

+ ONE-WEEK SAMPLE MEAL PLAN





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## WELCOME TO THE FASTER WAY TO FAT LOSS GUIDE!

With this guide, you'll learn the basics of Intermittent Fasting, including why it works, how to get started, and tips for success! Discover how this free, simple strategy will do so much more than help you burn fat.

Intermittent Fasting is beneficial even if you don't change your current diet, but it's incredibly effective when you transition to a whole-food lifestyle. If you need some help figuring out what to eat, you'll find a one-week meal plan with shopping list and recipes to get you started. Healthy living has become unnecessarily complicated and most of the current popular advice simply doesn't work—and isn't actually based on science! That's exactly why the FASTer Way to Fat Loss was born, to combat the frustration you feel when you're doing everything "right" but still not seeing results.

This free guide will get you started so you can finally achieve the goals you always knew you could. Join more than 380,000 people who are truly living their best, healthiest lives—the FASTer Way!

## WHAT IS INTERMITTENT FASTING?

You've heard people talk about Intermittent Fasting, and you're probably curious what all the rage is about. Maybe it seems strange, and you aren't quite sure how this practice fits into a healthy lifestyle. You might even be skeptical, and rightly so, as the diet industry is full of ridiculous products and false promises that promote a yo-yo lifestyle.

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While eating several small meals per day can lead to weight loss (calorie deficits always do—at least initially), you will likely be losing both muscle and fat. When you lose calorie-burning muscle, you lower your metabolic rate and make it harder for your body to burn fat. You also might become frustrated because you never feel toned and fit, even though you are working out and eating clean.

## THE SCIENCE BEHIND INTERMITTENT FASTING

Intermittent Fasting encourages the body to burn fat while maintaining lean muscle mass, but because you're mixing higher calorie consumption with lower calorie consumption periods, you don't get as hungry as when you're not eating. Unlike restricting calories, Intermittent Fasting does NOT lower the body's basal metabolic rate long-term; in fact, it increases it! This makes Intermittent Fasting an incredibly effective weight loss strategy, even for obese people. Studies show IF to be more effective for weight loss than calorie restriction. Not only that, Intermittent Fasting is better at helping people maintain lean muscle mass than diets that simply restrict calories.

#### **HOW DOES INTERMITTENT FASTING WORK?**

After you eat, your body works hard to digest your meal. As you break down your meal in your digestive tract, nutrients are released into your bloodstream. That means your body often has excess fuel and that excess gets stored as fat. When you fast, your body has to rely on its energy stores by burning fat and glycogen. So, through Intermittent Fasting, you train your body to burn fat instead of storing it. Intermittent Fasting affects the body's hunger hormones (leptin, ghrelin, and insulin). Some studies have shown that Intermittent Fasting may positively impact the hypothalamus, which is important for proper hormone function.





## INTERMITTENT FASTING HAS HEALTH BENEFITS IN ADDITION TO WEIGHT LOSS

As Intermittent Fasting grows in popularity, more and more studies are being conducted to determine what benefits it may have and the extent of those benefits.

According to the Cleveland Clinic, coronary heart disease and Type II Diabetes may be reduced in patients who fast. According to Johns Hopkins, fasting can ward off Alzheimer's and Parkinson's, and improve memory and mood. Other studies show an Intermittent Fasting diet can extend lifespan and slow brain aging.

Additional benefits of Intermittent Fasting include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Improved hormone profile
- Maintenance of skeletal muscle mass
- Decreased blood glucose levels
- Decreased insulin levels
- Increased insulin sensitivity
- Increased lipolysis (breakdown of fats) and fat oxidation
- Increased growth hormone levels (preserves muscle mass)

#### INTERMITTENT FASTING AND METABOLISM

While the health and wellness industry has long taught that the best way to keep your metabolism revved up is to eat several small meals throughout the day, there is actually little to no research to back up this myth. In fact, metabolism has little to do with eating periods and is most closely related to muscle mass. The more lean muscle you have, the faster your metabolism.

According to a study published in 2000 by the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, fasting periods do NOT negatively affect metabolism when proper calorie levels are maintained (i.e. when you eat ENOUGH).

#### **HOW TO GET STARTED**

There are several different Intermittent Fasting protocols, however, the method we recommend is the daily 16/8 method. This protocol calls for 16 hours of fasting per day, with an 8-hour eating window.

This allows your body to reset daily without feeling too restricted, which makes it a strategy that's easy to sustain long term.



