



Simple & Tasty

Special Diets Cookbook

25 straightforward recipes for everyday cooking

Good food. Brighter days.

Clear ingredients • Simple steps • Helpful tips

Created for building confidence and independence in the kitchen

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Allergy and cross-contact safety

Follow the persons plan

- Confirm the exact allergy, intolerance or dietary requirement.
- Follow the persons current allergy, healthcare or mealtime plan.
- Do not substitute an ingredient unless it has been approved.
- Know the emergency response and where medication is kept.

Check every ingredient

- Read the full label every time, including may contain statements.
- Recipes and product formulas can change without warning.
- Check stocks, spices, sauces, spreads and cooking sprays.
- When uncertain, do not use the ingredient.

Prevent cross-contact

- Wash hands and thoroughly clean benches and equipment.
- Use separate boards, utensils, toaster bags and serving spoons.
- Prepare the allergy-safe meal first and keep it covered.
- Never remove an allergen and assume the remaining food is safe.

Important

Call emergency services for a serious reaction. Follow the persons emergency plan and medication instructions.

Diet labels and safer planning

GF - Gluten-free

Use labelled gluten-free ingredients. Oats cannot be labelled gluten-free in Australia. This edition uses labelled gluten-free rice flakes in the porridge and crumble.

DF - Dairy-free

Dairy-free is not the same as lactose-free. Check for milk, whey, casein and butter.

EF - Egg-free

Check pasta, bread, dressings, mayonnaise and baked products for egg ingredients.

NF - Nut-free

Check peanuts, tree nuts and may-contain warnings. Use seeds only if suitable for the person.

The personal plan comes first

Diet labels are a guide, not a guarantee. Every ingredient, utensil and preparation area must suit the person. Follow their allergy and mealtime plan; ask their dietitian before substitutions.

How to use the pictures

AI-generated illustrations show an example, not an exact result. Read each numbered instruction. Pictures cannot confirm allergens, safe temperature or swallowing suitability.

Yoghurt and Fruit Crunch

SERVES: 1 serve | TIME: 5 minutes

What you need

- ☐ 3/4 cup dairy-free yoghurt
- ☐ 1/2 cup fresh berries
- ☐ 2 tbsp certified gluten-free cereal
- ☐ 1 tsp seeds (optional)



Finished-dish example

Before you start

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Yoghurt and Fruit Crunch



1 Check every package label before starting.



2 Spoon yoghurt into a bowl.



3 Add fruit and certified gluten-free cereal.



4 Top with seeds if suitable.

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Banana Cinnamon Porridge

SERVES: 1 serve | TIME: Check rice-flake packet

What you need

- ☐ 1/2 cup labelled gluten-free rice flakes
- ☐ 1 cup suitable dairy-free milk
- ☐ 1 banana
- ☐ Pinch of cinnamon



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Banana Cinnamon Porridge



- 1 Combine rice flakes and milk in a saucepan, following the packet quantities.



- 2 Cook for the time on the rice-flake packet, stirring.



- 3 Mash half the banana and stir through.



- 4 Top with remaining banana and cinnamon.

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Scrambled Eggs on GF Toast

SERVES: 1 serve | TIME: 10 minutes

What you need

- ☐ 2 eggs
- ☐ 2 tbsp suitable dairy-free milk
- ☐ 1 tsp olive oil
- ☐ 2 slices gluten-free bread
- ☐ Pepper



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Scrambled Eggs on GF Toast



1 Use a clean toaster bag or dedicated toaster.



2 Whisk eggs, milk and pepper.



3 Cook slowly in oil until softly set.



4 Serve on gluten-free toast.

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Vegetable Omelette

SERVES: 1 serve | TIME: 12 minutes

What you need

- ☐ 2 eggs
- ☐ 2 tbsp dairy-free milk
- ☐ 1/2 tomato, chopped
- ☐ Handful of spinach
- ☐ 1/4 capsicum, chopped
- ☐ 1 tsp olive oil



