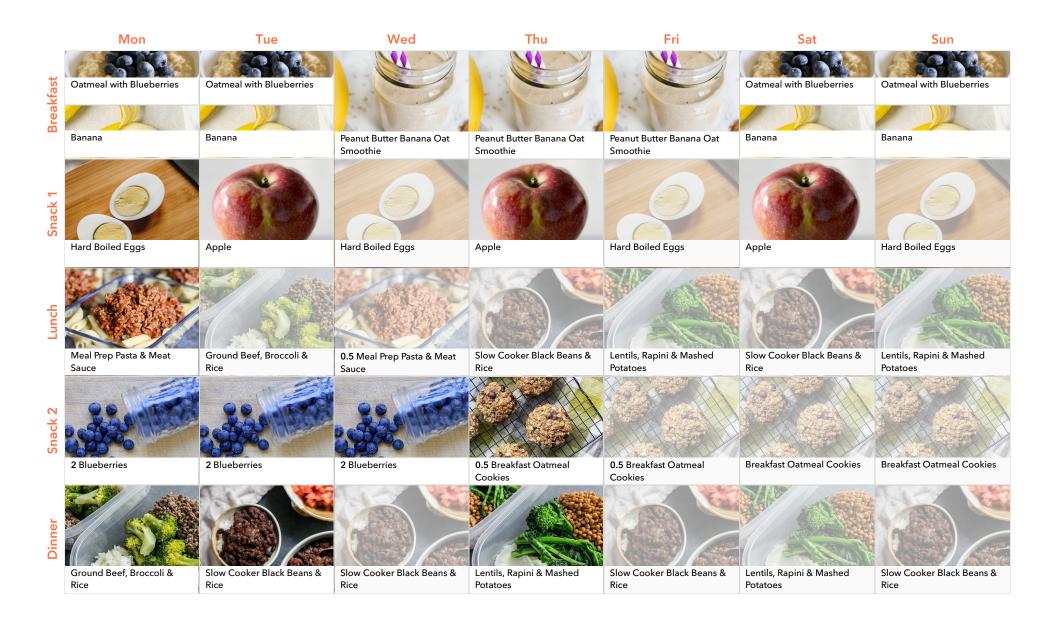




1500 Calorie Meal Plan On a Budget PDF

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| Fat 22%       | %          | Fat = 12%     |        | Fat 24        | 1%     | Fat — 19      | 9%     | Fat 👝 2      | 4%     | Fat = 129     | %      | Fat 🗕 18     | 3%     |
| Carbs 🦳       | <b>57%</b> | Carbs 🗧       | 74%    | Carbs 🦳       | 60%    | Carbs         | 68%    | Carbs        | 60%    | Carbs 🦳       | 75%    | Carbs 🦳      | 67%    |
| Protein 🛑 21% | 6          | Protein - 14% | 0      | Protein 🛑 169 | 6      | Protein - 139 | %      | Protein 🛑 16 | %      | Protein 🛑 139 | %      | Protein 🛑 15 | %      |
| Calories      | 1530       | Calories      | 1559   | Calories      | 1568   | Calories      | 1509   | Calories     | 1557   | Calories      | 1550   | Calories     | 1598   |
| Fat           | 38g        | Fat           | 21g    | Fat           | 43g    | Fat           | 33g    | Fat          | 43g    | Fat           | 22g    | Fat          | 32g    |
| Carbs         | 221g       | Carbs         | 297g   | Carbs         | 247g   | Carbs         | 269g   | Carbs        | 245g   | Carbs         | 301g   | Carbs        | 277g   |
| Fiber         | 31g        | Fiber         | 37g    | Fiber         | 34g    | Fiber         | 39g    | Fiber        | 35g    | Fiber         | 43g    | Fiber        | 39g    |
| Sugar         | 61g        | Sugar         | 77g    | Sugar         | 56g    | Sugar         | 51g    | Sugar        | 32g    | Sugar         | 60g    | Sugar        | 41g    |
| Protein       | 83g        | Protein       | 58g    | Protein       | 65g    | Protein       | 52g    | Protein      | 65g    | Protein       | 50g    | Protein      | 63g    |
| Cholesterol   | 520mg      | Cholesterol   | 74mg   | Cholesterol   | 409mg  | Cholesterol   | 0mg    | Cholesterol  | 372mg  | Cholesterol   | 0mg    | Cholesterol  | 372mg  |
| Sodium        | 493mg      | Sodium        | 678mg  | Sodium        | 689mg  | Sodium        | 1454mg | Sodium       | 1594mg | Sodium        | 1395mg | Sodium       | 1535mg |
| Vitamin A     | 1948IU     | Vitamin A     | 1232IU | Vitamin A     | 1575IU | Vitamin A     | 2224IU | Vitamin A    | 2666IU | Vitamin A     | 2029IU | Vitamin A    | 2471IU |
| Vitamin C     | 135mg      | Vitamin C     | 141mg  | Vitamin C     | 50mg   | Vitamin C     | 54mg   | Vitamin C    | 46mg   | Vitamin C     | 63mg   | Vitamin C    | 55mg   |
| Calcium       | 216mg      | Calcium       | 264mg  | Calcium       | 472mg  | Calcium       | 515mg  | Calcium      | 560mg  | Calcium       | 322mg  | Calcium      | 367mg  |
| Iron          | 13mg       | Iron          | 9mg    | Iron          | 11mg   | Iron          | 13mg   | Iron         | 15mg   | Iron          | 13mg   | lron         | 15mg   |