## GIVE IT A TRY, HERE'S HOW!

This Sunday, skip your breakfast—don't eat anything until lunchtime. When you break your fast, be sure to eat a balanced meal full of whole foods. After that, go ahead and eat your dinner normally (you will probably be able to eat more since you skipped breakfast) and stop eating by 8 pm. Once you've done that, try it again on Monday. If waiting until lunch is too difficult, that's fine. Start eating at 10 am, then keep moving it back until you've reached a 16-hour fasting window.

#### TIPS FOR FASTING

**During your fasting window you can consume the following -** Water, herbal tea, black coffee, BCAAs.

Track your macros during your eating window - We are not restricting calories through Intermittent Fasting, so it is important to consume all of your macronutrients (proteins, fats, and carbohydrates) during your eating window. Try using the MyFitnessPal app to track your macros (not your calories). We usually aim for 45% carbs, 30% fat, and 25% protein, but this can change based on your activity level and goals. The focus should be on whole foods, not processed options.

Work out while fasted - If at all possible, work out while fasted, as this will maximize your hormonal output and increase your metabolic rate. However, if you can't get your workout in during that window, don't stress. Have a plan - Plan out what you will eat during your eating window and stay busy during your fasting window. Being prepared is the best way to ensure your success. To learn how to maximize the effectiveness of Intermittent Fasting, join us for the FASTer Way to Fat Loss, the premier virtual Intermittent Fasting fitness and nutrition program. The FASTer Way is a comprehensive fat loss plan that is easy to fit into even the busiest of lifestyles.

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- BRANDI

In the FASTer Way, we pair Intermittent Fasting with carb cycling, strength training, and HIIT to ensure clients get the very best results. While all of these strategies have significant scientific backing, the testimonials from the thousands of clients who have gone through the FASTer Way speak louder than the white lab coats ever could. These people have truly changed their lifestyles, and are happier, healthier, and a whole lot leaner.

The reason this program is so incredibly successful is because we have strategically paired our food cycle based on IF and carb cycling with specific workouts to maximize its effects. If you want guidance and accountability while implementing these strategies so you can turn your body into a pro fat burner, then the FASTer Way to Fat Loss is the very best program available to help you do that!

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#### - JESSIE

Intermittent Fasting and whole-food nutrition are two core strategies of the FASTer Way to Fat Loss. They are backed by science and supported by more than 380,000 clients who have transformed their health and their lives.

If you're ready to implement these strategies, along with carb cycling and short, effective workouts, then join us for the FASTer Way to Fat Loss. Our clients sleep better, wake up full of energy, and are no longer experiencing digestive discomfort. They are stronger than they've ever been before, feel more in control of their food choices, and are more confident in their own skin.

If you're ready to learn how to live a healthy lifestyle that will help you look and feel your best in a truly sustainable way, the FASTer Way to Fat Loss is exactly what you need.

#### For more details, visit www.FasterWaytoFatLoss.com.

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## **FASTER WAY**

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## SAMPLE MEAL PLAN



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### THE FASTER WAY MEAL PLAN

At the FASTer Way to Fat Loss, there's nothing we love more than empowering our clients to transform their lives. Nutrition is the foundation of the FASTer Way lifestyle, but we know that transitioning from processed foods to whole-food nutrition can be difficult to navigate.

That's why we created the FASTer Way to Fat Loss meal plan. Our delicious meals will satisfy even the most refined palates, yet are simple enough to make meal planning a breeze. These meal ideas will provide the flexibility you need to seamlessly implement whole-food nutrition into your life using ingredients you already have. We know this meal plan will make your healthy, new lifestyle easier than ever. Enjoy!

### THE FASTER WAY LIFESTYLE

The FASTer Way to Fat Loss is a comprehensive program to help you burn fat efficiently while increasing your energy, building lean muscle, and learning to control your food choices.

The FASTer Way combines carb cycling, Intermittent Fasting, macro counting, strength training, and speed burst training to help your body become a pro fat burner! If you are new around here, that might sound a bit intimidating, but it's truly simpler than it sounds! Let's break a few things down before we dive into our recipes.



## OVERVIEW OF THE FASTER WAY CORE COMPONENTS

#### **INTERMITTENT FASTING**

Intermittent Fasting is not a type of diet, but an eating schedule. There are several ways to implement this strategy, but in the FASTer Way to Fat Loss we use a daily 16/8 protocol. This means that every day we fast for 16 hours and eat during an 8-hour window. You'll eat your normal amount of macros according to the daily nutrition cycle. This is not a deprivation-based program—you need those calories!