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Vegetable Omelette



1 Whisk eggs and milk.



2 Cook vegetables in oil for 2-3 minutes.



3 Pour in egg mixture.



4 Cook gently, fold and serve.

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Tomato Toastie

SERVES: 1 serve | TIME: 10 minutes

What you need

- ☐ 2 slices allergen-suitable gluten-free bread
- ☐ 2 slices dairy-free cheese
- ☐ 1 tomato, sliced
- ☐ Baby spinach
- ☐ 1 tsp olive oil



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Tomato Toastie



1 Check the bread and cheese labels.



2 Fill bread with cheese, tomato and spinach.



3 Brush outside with oil.



4 Cook in a cleaned sandwich press or pan.

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Tuna Salad Wrap

SERVES: 1 serve | TIME: 10 minutes

What you need

- ☐ 1 gluten-free wrap
- ☐ 95 g plain tuna, drained
- ☐ 1 tbsp dairy-free yoghurt
- ☐ Lettuce
- ☐ Tomato and cucumber



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Tuna Salad Wrap



1 Check tuna and wrap labels.



2 Mix tuna with yoghurt.



3 Add lettuce and vegetables to wrap.



4 Roll firmly and cut in half.

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Chicken Salad Wrap

SERVES: 2 serves | **TIME:** 15 minutes

What you need

- ☐ 2 gluten-free wraps
- ☐ 1 cup plain cooked chicken
- ☐ Lettuce
- ☐ 1 tomato, sliced
- ☐ 1/2 carrot, grated
- ☐ Dairy-free dressing



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Chicken Salad Wrap



- 1 Confirm chicken and dressing contain no hidden allergens.



- 2 Divide salad among wraps.



- 3 Add chicken and dressing.



- 4 Roll and serve.

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Easy Pumpkin Soup

SERVES: 4 serves | **TIME:** 35 minutes

What you need

- ☐ 1 kg pumpkin, chopped
- ☐ 1 onion, chopped
- ☐ 1 potato, chopped
- ☐ 4 cups certified gluten-free vegetable stock
- ☐ 1 tbsp olive oil



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Easy Pumpkin Soup



1 Soften onion in oil.



2 Add pumpkin, potato and stock.



3 Simmer for 20 minutes.



4 Blend carefully until smooth.

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Quick Minestrone

SERVES: 4 serves | **TIME:** 30 minutes

What you need

- ☐ 1 onion, chopped
- ☐ 1 carrot, diced
- ☐ 1 zucchini, diced
- ☐ 400 g beans, rinsed
- ☐ 400 g crushed tomatoes
- ☐ 3 cups gluten-free stock
- ☐ 1/2 cup gluten-free pasta



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Quick Minestrone



1 Cook onion, carrot and zucchini for 5 minutes.



2 Add beans, tomatoes and stock.



3 Add gluten-free pasta.



4 Simmer until tender.

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Loaded Baked Potatoes

SERVES: 2 serves | **TIME:** 55 minutes

What you need

- ☐ 2 large potatoes
- ☐ 1/2 cup allergen-suitable baked beans
- ☐ 1/2 cup dairy-free cheese
- ☐ 2 tbsp dairy-free yoghurt
- ☐ Spring onion



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Loaded Baked Potatoes



1 Check bean and cheese labels.



2 Bake potatoes at 200 C until soft.



3 Warm beans.



4 Split potatoes and add toppings.

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Vegetable Fried Rice

SERVES: 4 serves | **TIME:** 20 minutes

What you need

- ☐ 3 cups cold cooked rice
- ☐ 2 eggs, beaten
- ☐ 2 cups frozen vegetables
- ☐ 2 spring onions
- ☐ 2 tbsp certified gluten-free tamari
- ☐ 1 tsp oil



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Vegetable Fried Rice



1 Check frozen vegetables and tamari labels.



2 Scramble eggs and set aside.



3 Cook vegetables, then add rice.



4 Return egg, add tamari and heat through.

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Mild Chickpea Curry

SERVES: 4 serves | **TIME:** 30 minutes

What you need

- ☐ 400 g chickpeas, rinsed
- ☐ 1 onion, chopped
- ☐ 2 cups vegetables
- ☐ 400 g diced tomatoes
- ☐ 1 cup allergen-suitable coconut milk
- ☐ 1 tbsp gluten-free curry powder



