



How to cook healthy recipes in easy steps



Notes for helpers or carers

Before making these recipes, please read this page of notes.

Recipes

All the recipes are listed in alphabetical order and have been coded with 1 to 3 chef's hats to show the level of difficulty.

= very straight-forward recipe using basic food preparation skills;

recipes requiring slightly more developed food preparation skills;

• Ham salad

sandwich

Homemade

burger

• Healthy fish and

chips with peas

 The second skills or involving many more steps.

- Apple crumble
- Baked potatoes with a spicy
- Chicken curry mushroom filling
- Bread and apple pudding
- Bruschetta
- Chicken drumsticks with

• Cheesy garlic

bread

- bacon
- Fish pie
- Fresh fruit salad Pancakes

- Rainbow rice
- Scones
- Summer fruit fool Smoked mackerel

• Strawberry

yogurt shake

- Ulster style pizza Vegetable soup
- with a difference
- Stewed apple with
 Vegetable tortilla yogurt and honey

Ingredients

Vegetable oil

Recipes may list 'vegetable oil' as an ingredient but we recommend you use an unsaturated oil, such as rapeseed oil, corn oil or sunflower oil.

Eggs

Unless the recipe states otherwise, we recommend you use large eggs.

Salt

Try to reduce your salt intake by using only small amounts of salt in cooking. If you want to add extra flavour in a recipe, try to use garlic, pepper, herbs, spices, lemon or lime juice rather than salt.

Pepper

Freshly ground black pepper has been used in all savoury recipes; this will give the best results, but you can use a small amount of pre-prepared ground pepper. Do take care and use only a little as it can be a strong flavour.

Bread

Recipes using bread have been tested using medium sliced family sized loaves of bread. Recipes will work with either white or wholemeal bread but the wholemeal has more fibre.

Measurements

Quantities for ingredients are shown in metric (grammes - g; litres - l).

When using tins of food (like beans or tuna), please note that tin sizes may vary slightly between manufacturers - the recipes will still work even with slightly larger or slightly smaller tin sizes.

Where possible, handy measures for ingredients have also been included. Where a cup measure is indicated this refers to a standard teacup, which contains approximately 225ml. Where dry ingredients are measured using a cup, the cup should be loosely filled and level. Where spoonfuls have been indicated, these are always level:

- 1 tablespoon = 15ml
- 1 dessertspoon = 10ml
- 1 teaspoon = 5ml



Equipment

A list of equipment with a photograph of each item has been included for each recipe. Try to collect all the items before you start cooking.

Oven gloves

It's good to have oven gloves available in the kitchen at all times. Where they are essential (eg for removing hot trays from a grill or oven) we have shown them in the list of equipment, however you may also want to use them for other jobs, like draining saucepans.

Ovens

Ovens should be preheated to the temperature shown. This will take about 15 minutes for an electric oven and 10–15 minutes for a gas oven.

- pâté Spaghetti Bolognese

- Macaroni cheese







fun, fast food for less Serves: 4



Put on apron

Tie up hair



Clean work surfaces and wash hands



Ingredients

Vegetable oil to grease dish 675g (1½ lb) cooking apples 50ml (¼ cup) water 1 teaspoon mixed spice 100g (8 tablespoons) caster sugar 75g (10 tablespoons) plain wholemeal flour 50g unsaturated margarine 25g (4 tablespoons) porridge oats

Equipment







Method

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Cook it!



Pre-heat oven 190°C or gas mark 5 and grease dish



Wash apples

Stir



Core cooking apples



Peel



Slice



Add 4 tablespoons of sugar



Cover and cook gently



Measure wholemeal flour



Sift the flour





Sprinkle crumble on top do not press down



Serve

Rub margarine into flour



Add porridge oats

Why not try other fillings?

• apple and rhubarb plum and cherry

apple and blackberry



Add the rest of the sugar



Stir crumble









Place the apples in saucepan and add water



Tip bran from sieve into



Add mixed spice



Weigh margarine



Bake in oven: 15 mins. Then reduce heat to 180°C or gas mark 4 and cook another 45 minutes until golden brown Caution! Hot!









Ingredients

2 large potatoes 1 dessertspoon vegetable oil 100g button mushrooms 4 tablespoons natural yogurt 1 dessertspoon tomato purée 1 teaspoon curry powder Pepper

Equipment



Method



Pre-heat oven to 180°C or gas mark 4



Scrub potatoes (do not peel).