#### **HOW DOES IT WORK?**

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#### At-a-glance benefits of Intermittent Fasting:

- Increased insulin sensitivity
- Reduced insulin resistance
- Induction of cellular repair
- Increased human growth hormone
- Enhanced hormone function
- Increased metabolism
- Weight loss
- Fat loss
- Reduced inflammation
- May prevent disease

#### CARB CYCLING

Carb cycling is the intentional variation of carbohydrate intake each week. Most carb cycling plans consist of high carb days and low carb days. We don't cut carbs out completely, we simply vary our intake throughout the week to get the most out of our workouts and build the very best body composition.

#### WHY CARB CYCLE?

Long-term restriction of carbohydrates and calories can lower your metabolic rate and negatively affect your hormone levels. This is a big reason you might find yourself at a weight loss plateau. Restricting your calories will bring short-term results, but over time it will cause your metabolic rate to plummet. Once that happens you will see your weight loss stop and you'll have to further restrict your calories to continue losing weight, which lowers your metabolic rate even more. This is an extremely unhealthy way to live, not to mention incredibly frustrating!

Cutting out carbs altogether typically leads to a lower intake of calories overall, but it also deprives your body of vital nutrients, while leaving your energy levels low and your cravings high.

#### WHAT DOES IT DO?

Carb cycling allows you to deplete your body's glycogen (our primary source of fuel). When the glycogen is gone, the body must use its next-favorite energy source—fat! When you pair carb cycling with Intermittent Fasting and effective exercise, your body will turn into a literal fat-burning machine! If you've hit a plateau, this is key to breaking through and hitting your goals again!

#### **HOW DOES IT WORK?**

Carb cycling allows for planned high carb days that increase your thyroid output and help you control hunger. Because you are cycling your carbs, you will also have low-carb days (to offset the high-carb days).

At-a-glance benefits of Carb Cycling:

- Increased fat loss
- Higher energy levels
- Better body composition
- Improved insulin levels

#### **MACROS**

Macros, or macronutrients, are made up of carbohydrates, fats, and proteins. These are the basic building blocks of our diet, and we benefit from eating them in certain amounts. As a general guideline, most people need to consume approximately 45% carbs, 25% protein, and 30% fat. Each gram of protein and carbs has 4 calories, while each gram of fat has 9.

Protein: 1g of protein = 4 calories Carbs: 1g of carbs = 4 calories

Fat: 1g of fat = 9 calories

While it's important to consider caloric intake (meaning you are eating enough!), it's important to move past counting calories alone. Not all calories are created equal because they are not metabolized by the body in the same way. A diet high in simple sugars (carbs) may help you lose weight if you are living in a calorie deficit, but it won't help you build lean muscle—the key to burning fat!

Traditional diets focus on significantly restricting caloric intake, but they don't account for the quality of the calories you consume. This leads to a lot of "skinny-fat" people who may not look unhealthy, but are lacking in the macro and micronutrients their bodies need to be truly healthy. In the FASTer Way To Fat Loss we focus on eating the right foods at the right time for maximum results in fueling your workouts and your life!

Each recipe contained in this book will give you the macro breakdown. You can track your macros using the free MyFitnessPal app.

#### WHAT DOES IIFYM MEAN?

IIFYM is an acronym for "If It Fits Your Macros." This is a popular concept because it allows for flexibility in your diet without derailing all your efforts. In the FASTer Way, we have a weekly treat (hello, donuts!), but we fit them into our macros so we can stay tight on our goals.

## **SAMPLE MEAL PLAN**

DAY 01	Meal 2	BLT Salad Bowls Turkey Taco Lettuce Wraps Zucchini Noodles with Salmon
DAY 02		Bell Pepper Egg Cups Grilled Shrimp Salad Steak with Chimichurri Sauce Steamed Green Beans
DAY 03	Meal 2	Blackened Fish Taco Bowls Grilled Mediterranean Chicken Kabobs Brown Rice One Pan Chicken Thighs, Green Beans & Sweet Potato
DAY 04	Meal 2	Overnight Vanilla Oats Juicy Baked Chicken Breast Pressure Cooker Whole Sweet Potato White Bean Chicken Chili
DAY 05	Meal 1 Meal 2 Meal 3	Raspberry Açai Bowl Greek Chicken Bowl Baked Salmon with Broccoli & Quinoa