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Mild Chickpea Curry



1 Check spices and coconut milk labels.



2 Soften onion.



3 Add vegetables, tomatoes, coconut milk and spice.



4 Simmer 15 minutes, add chickpeas and heat through.

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Chicken Vegetable Tray Bake

SERVES: 4 serves | **TIME:** 45 minutes

What you need

- ☐ 4 plain chicken thighs
- ☐ 2 potatoes, chopped
- ☐ 2 carrots, chopped
- ☐ 1 zucchini, chopped
- ☐ 1 capsicum, chopped
- ☐ 1 tbsp olive oil
- ☐ Dried herbs



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Chicken Vegetable Tray Bake



1 Check herbs contain no added allergens.



2 Place everything on a lined tray.



3 Bake at 200 C for 35-40 minutes.



4 Check chicken is cooked through.

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Beef Vegetable Stir-Fry

SERVES: 4 serves | **TIME:** 25 minutes

What you need

- ☐ 400 g plain beef strips
- ☐ 4 cups fresh stir-fry vegetables
- ☐ 2 tbsp gluten-free tamari
- ☐ 1 tbsp allergen-suitable sweet chilli sauce
- ☐ 1 tsp oil
- ☐ Rice



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Beef Vegetable Stir-Fry



1 Check sauces carefully.



2 Cook beef in batches and set aside.



3 Stir-fry vegetables.



4 Return beef, add sauces and serve with rice.

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Creamy Chicken Pasta

SERVES: 4 serves | **TIME:** 30 minutes

What you need

- ☐ 300 g gluten-free egg-free pasta
- ☐ 2 cups plain cooked chicken
- ☐ 1 zucchini, diced
- ☐ 1 cup peas
- ☐ 1 cup dairy-free cooking cream
- ☐ Dairy-free cheese (optional)



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Creamy Chicken Pasta



1 Check pasta, chicken and cream labels.



2 Cook pasta in clean water.



3 Cook zucchini and peas.



4 Add chicken and cream, then stir through pasta.

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Tuna Rice Bake

SERVES: 4 serves | **TIME:** 35 minutes

What you need

- ☐ 425 g plain tuna, drained
- ☐ 2 cups cooked rice
- ☐ 1 cup peas and corn
- ☐ 2 cups dairy-free gluten-free white sauce
- ☐ Dairy-free cheese (optional)



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Tuna Rice Bake



1 Check all packaged ingredients.



2 Mix tuna, rice, vegetables and sauce.



3 Place in a baking dish.



4 Bake at 190 C for 20-25 minutes.

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Allergy-Aware Shepherds Pie

SERVES: 4 serves | **TIME:** 50 minutes

What you need

- ☐ 500 g plain lean beef mince
- ☐ 1 onion, chopped
- ☐ 2 cups frozen vegetables
- ☐ 2 tbsp gluten-free tomato paste
- ☐ 1 cup gluten-free stock
- ☐ 3 cups dairy-free mashed potato



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Allergy-Aware Shepherd's Pie



1 Check mince, vegetables, paste and stock labels.



2 Cook onion and mince thoroughly.



3 Add vegetables, paste and stock.



4 Top with mash and bake at 190 C for 25 minutes.

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Sausage Vegetable Bake

SERVES: 4 serves | **TIME:** 45 minutes

What you need

- ☐ 8 certified gluten-free allergen-suitable sausages
- ☐ 2 potatoes, chopped
- ☐ 2 carrots, chopped
- ☐ 1 onion, wedged
- ☐ 1 zucchini, chopped
- ☐ 1 tbsp olive oil



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Sausage Vegetable Bake



1 Confirm sausages suit the required allergy plan.



2 Place vegetables and sausages in a baking dish.



3 Bake at 200 C for 35-40 minutes.



4 Check sausages are cooked through.

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Lemon Fish Parcels

SERVES: 2 serves | **TIME:** 25 minutes

What you need

- ☐ 2 plain white fish fillets
- ☐ 1 zucchini, sliced
- ☐ 1 carrot, sliced
- ☐ 1/2 lemon
- ☐ 2 tsp olive oil
- ☐ Pepper



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Lemon Fish Parcels



- 1 Fish is a major allergen and is not suitable for fish allergy.