### **Fruits**

| 3 Apple |  |
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8 1/8 Banana

8 cups Blueberries

### **Breakfast**

1/2 cup All Natural Peanut Butter

### Seeds, Nuts & Spices

- 2 Bay Leaf
- 1 tbsp Cumin
- 2 2/3 tsps Sea Salt

### Vegetables

- 2 cups Broccoli
- 227 grams Rapini
- 4 Russet Potato
- 1 White Onion

### **Boxed & Canned**

- 1 1/2 cups Diced Tomatoes
- 2 cups Dry Black Beans
- 2 cups Green Lentils
  - 3 1/2 cups Jasmine Rice
- 2 cups Whole Wheat Penne

#### **Baking**

- 1 1/2 tbsps Dark Chocolate Chips
- 3 1/2 cups Oats

### Bread, Fish, Meat & Cheese

454 grams Extra Lean Ground Beef

### **Condiments & Oils**

1 cup Tomato Sauce

### Cold

- 14 Egg
- 1 1/2 cups Unsweetened Almond Milk

### Other

9 cups Water





# Oatmeal with Blueberries

1 serving 10 minutes

### Ingredients

1 cup Water

1/2 cup Oats (quick or rolled)1/2 cup Blueberries (fresh or frozen)

### **Nutrition**

| Amount per serving |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Calories           | 196  |
| Fat                | 3g   |
| Carbs              | 38g  |
| Fiber              | 6g   |
| Sugar              | 8g   |
| Protein            | 6g   |
| Cholesterol        | 0mg  |
| Sodium             | 8mg  |
| Vitamin A          | 40IU |
| Vitamin C          | 7mg  |
| Calcium            | 49mg |
| Iron               | 2mg  |
|                    |      |

### **Directions**

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Bring water to a boil in a small saucepan. Add the oats. Reduce to a steady simmer and cook, stirring occasionally for about 5 minutes or until oats are tender and most of the water is absorbed.

2 Transfer the cooked oats to a bowl and top with blueberries. Enjoy!

### Notes

**Extra Toppings:** Peanut butter, almond butter, sunflower seed butter, almond milk, nuts, seeds, yogurt, honey, maple syrup or granola.

No Blueberries: Top with raspberries, strawberries, peaches or bananas.

No Stove Top: Cook oats in the microwave instead.