## **SHOPPING LIST**

FRUITS				
□ 3 Avocados □ 1 Banana □ 2 Tbsp Blueberries	☐ 2 Lemons ☐ ¼ cup Lemon Juice ☐ 2 Limes	□ 1% cups Raspberries □ 1 Unsweetened Açai Packet		
VEGETABLES				
□ 6 cups Arugula □ 2 cups Basil Leaves □ 8 cups Broccoli □ ¼ head Cauliflower □ 3¼ cups Cherry Tomatoes □ ¾ cup Cilantro □ 1 cup Coleslaw Mix □ ¼ Cucumber	□ 1/2 cup Frozen Corn □ 51/3 Garlic Cloves □ 8 cups Green Beans □ 1/2 Green Bell Pepper □ 1/4 head Iceberg Lettuce □ 1 Jalapeño Pepper □ 1/3 cups Parsley □ 2 Red Bell Peppers	□ 1% cups Red Onion □ % Sweet Onion □ 3 Sweet Potatoes □ 1 Tomato □ 1 Yellow Bell Pepper □ ¼ Yellow Onion □ 3 Zucchini		
NUTS, SEEDS, SPICES				
□ Almond Butter □ Black Pepper □ Cayenne Pepper □ Chia Seeds □ Chili Powder	□ Cumin □ Garlic Powder □ Greek Seasoning □ Italian Seasoning □ Oregano	□ Paprika □ Red Pepper Flakes □ Sea Salt □ Smoked Paprika		
PANTRY / CONDIMENTS				
□ Apple Cider Vinegar □ Avocado Oil □ 2 oz can Anchovies □ 2 cans Black Beans □ Bourbon □ Brown Rice □ Coconut Oil □ Coconut Sugar	<ul> <li>□ Extra Virgin Olive Oil</li> <li>□ Gluten-Free Oats</li> <li>□ Gluten-Free Soy Sauce</li> <li>□ Honey</li> <li>□ Hot Sauce</li> <li>□ 3 cups Organic Chicken Broth</li> <li>□ Quinoa</li> <li>□ Red Wine Vinegar</li> </ul>	□ Rice Vinegar □ Salsa □ Unsweetened Almond Milk □ White Rice □ 2 cans White Navy Beans		
PROTEIN				
<ul><li>□ 1½ Ibs Chicken Breast</li><li>□ 10⅓ oz Chicken Thighs</li><li>□ 8 oz Chicken Thighs With Skin</li></ul>	☐ 2 lbs Salmon Fillets ☐ 4 oz Extra Lean Ground Turkey ☐ 1 lb NY Striploin Steak	□ 2 slices Organic Bacon □ 8 oz Shrimp □ 11 Tilapia Fillet		

## **BLT SALAD BOWLS**

#### 1 SERVING | 15 MINUTES

#### **MACROS**

carbs - 9g | fiber - 5g | fat - 33g | protein - 15g

#### **INGREDIENTS**

1 egg

2 slices organic bacon

2 cups arugula

½ cup cherry tomatoes (halved)

1/4 avocado (sliced)

1 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil

sea salt and black pepper (to taste)

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

HARD BOIL eggs by placing them in a small pot and fill with enough cold water to cover them by 1 inch. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Once boiling, cover the pot and remove it from the heat. Let stand for 12 minutes then drain. Place eggs in a bowl of ice-cold water for 10 minutes.

COOK bacon in a pan over medium heat until crispy. Remove from pan and pat excess grease away with paper towel. Once cool, chop them up.

ASSEMBLE the salad: add arugula to a bowl and top with cherry tomatoes, avocado, chopped bacon and hard-boiled egg. Drizzle with olive oil and season with salt and pepper.



### **TURKEY TACO LETTUCE**

#### 1 SERVING | 25 MINUTES

#### **MACROS**

carbs - 23g | fiber - 12g | fat - 29g | protein - 27g

#### **INGREDIENTS**

34 tsp avocado oil

1/4 yellow onion (diced)

4 ounces extra lean ground turkey

1½ tsp chili powder

3/4 tsp cumin

½ tsp smoked paprika

¼ tsp garlic powder

¼ tsp sea salt

1/8 tsp red pepper flakes

1/4 lime (juiced)

¾ tomato (finely chopped and divided)

¼ jalapeño pepper (seeds removed and chopped)

¼ head iceberg lettuce (leaves pulled apart and washed)

½ avocado (diced)

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

**HEAT** oil over medium-high heat. Add onion and cook for about 5 minutes until translucent.

ADD ground turkey to the pan and break into very small pieces with a spatula and cook until no longer pink. Drain any excess drippings if necessary.

ADD the chili powder, cumin, smoked paprika, garlic powder, salt, red pepper flakes and lime juice and stir until the meat is coated evenly. Add half the chopped tomatoes and the jalapeño. Stir to combine and cook for another 5 minutes until tomatoes are very soft. Remove from heat.