- 2 Place fish and vegetables on baking paper.



- 3 Add lemon, oil and pepper; seal parcels.



- 4 Bake at 200 C for 15-18 minutes.

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Build-Your-Own Tacos

SERVES: 4 serves | **TIME:** 25 minutes

What you need

- ☐ 8 certified gluten-free tortillas
- ☐ 400 g plain beef mince or beans
- ☐ Gluten-free taco seasoning
- ☐ Lettuce and tomato
- ☐ Dairy-free cheese
- ☐ Dairy-free yoghurt



Finished-dish example

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Build-Your-Own Tacos



1 Check tortillas, seasoning and toppings.



2 Cook mince or beans with seasoning.



3 Prepare toppings separately with clean utensils.



4 Let each person build their taco.

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Free-From Pancakes

SERVES: 8 pancakes | **TIME:** 20 minutes

What you need

- ☐ 1 cup gluten-free self-raising flour
- ☐ 1 tbsp sugar
- ☐ 1 tbsp ground flaxseed plus 3 tbsp water
- ☐ 3/4 cup suitable dairy-free milk
- ☐ 1 tsp oil



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Free-From Pancakes



1 Mix flaxseed and water; rest 5 minutes.



2 Combine flour and sugar.



3 Add flax mixture and milk.



4 Cook small portions in a clean oiled pan.

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Apple Crumble

SERVES: 6 serves | **TIME:** 45 minutes

What you need

- ☐ 5 apples, sliced
- ☐ 1 tsp cinnamon
- ☐ 1 cup labelled gluten-free rice flakes
- ☐ 1/2 cup gluten-free flour
- ☐ 1/3 cup brown sugar
- ☐ 75 g dairy-free spread



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Apple Crumble



1 Check rice flakes, flour and spread labels.



2 Place apples and cinnamon in a baking dish.



3 Mix remaining ingredients into a crumble.



4 Bake at 180 C for 30-35 minutes.

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Berry Banana Smoothie

SERVES: 1 serve | TIME: 5 minutes

What you need

- ☐ 1 banana
- ☐ 1 cup suitable dairy-free milk
- ☐ 1/2 cup frozen berries
- ☐ 1/2 cup dairy-free yoghurt



Finished-dish example

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Berry Banana Smoothie



1 Check frozen fruit and milk labels.



2 Use a thoroughly cleaned blender.



3 Blend all ingredients until smooth.



4 Serve immediately.

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Simple Free-From Scones

SERVES: 8 scones | **TIME:** 25 minutes

What you need

- ☐ 3 cups gluten-free self-raising flour
- ☐ 1/4 cup caster sugar
- ☐ 75 g dairy-free spread
- ☐ 1 cup suitable dairy-free milk



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Simple Free-From Scones



1 Check flour, spread and milk labels.



2 Rub spread into flour and sugar.



3 Add milk and mix gently.



4 Cut rounds and bake at 220 C for 12-15 minutes.

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Gluten-Free Beef Bolognese

SERVES: 4 serves | **TIME:** 40 minutes

What you need

- ☐ 500 g plain beef mince
- ☐ 1 onion, chopped
- ☐ 1 carrot, diced
- ☐ 400 g crushed tomatoes
- ☐ 2 tbsp gluten-free tomato paste
- ☐ 1 tsp dried herbs
- ☐ 300 g gluten-free egg-free spaghetti



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Gluten-Free Beef Bolognese



1 Check every packaged ingredient.



2 Cook onion, carrot and mince thoroughly.



3 Add tomatoes, paste and herbs; simmer 20 minutes.



4 Cook pasta in clean water and serve with sauce.

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My meal ideas and notes

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