# Banana

1 serving 1 minute

# Ingredients

### 1 Banana

### Nutrition

| Amount per serving |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Calories           | 105  |
| Fat                | 0g   |
| Carbs              | 27g  |
| Fiber              | 3g   |
| Sugar              | 14g  |
| Protein            | 1g   |
| Cholesterol        | 0mg  |
| Sodium             | 1mg  |
| Vitamin A          | 76IU |
| Vitamin C          | 10mg |
| Calcium            | 6mg  |
| Iron               | 0mg  |

### Directions

1 Peel and enjoy!

### Notes

More protein: Dip in almond butter.



1 serving

5 minutes



# Peanut Butter Banana Oat Smoothie

### Ingredients

1/4 cup Oats (quick or traditional)2 tbsps All Natural Peanut Butter1 Banana

1/2 cup Unsweetened Almond Milk

### **Nutrition**

| Amount per serving |       |
|--------------------|-------|
|                    |       |
| Calories           | 389   |
| Fat                | 20g   |
| Carbs              | 48g   |
| Fiber              | 7g    |
| Sugar              | 18g   |
| Protein            | 12g   |
| Cholesterol        | 0mg   |
| Sodium             | 88mg  |
| Vitamin A          | 325IU |
| Vitamin C          | 10mg  |
| Calcium            | 258mg |
| Iron               | 2mg   |
|                    |       |

#### **Directions**

Place all ingredients into a blender and blend well until smooth. Divide into glasses and enjoy! (Note: This smoothie will thicken if not had right away. Just add a splash of almond milk until you reach your desired consistency.)

#### Notes

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No Banana: Sweeten with raw honey, maple syrup or a few soaked dates. No Peanut Butter: Use any nut or seed butter. Storage: Store in a mason jar with lid in the fridge up to 48 hours. More Protein: Add hemp seeds or a scoop of protein powder. More Fibre: Add ground flax seed.





# Hard Boiled Eggs

**7 servings** 15 minutes

### Ingredients

### 14 Egg

### Nutrition

| Amount per serving |       |
|--------------------|-------|
|                    |       |
| Calories           | 143   |
| Fat                | 10g   |
| Carbs              | 1g    |
| Fiber              | 0g    |
| Sugar              | 0g    |
| Protein            | 13g   |
| Cholesterol        | 372mg |
| Sodium             | 142mg |
| Vitamin A          | 540IU |
| Vitamin C          | 0mg   |
| Calcium            | 56mg  |
| Iron               | 2mg   |

#### **Directions**

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### Place eggs in a saucepan and cover with water. Bring to a boil over high heat.

Once boiling, turn off the heat but keep the saucepan on the hot burner. Cover and let sit for 10 to 12 minutes.

Strain the water and fill the saucepan with cold water. Let the eggs sit until cool enough to handle. Peel and enjoy!

#### Notes

Leftovers: Refrigerate in a covered container with the shell on for up to 7 days. Easier to Peel: Add salt to the water while boiling.





# Apple

1 serving 2 minutes

# Ingredients

1 Apple

### Nutrition

| Amount per serving |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Calories           | 95   |
| Fat                | 0g   |
| Carbs              | 25g  |
| Fiber              | 4g   |
| Sugar              | 19g  |
| Protein            | 0g   |
| Cholesterol        | 0mg  |
| Sodium             | 2mg  |
| Vitamin A          | 98IU |
| Vitamin C          | 8mg  |
| Calcium            | 11mg |
| Iron               | 0mg  |

### Directions

1 Slice into wedges, or enjoy whole.





# Meal Prep Pasta & Meat Sauce

2 servings 25 minutes

### Ingredients

2 cups Whole Wheat Penne (dry, uncooked)227 grams Extra Lean Ground Beef1 cup Tomato Sauce

### Nutrition

| Amount per serving |       |
|--------------------|-------|
| Calories           | 527   |
| Fat                | 13g   |
| Carbs              | 69g   |
| Fiber              | 11g   |
| Sugar              | 7g    |
| Protein            | 33g   |
| Cholesterol        | 74mg  |
| Sodium             | 88mg  |
| Vitamin A          | 549IU |
| Vitamin C          | 9mg   |
| Calcium            | 31mg  |
| Iron               | 6mg   |
|                    |       |

#### Directions

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Cook the pasta according to the instructions on the package.