ASSEMBLE the tacos: divide the turkey into the lettuce leaves, and top with remaining tomatoes and diced avocado.



## ZUCCHINI NOODLES WITH SALMON

4 SERVINGS | 20 MINUTES

#### **MACROS**

carbs - 5g | fiber - 2g | fat - 33g | protein - 20g

#### **INGREDIENTS**

12-ounce salmon fillet

2 cups basil leaves

½ cup extra virgin olive oil

2 garlic cloves (minced)

2 anchovies

1 tsp lemon juice

¼ tsp sea salt

4 cups arugula

2 large zucchini (spiralized into noodles)

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

PLACE the salmon fillet on a baking sheet. Broil on high for 5 to 6 minutes until cooked through and flaky. Let it cool slightly and then slice into bite-sized pieces.

ADD the basil, extra virgin olive oil, garlic, anchovy, lemon juice and sea salt to a blender or food processor. Blend until smooth.

ADD the arugula to a pan over medium heat and cook until just wilted. Remove and set aside. Add the zucchini noodles and cook for 3 to 4 minutes. Plate the noodles with the arugula and salmon and drizzle the sauce on top.





## **BELL PEPPER EGG CUPS**

1 SERVING | 20 MINUTES

#### **MACROS**

carbs - 8g | fiber - 3g | fat - 10g | protein - 14g

#### **INGREDIENTS**

1 red bell pepper

2 eggs

sea salt and black pepper (to taste)

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

PREHEAT oven to 425°F (218°C).

SLICE pepper in half and carve out the seeds.

CRACK an egg into the cavity of each half and bake on a baking sheet for 10 to 15 minutes, depending on how you like your eggs. Remove from oven and season with sea salt and black pepper.



### **GRILLED SHRIMP SALAD**

#### 1 SERVING | 25 MINUTES

#### **MACROS**

carbs - 16g | fiber - 7g | fat - 22g | protein - 30g

#### **INGREDIENTS**

2 Tbsp parsley (chopped and packed)

¾ lime (juiced)

1 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil

⅓ tsp chili powder

8 ounces shrimp (raw, peeled and deveined)

1 cup coleslaw mix

¼ cup cherry tomatoes (halved)

1/4 avocado (peeled and diced)

sea salt & black pepper

#### INSTRUCTIONS

CREATE dressing by combining the parsley, lime juice, olive oil and chili powder together in a blender or food processor. Process until smooth. Set aside.

PLACE shrimp in a large zip-top bag. Add half of the dressing and shake well to coat. Set the remaining dressing aside.

HEAT the grill over medium heat. Cook the shrimp for 2 to 3 minutes per side, depending on size of shrimp.

PLACE coleslaw mix on a plate and top with avocados, tomatoes and grilled shrimp. Season with sea salt and pepper to taste. Drizzle remaining dressing over top.



### STEAK WITH CHIMICHURRI SAUCE

4 SERVINGS | 20 MINUTES

#### **MACROS**

carbs - 7g | fiber - 4g | fat - 35g | protein - 34g

#### **INGREDIENTS**

1 avocado

1 cup parsley

½ cup cilantro

¼ cup lemon juice

2 garlic cloves

1 tsp sea salt (divided)

¼ cup extra virgin olive oil

1 tsp avocado oil

1 lb New York striploin steak

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

ADD the avocado flesh, parsley, cilantro, lemon juice, garlic and half of the sea salt to a blender. Blend together while slowly adding the extra virgin olive oil.

BLEND until smooth and creamy. Set aside.

**HEAT** a cast iron pan over medium heat and add the avocado oil. Meanwhile, season the steak with the remaining sea salt.

ADD the steak to the pan once it is hot. Cook for 3 to 4 minutes per side. Let the steak rest for about 10 minutes on a plate. Serve with chimichurri sauce on top.



### STEAMED GREEN BEANS

4 SERVINGS | 10 MINUTES

#### **MACROS**

carbs - 10g | fiber - 4g | fat - 0g | protein - 3g

#### **INGREDIENTS**

6 cups green beans (trimmed, fresh or frozen)

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

BRING ½ inch of salted water to boil in a large pan. Add green beans, cover and cook for about 5 to 7 minutes or until desired tenderness is reached.

