choice
- 2-3 Mint Leaves
- 1 Medjool Date
- 1 T Chia Seeds
- 1 t Hemp Seeds
- 1 T Dark Chocolate, chopped
- 1 T Ground Flax Seeds
- OPTIONAL: 2 T Melted Dark Chocolate, to add a swirl to the top

DIRECTIONS

- 4. Clean and prep the ingredients as necessary.
- 5. Add all ingredients to blender.
- 6. Pulse until smooth. Enjoy!

Sweet Potato & Red Lentil Cakes





Cook and Prep Time: 35 minutes



You Need

- 1 Sweet Potato, cooked for 50-60 minutes @ 400°F.
- ½ cup Red Lentils
- ½ cup Oat Flour
- ½ Yellow Onion, diced
- 3-4 cloves Garlic, minced
- 1 t Smoked Paprika
- 1 t Ground Cumin
- 1 t Dried Oregano
- 2 t Garlic Powder
- 2 t Onion Powder
- 2 t Ground Flax + 2 T Water
- Salt & Pepper, to taste
- Extra Virgin Olive Oil or Avocado Oil

For Serving (optional)

- Arugula Salad
- Cabbage Slaw
- Pumpkin Seeds
- Sunflower Seeds
- Hot Sauce
- Quinoa
- Mango Salsa
- Chopped Basil

- 1. Rinse and chop the produce accordingly. Make the flax egg by combining ground flax and water in a bowl. Whisk to combine and let sit for 10 minutes.
- 2. Cook the lentils. Add the lentils and 2 cups of water (or vegetable stock) to a pot. Bring to a boil, then cover and reduce the heat to a simmer. Cook until the lentils are soft, about 15-20 minutes.
- 3. Sauté the garlic and onion. Set a skillet to medium heat. Once hot, add the garlic and onion. Cook until the onion has softened, 5-6 minutes.
- 4. To a large bowl, add the cooked sweet potatoes and lentils, and mash. Then, add the onion, garlic, oat flour, and spices. Mix well.
- 5. Shape the mixture into evenly-size patties.
- 6. Return your skillet to a medium heat. Once hot add 1 T EVOO (or avocado oil). Once hot, add 2-3 patties at a time, leaving space for each one to cook. Cook for 2-3 minutes, and then flip. Repeat this process until all of the patties are cooked.
- 7. Serve with your desired sides and garnishes. Enjoy!



Lemon-Basil-Fennel Pasta Salad





Cook and Prep Time: 45 minutes

Serves: 2

You Need

- ½ lb. Lentil Pasta
- ½ 15oz. can Chickpeas, rinsed and drained
- 1 Bell Peppers, diced
- ½ Red Onion, sliced
- 3-4 cloves of Garlic, sliced
- 1 Fennel Bulb, sliced
- ½ pint Cherry Tomatoes, halved
- 1-2 Carrots, shredded
- Vegetable Stock of 1 t Extra Virgin Olive Oil, for sautéing
- Salt & Pepper, to taste
- ¹/₂ cup Fresh Basil, chopped

For the Sauce

- ½ cup Cashews, soaked overnight
- ½ 1 cup Basil
- 1 Lemon, juiced
- ¹/₂ cup Fennel Fronds
- 1 clove Garlic
- Salt & Pepper to taste
- 1 T Tahini
- 1 T Water (if needed)

For Garnish

- Lemon Wedges
- Fresh Chopped Basil or Parsley
- Red Chili Flakes
- Sunflower Seeds

- 1. Rinse and chop the produce accordingly.
- 2. Cook the pasta according to package instructions. Once the pasta is al dente, rinse under cold water to halt the cooking process.
- 3. Make the sauce. Combine all sauce ingredients in a blender, and pulse until smooth.
- 4. Set a pan to medium heat. Once hot, add the red onion, garlic, and bell pepper. Sauté for 4-5 minutes, until the onion is translucent.



- 5. Combine all the pasta salad ingredients in a large mixing bowl. Pour of the dressing, and toss to combine.
- 6. Serve with your desired garnishes. Enjoy!