Prick all over with fork



Bake in pre-heated oven until soft inside (check after 60 minutes)



Wash mushrooms



Chop



minutes until soft



Add mushrooms and cook 3-4 Remove frying pan from heat, cool, then add yogurt



Add tomato purée



Add curry powder



Season with pepper





Cut potatoes in half



Add filling



Serve







Heat oil in frying pan





Remove cooked potato from oven Caution! Hot!





Bread and apple pudding



Ingredients

4 large egg yolks 50g (4 tablespoons) caster sugar PLUS Extra 25g (2 tablespoons) caster sugar 600ml semi-skimmed milk 2 cooking apples 50g (3 handfuls) sultanas 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon 4 slices of white or brown bread Vegetable oil to grease dish









Method



Pre-heat oven to 180°C or gas mark 4



Separate egg yolks



Add caster sugar



Whisk egg yolks and sugar



Measure milk

not boil



Wash cooking apples



Peel



Slice and place in a bowl



Add sultanas



Add caster sugar

Add cinnamon



Trim crusts from bread



Cut into triangles



Place half the bread in greased ovenproof dish



Sprinkle over apples and sultanas



Pour egg and milk custard over apples





Serve





Heat milk in saucepan – do



Add warmed milk to egg yolks and stir





Stir

Overlap bread on top and soak for 30 mins



Bake for 20–25 minutes Caution! Hot!



Ingredients

1 part baked ciabatta 250g ripe tomatoes Fresh basil leaves 2 cloves garlic 50g unsaturated margarine

Equipment







Method



Pre-heat oven to 200°C or gas mark 6



Slice ciabatta into thick slices



Wash basil and tomatoes



Roughly chop basil and tomatoes



Weigh margarine



Mix garlic and margarine, spread over ciabatta slices



Divide tomato and basil over ciabatta slices



Cook in oven: 8-10 minutes **Caution! Hot!**





Serve







Oven gloves





Dessertspoon









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Ingredients

1 large baguette (or 2 small) 25g unsaturated margarine 1 clove garlic 50g Cheddar cheese

Equipment







Method



wash hands

Heat grill to high



Slice baguette thickly



Weigh unsaturated margarine



Crush garlic



Spread garlic margarine over slices



Grating cheese



Sprinkle on grated cheese



Place slices on grill pan **Caution! Hot!**



Serve

Oven gloves



Mix margarine and garlic





cheese has melted Caution! Hot!



Serves: 4 Cooking time: 60 minutes







Chicken curry



Ingredients

- 1 red pepper 8 mushrooms
- 1 green apple 1 onion 1 clove garlic 4 chicken fillets
- 1 x 220g tin of pineapple chunks in
- natural juice 3 tablespoons (25g) flour
- 4 teaspoons curry powder
- 1 chicken stock cube
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- A handful of sultanas
- 250-350g (11/2-2 cups)
- uncooked brown or white rice

Chop

powder

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Equipment







Method



Wash pepper, mushrooms and apple.



Peel onion



Chop onion finely



Remove seeds





Slice mushrooms



Chop apple



Cut chicken fillets into strips Drain pineapple chunks





Measure plain flour







Drain and rinse rice





Serve



Heat oil in saucepan



Stir, then cover and simmer for 30 minutes



Add chicken strips and cook about 10 minutes until brown



Weigh rice or measure with cup





Cook rice until tender



Add red peppers and mushrooms, cook until soft



Add apple and pineapple, cook for 5 minutes

Measure curry powder







bring to boil















Crush garlic



Make up to 450 ml and stir

Add the stock gradually and Add sultanas









Clean work surfaces and wash hands

Chicken drumsticks with bacon



Ingredients

8 small chicken drumsticks 8 rashers of lean back bacon





Red chopping board



Oven gloves

Method



Pre-heat oven 190°C or gas mark 5



Loosen chicken skin



Pull skin back



Cut off loose skin



Wrap bacon around drumsticks



Cook in oven for 5 minutes until brown **Caution! Hot!**



Place on oven tray lined with Wrap tinfoil loosely tinfoil



Remove from oven Caution! Hot! Make sure chicken is cooked





Serve



Cook in oven for about 30 minutes Caution! Hot!

Sharp knife



Baking tray or ovenproof dish



Tinfoil



Stretch bacon rashers



Pull back the foil from drumsticks Caution! Hot!