**REMOVE** greens beans with a slotted spoon and serve.



### **BLACKENED FISH TACO BOWL**

#### 1 SERVING | 30 MINUTES

#### **MACROS**

carbs - **36g** | fiber - **14g** | fat - **20g** | protein - **24g** 

#### **INGREDIENTS**

¼ head cauliflower

1/2 avocado (pit removed and peeled)

1 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil

¼ lemon (juiced)

1 Tbsp water

34 tsp chili powder

¾ tsp cumin

1/8 tsp cayenne pepper

¼ tsp paprika

1/2 tsp sea salt

⅓ tsp black pepper

1 tilapia fillet

1 Tbsp red onion (finely diced)

1/2 green bell pepper (finely diced)

½ cup black beans (drained and rinsed)

lime wedge

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

MAKE cauliflower rice: chop cauliflower into florets and add to a food processor. Process until it reaches a rice-like consistency. (Note: if you don't have a food processor, you can grate the cauliflower with a box grater to create rice.) Transfer to a bowl and set aside.

MAKE avocado dressing by combining avocado, olive oil, lemon juice and water together in a food processor or blender and blend until smooth. Transfer to a jar and set aside.

COMBINE chili powder, cumin, cayenne, paprika, sea salt, and black pepper in a bowl and mix well. Sprinkle over both sides of the tilapia fillet.

GREASE a large cast iron skillet with a bit of olive oil and place it over medium-high heat. Add tilapia fillet. Sear for 3 to 4 minutes per side, or until fish is completely cooked through. (Note: fish is done when it flakes with a fork.) Remove from heat and chop into pieces. Set aside.

ADD cauliflower rice to a bowl and top with red onion, green pepper, and black beans. Add blackened tilapia, drizzle with desired amount of avocado dressing and serve with lime wedges.

### **BROWN RICE**

#### 4 SERVINGS | 45 MINUTES

#### **MACROS**

carbs - **35g** | fiber - **2g** | fat - **1g** | protein - **3g** 

#### **INGREDIENTS**

1 cup brown rice (uncooked)

2 cups water

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

COMBINE the brown rice and water in a saucepan. Place over high heat and bring to a boil. Once boiling, reduce heat to a simmer and cover with a lid.

SIMMER for 40 minutes or until water is absorbed.

**REMOVE** lid and fluff with a fork.



## GRILLED MEDITERRANEAN CHICKEN KABOBS

4 SERVINGS | 30 MINUTES

#### **MACROS**

carbs - 12g | fiber - 3g | fat - 11g | protein - 37g

#### **INGREDIENTS**

1 lemon (juiced)

1 Tbsp red wine vinegar

1 Tbsp oregano (dried)

2 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil (divided)

1 pound chicken breast (boneless, skinless, diced into cubes)

1 zucchini (large)

1 yellow bell pepper

1 cup red onion

2 cups cherry tomatoes

8 barbecue skewers

#### INSTRUCTIONS

COMBINE the lemon juice, red wine vinegar, oregano and half of the olive oil in a mixing bowl. Add in the cubed chicken breast and mix well. Place in the fridge and let marinate while you prep the vegetables.

DICE the zucchini, yellow bell pepper, and red onion into large chunks. Toss in the remaining olive oil.

SLIDE the marinated cubed chicken, zucchini, yellow bell pepper, red onion and cherry tomatoes onto the skewers.

PREHEAT the grill to medium heat.

GRILL the kabobs for 8 to 10 minutes per side or until chicken is cooked through.

**REMOVE** the kabobs from the grill and divide onto plates.



## ONE PAN CHICKEN THIGHS, GREEN BEANS AND SWEET POTATO

2 SERVINGS | 45 MINUTES

#### **MACROS**

carbs - **33g** | fiber - **7g** | fat - **19g** | protein - **30g** 

#### **INGREDIENTS**

8 ounces chicken thighs with skin

2 sweet potatoes (medium, cut into wedges)

1 tsp avocado oil

sea salt and black pepper (to taste)

½ tsp paprika

½ tsp thyme (dried)

2 cups green beans (trimmed)

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

PREHEAT the oven to 350°F (177°C). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

PLACE the chicken thighs and sweet potatoes on the baking sheet and drizzle with avocado oil. Season with salt, pepper, paprika, and thyme. Bake for 30 minutes.

REMOVE from the oven and add the green beans to the baking sheet. Place back in the oven for 10 to 15 minutes, or until everything is cooked through.