FAST & Easy Linguine & Wild Mushroom Pasta



Cook and Prep Time: 20 minutes

Serves: 4-6

You Need



- 1/2 lb. Linguine or Fettucine (Bean-Based or Lentil-Based
- 1/2 lb. Mixed Mushrooms
- 3-4 cloves Garlic, sliced
- 1/2 Yellow Onion, sliced
- 1 T Nutritional Yeast
- Olive Oil or Vegetable Stock, for sautéing
- Salt & Pepper, to taste

For Serving

- 1-2 Scallions, sliced on a bias
- Roasted Cannellini Beans or Chickpeas
- Arugula Salad
- Chopped Basil

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Rinse and chop the produce accordingly.
- 2. Cook the pasta according to package instructions. Once the pasta is done, reserve ³/₄ cup of the pasta water.
- 3. To a large skillet set to medium-high heat, add the onions, and cook for 4-5 minutes, until translucent.
- 4. Add the mushrooms and garlic, and sauté for 5-6 minutes more, until the mushrooms are browned and tender. Season to taste.
- 5. Once the mushrooms are cooked, add them to the pot with the drained pasta, along with the reserved pasta water and the nutritional yeast. Toss to combine.
- 6. Serve with sliced scallions, roasted cannellini beans, fresh basil, and a salad. Enjoy!

Mushroom Tofu Lettuce Wraps





Cook and Prep Time: 35-45 minutes

Serves: 2-3

You Need

For the Filling:



- 4-6 oz. Cremini Mushrooms
- ½ Yellow Onion, diced
- ½-inch Ginger, minced
- 1-2 Scallions, chopped
- 3-4 cloves Garlic, minced
- 1/2 block Extra-Firm Tofu, pressed and broken into smaller pieces
- Vegetable Stock or 1-2 t Extra Virgin Olive Oil, for sautéing
- Hoisin Sauce (see below)
- Salt & Pepper, to taste
- 1 head Romaine Lettuce, halved and separated

Toppings

- Shredded Cabbage
- Shredded Carrots
- Sesame Seeds
- Chopped Scallions
- Sesame Seeds

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Rinse and chop the produce accordingly. Press the tofu for at least 30 minutes prior to starting.
- 2. Make the hoisin sauce (see below).
- 3. Set a large skillet to medium-high heat. Add the onion, ginger, and garlic, and sauté for about 5 minutes until the onions turn translucent and begin to brown.
- 4. Add the tofu, and cook for 5 minutes, until the tofu begins to brown.
- 5. Add the tofu, and cook for 5 minutes, until the mushrooms reduce in size.
- 6. Add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of the sauce to the mushrooms, and toss to combine.
- 7. Add 2 T of the filling to the romaine lettuce. Top with your desired toppings and hoisin sauce. Enjoy!

Roasted Cauliflower Tacos







Cook and Prep Time: 45-50 minutes

Serves: 2

You Need

- 1 head Cauliflower, chopped
- 1-2 t Chili Powder
- 1-2 t Smoked Paprika
- 1-2 t Ground Cumin
- 1-2 t Garlic Powder
- 1-2 t Onion Powder
- Salt & Pepper, to taste
- 1 t Extra Virgin Olive Oil

For the Crema

- 1/2 cup Cashews, soaked overnight OR Avocado
- ¼ cup Water (plus more if needed)
- ½ cup Cilantro
- 1 Lime, juiced
- 1-2 cloves Garlic
- Salt & Pepper, to taste

For the Slaw

- 2 cups Purple Cabbage, shredded
- 1 cup Carrots, shredded
- 1/2 cup Cilantro, chopped
- 1 Lime, juiced
- 1 T Tahini
- Salt & Pepper, to taste

Options for Serving

- Refried Beans
- Sautéed Black Beans
- Tortillas
- Sliced Avocado
- Salsa or Pico de Gallo
- Chopped Cilantro
- Chopped Basil
- Lime Wedges



- 1. Rinse and chop the produce accordingly. Preheat your oven to 425°F and line 1 baking tray.
- 2. Toss the cauliflower in the spices listed above, and add the cauliflower to your lined baking tray, and roast for 25-30 minutes, flipping halfway.
- 3. Meanwhile, make the slaw. Combine all the slaw ingredients in a large bowl, and toss to combine. Let stand to marinate and rest before serving.
- 4. Make the crema. Combine all the crema ingredients in a blender, and pulse until smooth. Add more water if needed.
- 5. Assemble your tacos with your desired serving options. Enjoy!

QUICK Hoisin Sauce

Cook and Prep Time: 5 minutes (+1 hour)

Serves: 6-8 servings

You Need

- 1 cup Raisins, soaked for at least 1 hour
- 1-2 dates, soaked for at least 1 hour
- 1 T Maple Syrup (optional)
- 4-5 T Tamari
- 3 T Rice Wine Vinegar
- 2 T Peanut Butter or Tahini
- 2-3 cloves Garlic
- 2 t Sesame Oil
- ½ t Chinese Five Spice
- 1-2 T Water, if needed

- 1. Soak the raisins and dates for at least an hour prior to making the sauce.
- 2. Add all of your ingredients to a food processor and pulse until smooth.
- 3. Adjust seasonings to taste and enjoy!