Fish pie











Ingredients

2 medium eggs 3 medium potatoes

1 small turnip 50g Cheddar cheese 275g smoked fish (haddock) 1¹/₂ tablespoons cornflour 600ml semi-skimmed milk plus extra for mashing 75g (¾ cup) frozen peas, defrosted 1 x 198g tin sweetcorn



Equipment









Method



Hard boil eggs in water







Chop





Grate cheese



Add some hot milk to paste



Add chopped parsley



Sprinkle grated cheese over top



Peel potatoes



Remove skin and bones from fish Cut the fish into cubes



Add back to hot milk and stir Cook until the sauce thickens Add smoked haddock

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Heat grill to high



Cook under grill until cheese melts Caution! Hot!





Serve





Mix to a paste with cold water Measure milk for the sauce



Add peas



Mash well









Add sweetcorn



Pour fish mixture into pie dish



Heat milk but do not boil



Add chopped egg



Spread mash















Place cornflour in bowl





Drain potato and turnip



Fresh fruit salad



Tie up hair



Clean work surfaces and wash hands



Ingredients

2 eating apples 10 black grapes 10 green grapes 1 orange 1 medium banana ¹/₂ cup (150ml) pure orange juice

Equipment



Sieve



Method



Wash apples and grapes



Core apples



Slice



Peel orange



Cut grapes in half



Peel banana



Slice



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Add orange juice



Serve



Apple corer



Sharp knives





Large bowl



Cup or measuring Tablespoon jug







Slice segments





Mix



Ham salad sandwich



Ingredients

- 2 lettuce leaves
- 1 tomato
- 1 scallion (spring onion)
- 1 dessertspoon mayonnaise
- 2 slices wholemeal bread
- 2 thin slices cooked ham

Colander

Equipment





Serves: 1



Put on apron

Tie up hair

Clean work surfaces and

Wash salad



Slice tomato



Slice scallion



Spread mayonnaise on bread



Place ham on lettuce





Add tomato



Add scallion



Top with slice of bread

Why not try other fillings?

- tuna and sweetcorn
- cottage cheese and pineapple
- chicken slices with chutney

Serve





Sharp knife



Chopping board



Chopping board

Table knife



Bread knife



Place lettuce on bread





Cut across diagonally







Tie up hair



Clean work surfaces and wash hands

Healthy fish and chips with peas



Ingredients

1 large potato 1 dessertspoon vegetable oil Black pepper 150–175g piece of white fish eg haddock, cod, coley Small knob of butter or unsaturated margarine Juice of half a lemon 1 x 150g tin of marrowfat peas 1 tablespoon tartare sauce









Method



Pre-heat oven 220°C or gas mark 7

Peel potato



Cut into large chunky chips



Brush with oil



Season with pepper



Squeeze over lemon juice



Season with black pepper



Cook fish in oven: 8–10 minutes Caution! Hot!



Heat marrowfat peas for 4-6 Drain peas and place in bowl Add tartare sauce and mash minutes







Remove chunky chips from oven Caution! Hot!

Serve



Cook in oven: 25-35 minutes Caution! Hot!



Put fish on tray and add small knob butter



Remove fish from oven Caution! Hot!











Homemade burger



Ingredients

1 onion

450g (1lb) lean minced meat (beef, pork or lamb) 1 teaspoon mixed herbs 1 large egg 2-3 slices bread 2 medium tomatoes 1/2 iceberg lettuce 4 burger buns 4 slices Cheddar cheese

Equipment





Method



Pre-heat oven to 190°C or gas mark 5



Peel onion



Chop finely



Place mince in bowl, add chopped onion



Add mixed herbs



Beat egg



Grate breadcrumbs



Add to mince



Mix well



Form four flat burgers about 2 cm thick



Place burgers on tray Cook in oven: 20–25 minutes cooking Caution! Hot!





