



Simple & Tasty

Vegetarian 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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Kitchen basics

Before you start

- Wash and dry your hands.
- Read the whole recipe.
- Collect ingredients and equipment.
- Tie back long hair and clear the bench.

Cook safely

- Use oven mitts for hot trays.
- Turn saucepan handles away from the edge.
- Use a stable chopping board.
- Ask for assistance with knives, hot oil or heavy pans.

Food safety

- Keep raw meat separate from ready-to-eat food.
- Cook chicken and mince thoroughly.
- Refrigerate leftovers within two hours.
- Use refrigerated leftovers within 2-3 days.

Important

Check allergies, swallowing needs, dietary requirements and support plans before preparing food for someone else.

Meal planning and easy swaps

Keep it simple

Choose 3-4 familiar meals each week. Repeat ingredients to reduce waste.

Helpful shortcuts

Frozen vegetables, microwave rice, tinned beans and ready-cooked lentils can save time.

Easy swaps

Use lactose-free milk, gluten-free bread or vegetarian proteins when suitable.

Plan leftovers

Cool promptly, label with the date and use within 2-3 days.

Balanced plate

Aim for vegetables, a protein food and grain or potato across main meals.

Choice and control

Offer genuine options and involve the person in shopping, preparation and serving.

Using the pictures

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

Vegetable Omelette

SERVES: 1 serve | TIME: 10 minutes

What you need

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



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Vegetable Omelette



1 Whisk eggs and milk.



2 Cook capsicum, tomato and spinach in the oil for 2-3 minutes.



3 Pour in the egg mixture and cook gently until almost set.



4 Add cheese, fold and serve.

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Classic Scones

SERVES: 8-10 scones | TIME: 25 minutes

What you need

- ☐ 3 cups self-raising flour
- ☐ 1/4 cup caster sugar
- ☐ Pinch of salt
- ☐ 90 g cold butter
- ☐ 1 cup milk



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Classic Scones



1 Heat oven to 220 C (200 C fan-forced).



2 Mix flour, sugar and salt. Rub in butter.



3 Add milk and mix gently.



4 Pat to 2 cm thick and cut into rounds.



5 Bake for 12-15 minutes until golden.

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Scrambled Eggs on Toast

SERVES: 1 serve | TIME: 10 minutes

What you need

- ☐ 2 eggs
- ☐ 2 tbsp milk
- ☐ 1 tsp butter
- ☐ 2 slices wholemeal bread
- ☐ Pepper



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Scrambled Eggs on Toast



1 Toast the bread.



2 Whisk eggs, milk and pepper.



3 Melt butter in a pan over low heat.



4 Add eggs and stir slowly until softly set.



5 Serve on toast.

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Banana Cinnamon Porridge

SERVES: 1 serve | TIME: 8 minutes

What you need

- ☐ 1/2 cup rolled oats
- ☐ 1 cup milk or water
- ☐ 1 banana
- ☐ Pinch of cinnamon
- ☐ 1 tsp honey (optional)



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Banana Cinnamon Porridge



1 Combine oats and milk in a saucepan.



2 Cook for 4-5 minutes, stirring.



3 Mash half the banana and stir through.



4 Top with remaining banana and cinnamon.

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Yoghurt Fruit Crunch

SERVES: 1 serve | TIME: 5 minutes

What you need

- ☐ 3/4 cup plain yoghurt
- ☐ 1/2 cup seasonal fruit
- ☐ 2 tbsp low-sugar muesli
- ☐ 1 tsp seeds (optional)



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Yoghurt Fruit Crunch



1 Spoon yoghurt into a bowl.



2 Add chopped fruit.



3 Top with muesli and seeds.



4 Serve straight away.

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Avocado and Tomato Toast

SERVES: 1 serve | TIME: 10 minutes

What you need

- ☐ 2 slices wholemeal bread
- ☐ 1/2 ripe avocado
- ☐ 1 small tomato, sliced
- ☐ Squeeze of lemon
- ☐ Pepper



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Avocado and Tomato Toast



1 Toast the bread.



2 Mash avocado with lemon and pepper.



3 Spread avocado over toast.



4 Top with sliced tomato and serve.

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Cheese and Tomato Toastie

SERVES: 1 serve | TIME: 10 minutes

What you need

- ☐ 2 slices wholemeal bread
- ☐ 2 slices cheese
- ☐ 1 tomato, sliced
- ☐ Baby spinach (optional)
- ☐ 1 tsp butter



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Cheese and Tomato Toastie



1 Place cheese, tomato and spinach between bread.



2 Lightly butter the outsides.



3 Cook in a sandwich press or covered pan.



4 Serve when golden and melted.

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Hummus Vegetable Wrap

SERVES: 1 serve | TIME: 10 minutes

What you need

- ☐ 1 wholemeal wrap
- ☐ 3 tbsp hummus
- ☐ 1/4 cucumber, sliced
- ☐ 1/2 carrot, grated
- ☐ Capsicum strips
- ☐ Lettuce