### **OVERNIGHT VANILLA OATS**

1 SERVING | 8 HOURS

#### **MACROS**

carbs - 37g | fiber - 8g | fat - 11g | protein - 18g

#### **INGREDIENTS**

½ cup oats (quick or traditional)

1½ tsp chia seeds

3/3 cup unsweetened almond milk

½ serving collagen peptides

2 Tbsp raspberries

2 Tbsp blueberries

1½ tsp almond butter

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

COMBINE the oats, chia seeds, and milk in a large bowl or container. Stir to combine. Place in the fridge for 8 hours, or overnight.

REMOVE from the fridge after the oats have set, and add the protein powder. Mix well. Add extra almond milk 1 tbsp at a time if the oats are too thick.

**POUR** the oats into a bowl or container and top with raspberries, blueberries, and almond butter.



## JUICY BAKED CHICKEN BREAST

1 SERVING | 35 MINUTES

MACROS carbs - **0g** | fiber - **0g** | fat - **11g** | protein - **43g** 

#### **INGREDIENTS**

5 ounces chicken breast (boneless, skinless)
1½ tsp extra virgin olive oil
½ tsp sea salt
½ tsp Italian seasoning

#### INSTRUCTIONS

PREHEAT oven to 400°F (204°C). Line a baking dish with parchment paper.

PLACE chicken breast in the prepared baking dish. Drizzle with oil and season with salt and Italian seasoning. Rub the seasoning and the oil all over both sides of the chicken. Bake for about 25 to 30 minutes, or until the chicken is cooked through.

**REMOVE** the chicken from the oven and immediately cover with a piece of aluminum foil for at least 10 minutes.

**REMOVE** the foil carefully and slice the chicken before serving.



## PRESSURE COOKER WHOLE SWEET POTATO

1 SERVING | 35 MINUTES

#### **MACROS**

carbs - **34g** | fiber - **11g** | fat - **0g** | protein - **2g** 

#### **INGREDIENTS**

1 sweet potato (medium) ½ cup water

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

PLACE the metal rack in your pressure cooker along with the water. Place the sweet potatoes on top of the rack and cook for 30 minutes on high pressure. For smaller potatoes, set for 15 minutes. For larger potatoes, set for 45 minutes.

ALLOW the pressure to release naturally. Carefully remove the lid and remove the sweet potatoes.



### WHITE BEAN CHICKEN CHILI

#### 4 SERVINGS | 40 MINUTES

#### **MACROS**

carbs - 26g | fiber - 4g | fat - 10g | protein - 28g

#### **INGREDIENTS**

2 tsp extra virgin olive oil

3/3 sweet onion (medium, chopped)

¾ jalapeño pepper (seeded and chopped)

⅓ red bell pepper (chopped)

11/3 cloves garlic (minced)

1 tsp cumin

2 tsp chili powder

⅓ tsp sea salt

2 cups organic chicken broth (divided)

2 cups white navy beans (cooked and

divided)

10% ounces chicken thighs (boneless,

skinless)

⅓ cup frozen corn

½ cup cilantro (chopped)

1 lime sliced into wedges

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

HEAT oil in a large pot with a lid over medium-high heat. Add onion, jalapeño and bell pepper and cook for about 5 minutes or until onion is soft. Add garlic, cumin, chili powder and salt and cook for another minute until fragrant.

ADD a third of the stock and half of the beans to a food processor or blender and purée the beans.

ADD the remaining stock and puréed beans to the pot and stir to combine. Place the chicken in the pot, cover with lid and reduce heat to medium-low. Cook at a gentle boil for 20 minutes or until the chicken is cooked through.

REMOVE the cooked chicken thighs from the pot and carefully shred the chicken with two forks. Return the chicken and any juices back to the pot with the remaining beans, frozen corn kernels, and cilantro. Stir to combine and season with additional salt if needed. Allow soup to cook for an additional 5 to 10 minutes.

**DIVIDE** the chili into bowls and serve with a lime wedge.



## RASPBERRY AÇAI BOWL

1 SERVING | 5 MINUTES

#### **MACROS**

carbs - 48g | fiber - 14g | fat - 7g | protein - 4g

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 1 banana (frozen)
- 1 unsweetened açai packet
- 1 cup raspberries (frozen)

¼ cup unsweetened almond milk (or other nut milk)

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

ADD the banana, açai packet, raspberries, and milk to a high-powered blender.

BLEND until completely smooth (if necessary, add up to ¼ cup more milk to blend smooth).

POUR into a bowl and top with raspberries, cacao nibs, strawberries, and shredded coconut.