Slice tomatoes



Place lettuce on burger bun



Add cooked burger



Add cheese slice



Add tomato slices

Add top of burger bun







Add to mince and mix



Turn over halfway through



Wash lettuce and tomatoes





Serve



Ingredients

100g mature Cheddar cheese 350-450g (4-5 cups) dried macaroni 1¼ cups (300ml) semi-skimmed milk 2 teaspoons cornflour 1 x 400g tin of vegetables or 425g of frozen vegetables, eg peas or sweetcorn, defrosted ¹/₂ teaspoon mustard Pepper to taste

Equipment



(not essential)



Measuring jug or cup



(if using tinned vegetables)

Method



Weigh cheese

Grate





Measure macaroni



Cook in boiling water until Drain macaroni tender





keep warm



Place cornflour in bowl



Blend with cold water



Add hot milk and stir



Gradually add back into hot milk, stir well



Reheat and stir until sauce thickens





Add grated cheese



Add mustard



Season with pepper



Stir until cheese has melted



Add sauce to cooked macaroni



Stir



Large saucepan Colander





Medium saucepan



Teaspoon



Small bowl



Silicone spoon



Place back in saucepan to



Measure milk and heat... do not boil

Add vegetables and stir



Cook for 3-4 minutes until vegetables are hot





Serve



Method



Weigh plain flour



Add a pinch of salt



Sieve flour and salt



Make a well



Break one egg into well



Whisk



Heat oil in frying pan



Add 2 tablespoons of batter



Cook until bubbles appear



Turn



Repeat steps 9 to 12 until all the mixture is used



Serve







Whisk



Fish slice



Bowl







Silicone spoon



Pancake pan or frying pan



Measure 250ml milk and add



Cook until golden brown



Serves: 4 Cooking time: 15–20 mins



Put on apron



Clean work surfaces and wash hands

Rainbow rice



Ingredients

3 - 4 scallions (spring onions) 10 mushrooms 2 medium carrots 1 red pepper 225g lean cooked ham 350g (2 cups) uncooked, long-grain rice 1 tablespoon vegetable oil 75g (¾ cup) fresh or frozen peas (defrosted) 1 tablespoon light soy sauce Black pepper

Equipment







Method



Wash scallions, mushrooms, Slice mushrooms carrots and red pepper





Slice scallions



Peel carrots



Cut into sticks



Remove seeds



Cut ham into strips then squares



Measure rice



Cook rice until tender



Add oil to pan and heat



Add scallions... stir fry



red pepper, peas



Drain rice



Add rice to wok



Add soy sauce



Season with pepper





Stir fry for 5 minutes

Serve





Cut into strips

Add mushrooms, carrots,



Add ham and stir fry for 5 minutes







Ingredients

225g plain white flour 1 level teaspoon baking powder 40g unsaturated margarine 150ml semi-skimmed milk Extra milk for brushing

Equipment







rack

Method



Pre-heat oven 200°C or gas mark 6



Weigh flour



Add baking powder



Sieve



Rub margarine into flour



Bake in oven: 10–15 minutes **Caution! Hot!**



Measure milk, add and mix until soft but not sticky



Remove when risen and golden **Caution! Hot!**



Turn on to worktop and roll to 2 cm thick



Cool



Cut into rounds



Serve













Wire cooling



Scone cutter (5cm)



Non-stick baking tray



Pastry brush





Weigh unsaturated margarine

Place on baking tray and brush with milk





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Put on apron

Tie up hair

Clean work surfaces and wash hands

Smoked mackerel pâté



Ingredients

chives

275g smoked mackerel fillets 2 teaspoons chopped fresh or dried

225g low-fat fromage frais

Freshly ground pepper

Fresh parsley to garnish

Grated rind and juice of ½ lemon

Equipment







Method

Serves: 4



Remove skin and bones



Mash fish



Chop chives



Add to mackerel



Add lemon rind and juice



Add black pepper



Mix



Serve











Fork



Tablespoon

Add fromage frais









Clean work surfaces and wash hands

Spaghetti Bolognese



Ingredients

1 large onion 2 large carrots 1 clove of garlic 1 beef stock cube 450g lean minced beef

- 1 x 400g tin chopped tomatoes 2 tablespoons tomato purée
- 2 teaspoons dried mixed herbs
- Pepper
- 1-2 teaspoons cornflour (optional) 350–450g dry spaghetti

Equipment



Sharp knives





Method



Peel onion



Chop finely



Peel carrot



Chop into dice







stock cube



Add onion and carrot



Add tomatoes



Add tomato purée



Add stock



Add mixed herbs



Season with pepper



Cover and simmer for 25 minutes



Place cornflour in bowl



Blend with cold water



Add to mince: simmer till thickened



Cook spaghetti (check packet for cooking time)



Drain cooked spaghetti





Scales (not essential)