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Hummus Vegetable Wrap



1 Lay the wrap flat and spread with hummus.



2 Add cucumber, carrot, capsicum and lettuce.



3 Fold in the sides and roll firmly.



4 Cut in half 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 vegetable stock
- ☐ 1 tbsp olive oil
- ☐ Pepper



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Easy Pumpkin Soup



1 Soften onion in oil.



2 Add pumpkin, potato and stock.



3 Simmer for 20 minutes until soft.



4 Blend carefully until smooth.



5 Season and serve.

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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 crushed tomatoes
- ☐ 400 g beans, rinsed
- ☐ 3 cups vegetable stock
- ☐ 1/2 cup small pasta



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Quick Minestrone



1 Cook onion, carrot and zucchini for 5 minutes.



2 Add tomatoes, beans and stock.



3 Bring to the boil and add pasta.



4 Simmer until pasta and vegetables are tender.

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Tomato and Lentil Soup

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

What you need

- ☐ 1 onion, chopped
- ☐ 1 carrot, diced
- ☐ 400 g crushed tomatoes
- ☐ 400 g lentils, rinsed
- ☐ 3 cups vegetable stock
- ☐ 1 tsp mixed herbs



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Tomato and Lentil Soup



1 Soften onion and carrot in a little oil.



2 Add tomatoes, lentils, stock and herbs.



3 Simmer for 20 minutes.



4 Blend partly if desired, then serve.

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Loaded Baked Potatoes

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

What you need

- ☐ 2 large potatoes
- ☐ 1/2 cup baked beans
- ☐ 1/2 cup grated cheese
- ☐ 2 tbsp plain yoghurt
- ☐ Spring onion (optional)



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Loaded Baked Potatoes



1 Heat oven to 200 C and prick potatoes.



2 Bake for 45-55 minutes until soft.



3 Warm the beans.



4 Split potatoes and add beans and cheese.



5 Top with yoghurt.

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Easy 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 reduced-salt soy sauce
- ☐ 1 tsp oil



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Easy Vegetable Fried Rice



1 Scramble eggs in a hot pan and set aside.



2 Cook vegetables for 4-5 minutes.



3 Add rice and stir until hot.



4 Return egg and add soy sauce and spring onion.

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Chickpea Vegetable Curry

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

What you need

- ☐ 400 g chickpeas, rinsed
- ☐ 1 onion, chopped
- ☐ 2 cups chopped vegetables
- ☐ 400 g diced tomatoes
- ☐ 1 cup light coconut milk
- ☐ 1-2 tbsp mild curry powder
- ☐ Cooked rice



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Chickpea Vegetable Curry



1 Soften onion in a little oil.



2 Add curry powder and stir for 30 seconds.



3 Add vegetables, tomatoes and coconut milk. Simmer 15 minutes.



4 Add chickpeas and cook 5 minutes.



5 Serve with rice.

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Lentil Mushroom Bolognese

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

What you need

- ☐ 300 g spaghetti
- ☐ 400 g lentils, rinsed
- ☐ 200 g mushrooms, chopped
- ☐ 1 onion, chopped
- ☐ 400 g crushed tomatoes
- ☐ 2 tbsp tomato paste
- ☐ 1 tsp mixed herbs



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Lentil Mushroom Bolognese



1 Cook spaghetti according to the packet.



2 Soften onion and mushrooms in a pan.



3 Add lentils, tomatoes, paste and herbs.



4 Simmer for 20 minutes.



5 Serve sauce over spaghetti.

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Spinach and Ricotta Pasta

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

What you need

- ☐ 300 g pasta
- ☐ 250 g ricotta
- ☐ 2 cups baby spinach
- ☐ 1/2 cup grated cheese
- ☐ 1 tbsp lemon juice
- ☐ Pepper



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Spinach and Ricotta Pasta



1 Cook pasta and reserve a little cooking water.



2 Wilt spinach in the warm saucepan.



3 Stir in ricotta, lemon and a splash of pasta water.



4 Add drained pasta and mix.



5 Top with grated cheese.

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Easy Vegetable Lasagne

SERVES: 6 serves | **TIME:** 60 minutes

What you need

- ☐ Lasagne sheets
- ☐ 700 ml tomato pasta sauce
- ☐ 3 cups chopped vegetables
- ☐ 500 g ricotta
- ☐ 1 cup grated cheese
- ☐ 1 tsp mixed herbs