### **GREEK CHICKEN BOWL**

#### 1 SERVING | 50 MINUTES

#### **MACROS**

carbs - **43g** | fiber - **3g** | fat - **12g** | protein - **39g** 

#### **INGREDIENTS**

½ cup water

¼ cup brown rice (dry)

4 ounces chicken breast (skinless,

boneless)

1½ tsp Greek seasoning

1/4 cucumber (diced)

2 Tbsp diced red onion

½ cup cherry tomatoes

1½ tsp extra virgin olive oil

1½ tsp red wine vinegar

sea salt and black pepper (to taste)

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

PREHEAT the oven to 350°F (177°C) and line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

BRING the water to a boil in a small saucepan. Add the brown rice, reduce to a simmer, cover and let cook for 30 minutes.

LAY the chicken breast on the baking sheet and sprinkle with Greek seasoning. Place in the oven for about 30 minutes, or until cooked through.

DICE the cucumber and red onion and add them to a large bowl along with the cherry tomatoes, olive oil, red wine vinegar, salt, and pepper. Mix well.



## BAKED SALMON WITH BROCCOLI AND QUINOA

4 SERVINGS | 20 MINUTES

#### **MACROS**

carbs - **40g** | fiber - **8g** | fat - **19g** | protein - **39g** 

#### **INGREDIENTS**

1½ pounds salmon fillets 1 cup quinoa (uncooked)

sea salt and black pepper (to taste) 1½ cups water

8 cups broccoli (sliced into small florets) ½ lemon (sliced into wedges)

2 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil

#### INSTRUCTIONS

PREHEAT the oven to 450°F (232°C) and line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

PLACE the salmon fillets on the baking sheet and season with sea salt and black pepper.

TOSS the broccoli florets in olive oil and season with sea salt and black pepper. Add them to the baking sheet, arranging them around the salmon fillets. Bake the salmon and broccoli in the oven for 15 minutes, or until the salmon flakes with a fork.

COMBINE the quinoa and water together in a saucepan while the salmon cooks. Bring to a boil over high heat, then reduce to a simmer. Cover and let simmer for 12 to 15 minutes, or until all water is absorbed. Remove lid and fluff with a fork. Set aside.

REMOVE the salmon and broccoli from the oven and divide onto plates. Serve with quinoa and a lemon wedge. Season with extra sea salt, black pepper and olive oil, if desired.



### **FOOD SWAPS**

Beans Instead of Beef: Similar to lentils, beans are a good swap for beef in many recipes. Beans deliver around 8 grams of protein and 8 grams of fiber per ½-cup serving, though it may vary slightly depending on the type of bean. Top your salad with beans, use them in a vegetarian chili, or in place of meat in tacos and vegetarian taco salad.

Cauliflower Instead of Chicken or Eggs: Cauliflower is a mild vegetable and has a reputation for being able to stealthily replace certain foods, such as potatoes and even pizza crust. Cauliflower also replaces the chicken in buffalo bite recipes and makes a healthy choice for "meatballs."

Jackfruit Instead of Chicken or Pork: It seems strange to think of a fruit as a substitute for meat, but the texture of jackfruit is actually quite similar to shredded chicken (and also works well in place of pulled pork). Though this tropical fruit looks intimidating from the outside, it's sold in supermarkets in cans and in the refrigerated section with other meat substitutes.

**Tempeh Instead of Fish:** This soy-based protein is similar to tofu (which is also a great substitute for fish), but usually has a firmer texture, a darker brown color and a nutty flavor. Tempeh contains all the essential amino acids so it's a great vegetarian protein source, and because it's fermented, it delivers probiotics (good bacteria essential for gut health). Tempeh is great grilled or pan fried!



Lentils Instead of Beef: These legumes are surprisingly high in protein, with 9 grams per ½ cup (cooked). Their hearty texture and peppery flavor make them a good stand-in for ground beef in many recipes, such as vegetarian shepherd's pie, lentil burgers, and stew. Lentils come in a variety of colors including red, brown, black, and green and ounce for ounce cost less than meat.

Mushrooms Instead of Red Meat: It's become quite popular to use portobello mushrooms as a substitute for a burger, but mushrooms can do so much more. Chopped, sliced, or ground mushrooms provide a meaty texture and earthy, smoky flavor that works well in the place of meat. Try your hand at subbing in mushrooms for meat in sandwiches, stews, main dishes, and appetizers!

Tofu Instead of Chicken or Eggs: Similar to chicken, this soy-based vegetarian protein takes on the flavors of what it is seasoned and cooked with. This makes tofu an excellent canvas for introducing all types of flavors and a perfect swap in just about any chicken dish. Also a great substitute for scrambled eggs. Plus, a 3-ounce serving of tofu packs in 9 grams of protein.

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