Add 300ml boiling water to



Brown mince and add garlic



Stir



Serve









Clean work surfaces and wash hands





Ingredients

1 large cooking apple 1 tablespoon brown sugar ¹/₂ teaspoon ground cinnamon 1-2 tablespoons water 1 small carton natural yogurt 1 teaspoon runny honey

Equipment







Method



Wash cooking apple



Core



Peel





Slice



Add brown sugar



Add cinnamon



Add water



Cook gently until soft







Place in saucepan

Add honey to yogurt







Ingredients

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6 strawberries 300ml (1¼ cups) chilled milk 1 carton low-fat strawberry yogurt

Equipment



Colander



Cup or measuring Dessertspoon jug

Method



Wash strawberries



'Top' strawberries



Place in blender



Add chilled milk



Place lid securely



Blend



Serve

Sharp knife



Chopping board



Blender or food processor



Glass for serving

Add strawberry yogurt



Summer fruit fool



Tie up hair





Ingredients

225g mixture of berries or other soft fruit (fresh or defrosted) 1 dessertspoon sugar 1 small tub (about 200ml) low-fat crème fraîche

Equipment



Sieve or colander Sharp knife



Dessertspoon

Method



Wash berries



'Top' strawberries



Chop larger berries



Add sugar



Add low-fat crème fraîche



Fold gently



Serve





Fork



Chopping board



Bowl



Serving dishes



Mash berries and sugar



Serves: 4 for snack or 2 for lunch Cooking time: 9–10 mins



Ulster style pizza



Ingredients

1 x 230g tin of chopped tomatoes 1 dessertspoon tomato purée ¹/₂ teaspoon dried mixed herbs Pepper to taste 50g lean cooked ham 100g Mozzarella or reduced fat Cheddar cheese 2 soda or wheaten farls

Equipment







Method



Heat grill



Drain tinned tomatoes



Pour into saucepan



Add tomato purée





Season with pepper



Cut ham into strips



Grate cheese



Slice farls



Toast on outside only Caution! Hot!



Turn farls



mixture



Sprinkle grated cheese



Grill: 2-3 minutes Caution! Hot!



Remove when cheese is bubbling Caution! Hot!



Serve





Small saucepan Dessertspoon





Teaspoon



Chopping board



essential)



Grater





Heat then simmer for 5 minutes, remove from heat

Spread with hot tomato



Top with ham







Put on apron

Tie up hair



Clean work surfaces and wash hands



Ingredients

1 medium onion 2 medium carrots 1 x 400g tin red kidney beans 2 vegetable stock cubes 1 dessertspoon vegetable oil 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce Pepper to taste









Method



Peel onion

Chop finely



Peel carrots



Chop into dice



Drain and rinse kidney beans



stock cubes



Add onions and carrots



Stir



Cover and cook for 10–15 minutes



Add kidney beans



Add Worcestershire sauce



Serve







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Measuring jug or Dessertspoon

cup





Large saucepan



Add 1.2L boiling water to

Heat oil



Add stock and simmer for 10 minutes



Add pepper



Cooking time: 35–40 mins 🤜

Put on apron

Tie up hair

Clean work surfaces and

wash hands

Vegetable tortilla



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Ingredients

1/2 red pepper 1 tablespoon chopped parsley 1 tomato 2 medium sized potatoes 1/2 onion 1 garlic clove 3 large eggs Black pepper to taste 1 tablespoon vegetable oil 2 tablespoons sweetcorn (tinned or frozen)









Method

Serves: 2



Wash red pepper, parsley, tomato and potatoes.



Peel potatoes



Cook in boiling water for 10 minutes



Peel onion



Chop finely

Crush garlic



Chop



Slice tomatoes



Drain potatoes and cool



Slice thinly Caution! Hot!



Chop parsley





Add chopped parsley

Add sweetcorn, cook 5-7

minutes



Pour whisked eggs and

cook for 10–12 minutes

Whisk



Heat oil in frying pan



Heat grill to high



Add cooked potato slices



Cook under hot grill for 5 minutes until golden brown **Caution! Hot!**



Add garlic and chopped onion, Add red pepper cook gently for 5–7 mins



Serve



Small saucepan



Sharp knife



Chopping board









Tin opener (if using Fish slice tinned sweetcorn)



Tablespoon



Oven gloves









Remove seeds from red pepper



Season with black pepper



Add tomato





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