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Easy Vegetable Lasagne



1 Heat oven to 190 C.



2 Cook vegetables with sauce and herbs for 10 minutes.



3 Layer sauce, lasagne sheets and ricotta in a baking dish.



4 Top with cheese.



5 Bake for 35-40 minutes until tender.

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Black Bean Tacos

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

What you need

- ☐ 8 small tortillas
- ☐ 400 g black beans, rinsed
- ☐ 1 cup corn
- ☐ 1 tomato, chopped
- ☐ Lettuce, shredded
- ☐ 1/2 avocado
- ☐ Plain yoghurt



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Black Bean Tacos



1 Warm beans and corn with a splash of water.



2 Prepare tomato, lettuce, avocado and yoghurt.



3 Warm tortillas according to the packet.



4 Let everyone build their own tacos.

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Chickpea Vegetable Burgers

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

What you need

- ☐ 400 g chickpeas, rinsed
- ☐ 1 carrot, grated
- ☐ 1/2 cup breadcrumbs
- ☐ 1 egg
- ☐ 1 tsp mild curry powder
- ☐ 4 wholemeal rolls
- ☐ Salad to serve



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Chickpea Vegetable Burgers



1 Mash chickpeas in a bowl.



2 Mix in carrot, breadcrumbs, egg and curry powder.



3 Shape into four patties.



4 Cook in a lightly oiled pan until golden and hot.



5 Serve in rolls with salad.

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Sweet Potato Tray Bake

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

What you need

- ☐ 2 sweet potatoes, chopped
- ☐ 1 zucchini, chopped
- ☐ 1 capsicum, chopped
- ☐ 1 red onion, cut into wedges
- ☐ 400 g chickpeas, rinsed
- ☐ 1 tbsp olive oil
- ☐ 1 tsp dried herbs



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Sweet Potato Tray Bake



1 Heat oven to 200 C.



2 Place vegetables and chickpeas on a lined tray.



3 Toss with oil and herbs.



4 Bake for 30-35 minutes, turning once.

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Spinach Tomato Frittata

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

What you need

- ☐ 6 eggs
- ☐ 1/4 cup milk
- ☐ 2 cups baby spinach
- ☐ 1 cup cherry tomatoes
- ☐ 1/2 cup grated cheese
- ☐ Pepper



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Spinach Tomato Frittata



1 Heat oven to 180 C.



2 Whisk eggs, milk and pepper.



3 Place spinach and tomatoes in a greased baking dish.



4 Pour over eggs and top with cheese.



5 Bake for 20-25 minutes until set.

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Tofu Vegetable Stir-Fry

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

What you need

- ☐ 400 g firm tofu, cubed
- ☐ 4 cups stir-fry vegetables
- ☐ 2 tbsp reduced-salt soy sauce
- ☐ 1 tbsp sweet chilli sauce
- ☐ 1 tsp oil
- ☐ Cooked rice



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Tofu Vegetable Stir-Fry



1 Pat tofu dry.



2 Cook tofu in oil until golden, then set aside.



3 Stir-fry vegetables until just tender.



4 Return tofu and add sauces.



5 Toss until hot and serve with rice.

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Lentil Shepherd's Pie

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

What you need

- ☐ 400 g lentils, rinsed
- ☐ 1 onion, chopped
- ☐ 2 cups frozen vegetables
- ☐ 2 tbsp tomato paste
- ☐ 1 cup vegetable stock
- ☐ 3 cups mashed potato



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Lentil Shepherd's Pie



1 Heat oven to 190 C.



2 Soften onion, then add lentils and vegetables.



3 Stir in tomato paste and stock; simmer 10 minutes.



4 Place in a baking dish and spread mash on top.



5 Bake for 25 minutes.

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Easy Pancakes

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

What you need

- ☐ 1 cup self-raising flour
- ☐ 1 tbsp caster sugar
- ☐ 1 egg
- ☐ 3/4 cup milk
- ☐ 1 tsp butter
- ☐ Fruit and yoghurt



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Easy Pancakes



1 Mix flour and sugar.



2 Whisk egg and milk, then add to flour.



3 Heat a lightly buttered pan.



4 Cook 1/4 cup portions until bubbles form, then flip.



5 Serve with fruit and yoghurt.

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Apple Crumble

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

What you need

- ☐ 5 apples, peeled and sliced
- ☐ 1 tsp cinnamon
- ☐ 1 tbsp water
- ☐ 1 cup rolled oats
- ☐ 1/2 cup plain flour
- ☐ 1/3 cup brown sugar
- ☐ 75 g butter



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Apple Crumble



1 Heat oven to 180 C.



2 Place apples, cinnamon and water in a baking dish.



3 Mix oats, flour and sugar, then rub in butter.



4 Scatter over apples.



5 Bake for 30-35 minutes until golden.

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My meal ideas and notes

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