While the pasta cooks, heat a large skillet over medium heat. Add the beef and saute, breaking it up as it cooks. Once it is completely cooked through, pour the tomato sauce over top and mix well.

Divide the cooked pasta into containers and divide the meat sauce over top. Enjoy!

#### Notes

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No Ground Beef: Use any type of ground meat instead. Leftovers: Keeps well in the fridge for 3 to 4 days. Freeze up to two months. Vegan & Vegetarian: Use cooked lentils instead of ground meat. No Tomato Sauce: Use canned crushed tomatoes instead. Gluten-Free: Use a gluten-free pasta like chickpea, quinoa or rice.

More Veggies: Cook chopped vegetables into the sauce such as diced zucchini, mushrooms, bell peppers, eggplant, spinach or basil.





# **Blueberries**

# 2 servings 2 minutes

# Ingredients

## 2 cups Blueberries

## Directions

#### Wash the berries and enjoy! 1

### Nutrition

| Amount per serving |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Calories           | 84   |
| Fat                | 0g   |
| Carbs              | 21g  |
| Fiber              | 4g   |
| Sugar              | 15g  |
| Protein            | 1g   |
| Cholesterol        | 0mg  |
| Sodium             | 1mg  |
| Vitamin A          | 80IU |
| Vitamin C          | 14mg |
| Calcium            | 9mg  |
| Iron               | 0mg  |





# **Breakfast Oatmeal Cookies**

3 servings 20 minutes

### Ingredients

3/4 cup Oats (rolled)

1 1/8 Banana (mashed)

3 tbsps All Natural Peanut Butter

1/16 tsp Sea Salt

1 1/2 tbsps Dark Chocolate Chips

### Nutrition

| Amount per serving |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Calories           | 258  |
| Fat                | 12g  |
| Carbs              | 31g  |
| Fiber              | 4g   |
| Sugar              | 11g  |
| Protein            | 7g   |
| Cholesterol        | 0mg  |
| Sodium             | 41mg |
| Vitamin A          | 28IU |
| Vitamin C          | 4mg  |
| Calcium            | 21mg |
| Iron               | 1mg  |

### Directions

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- Preheat the oven to 350°F (177°C) and line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
- In a large mixing bowl, add the oats, mashed banana, peanut butter, and sea salt and mix well. Fold in the chocolate chips and mix again until well combined.
- Using wet hands, roll the dough into even balls and flatten slightly with your hands. Place on the baking sheet and bake for 10 to 12 minutes.
- 4 Remove cookies and let cool on the baking sheet for at least 10 minutes. Enjoy!

#### Notes

No Peanut Butter: Use almond, cashew, or sunflower seed butter instead.

Gluten-Free: Use certified gluten-free oats.

Sugar-Free: Use sugar-free chocolate chips or dried cranberries.

**Leftovers:** Store leftovers in an airtight container in the fridge for 4 to 5 days or freeze them.

Serving Size: One serving is equal to one cookie.





# Ground Beef, Broccoli & Rice

2 servings 30 minutes

### Ingredients

1/2 cup Jasmine Rice (dry, rinsed)2 cups Broccoli (chopped into florets)227 grams Extra Lean Ground Beef1/8 tsp Sea Salt

#### **Nutrition**

| Amount per serving |       |
|--------------------|-------|
| Calories           | 391   |
| Fat                | 12g   |
| Carbs              | 44g   |
| Fiber              | 3g    |
| Sugar              | 2g    |
| Protein            | 28g   |
| Cholesterol        | 74mg  |
| Sodium             | 252mg |
| Vitamin A          | 583IU |
| Vitamin C          | 81mg  |
| Calcium            | 56mg  |
| Iron               | 3mg   |

#### **Directions**

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Cook the jasmine rice according to the directions on the package.

Meanwhile, add the broccoli to a large pan with enough water to cover halfway. Bring to a simmer and cook for 6 to 8 minutes, or until just tender. Transfer the broccoli to a plate and drain any excess liquid from the pan.

Add the beef to the same pan and cook over medium heat, breaking it up as it browns. Season with salt to your preference and drain any excess liquid.

Divide the rice, broccoli, and ground beef onto plates or into containers. Enjoy!

### Notes

No Jasmine Rice: Use quinoa, brown rice, couscous, barley or cauliflower rice instead. Leftovers: Refrigerate in an airtight container up to 3 days. Serving Size: One serving is equal to approximately 1 cup of cooked rice, 1 cup of

broccoli and 1/2 cup of ground beef.





# Slow Cooker Black Beans & Rice

6 servings 6 hours

### Ingredients

- 2 cups Dry Black Beans (uncooked)
- 1 White Onion (diced)
- 1 1/2 cups Diced Tomatoes (fresh or
- canned)
- 1 tbsp Cumin
- 1 tsp Sea Salt
- 2 tbsps Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- 5 cups Water
- 2 Bay Leaf (optional)
- 3 cups Jasmine Rice (dry)

### **Nutrition**

| Amount per serving |       |
|--------------------|-------|
| Calories           | 604   |
| Fat                | 6g    |
| Carbs              | 121g  |
| Fiber              | 13g   |
| Sugar              | 4g    |
| Protein            | 21g   |
| Cholesterol        | 0mg   |
| Sodium             | 413mg |
| Vitamin A          | 275IU |
| Vitamin C          | 7mg   |
| Calcium            | 124mg |
| Iron               | 4mg   |
|                    |       |

#### **Directions**

- Add all ingredients except rice into the slow cooker and cook on high for 6 to 8 hours.
- 2 Cook the rice according to the instructions on the package.
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- Remove bay leaves from the slow cooker, and serve the beans over rice. Enjoy!

### Notes

**Leftovers:** Refrigerate within 2 hours of cooking in an air-tight container up to 3 to 5 days, or freeze up to 8 months.

Serving Size: One serving is roughly 2 cups.

More Toppings: Add diced tomatoes, red onion, bell pepper, cilantro, mint, sour cream, or yogurt.





# Lentils, Rapini & Mashed Potatoes

4 servings 25 minutes

### Ingredients

1 1/2 tsps Sea Salt (divided)

4 Russet Potato (medium, peeled and chopped)

227 grams Rapini (chopped, divided)2 cups Green Lentils (cooked, drained and rinsed)

### Nutrition

| Amount per serving |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| Calories           | 292    |
| Fat                | 1g     |
| Carbs              | 59g    |
| Fiber              | 13g    |
| Sugar              | 4g     |
| Protein            | 15g    |
| Cholesterol        | 0mg    |
| Sodium             | 930mg  |
| Vitamin A          | 1512IU |
| Vitamin C          | 27mg   |
| Calcium            | 111mg  |
| Iron               | 6mg    |
|                    |        |

### Directions

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Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Stir in 2/3 of the salt. Add the potatoes to the pot and boil for 15 minutes or until soft.

Transfer the potatoes to a bowl and mash with a potato masher until creamy. Season with the remaining salt to your preference.

Drain the water from the pot and add the rapini stems with enough water to cover halfway. Bring to a simmer and boil for 1 minute. Add the leaves and florets and cook for 3 to 4 more minutes or until tender.

Divide the potatoes, rapini, and cooked lentils onto plates or into containers. Enjoy!

#### Notes

Extra Creamy: Mash the potatoes with coconut or almond milk for extra creaminess. No Rapini: Use broccoli, broccolini or green beans instead.

Less Bitter Rapini: Saute the rapini in your choice of oil and seasoning after boiling.

Storage: Refrigerate in an airtight container up to 3 to 4 days.

Serving Size: One serving is equal to approximately 3/4 to 1 cup of mashed potatoes, 1 cup of rapini and 1/2 cup of lentils.