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# LUNCHBOX IDEAS

Three weeks of nut-free recipes & a handy meal planner

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**WEEK 1**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
<b>Snack</b>	Banana Oat Muffin + Fruit	Cheese & Crackers + Edamame	Zucchini Choc Chip Muffin + Fruit	Anzac Biscuits + Dried Fruit	Brownie + Fruit
<b>Lunch</b>	Fresh Spring Rolls Piece of dark chocolate	Tuna Sandwich + Baby Tomatoes and Cucumber Yoghurt & Honey	Vegetable Frittata Brownie	Tortellini with Edamame and Smoked Sausage Bliss Ball	Chicken Wrap with Avocado Granola Bar

**WEEK 2**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
<b>Snack</b>	Popcorn + Fruit	Banana Oat Muffin + Dried Fruit	Boiled Egg & Bread + Fruit	Madeleines + Fruit	Cheese & Crackers + Snow Peas
<b>Lunch</b>	Broccoli Pesto Pasta + Baby Tomatoes Dried Mango	Tuna & Cucumber Maki + Corn Brownie	Chicken Fried Rice + Broccoli Bliss Ball	Tomato Soup + Cheese Sandwich Piece of dark chocolate	Bacon Spinach Quiche Yoghurt & Honey

**WEEK 3**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
<b>Snack</b>	Zucchini Choc Chip Muffin + Fruit	Hummus Dip + Carrots, Cucumbers & Crackers	Anzac Biscuits + Fruit	Cheese Puff + Edamame	Banana Oat Muffin + Dried Fruit
<b>Lunch</b>	Pasta Salad Shaker Bliss Ball	Ploughman's Lunch Dried Mango	California Rolls Granola Bar	Ham & Cheese Pinwheel Sandwich Yoghurt & Honey	Salmon Rice Balls + Veggies Brownie

## Banana & Oat Muffins

Serves: 12 muffins

Cook Time: 25-30 mins

### Ingredients

- 3 large ripe bananas
- 1 ½ cups plain flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 75ml maple syrup or honey
- 1 egg
- 3 tbsp coconut oil
- ½ cup rolled oats

### Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 350F/175C, and grease or line 12 muffin cups.
2. Mash up the bananas in a bowl.
3. Sift the flour, baking powder and baking soda into a separate bowl, then add the bananas.
4. Add vanilla and maple syrup to the bowl, then mix the egg and measure in coconut oil. Combine all the ingredients. Lastly stir in the rolled oats. Fill muffin cups or tray  $\frac{2}{3}$  full.
5. Bake in preheated oven until a toothpick inserted into the centre of a muffin comes out clean, 25-30 minutes.

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## Zucchini Chocolate Chip Muffins

Serves: 12 muffins

Cook Time: 20-25 mins

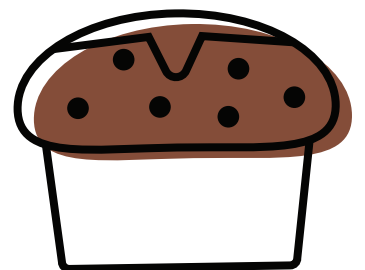
### Ingredients

- 1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- ¾ cups white sugar
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- ½ cup coconut oil
- ¼ cup milk
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 cup shredded zucchini
- ½ cup miniature semisweet chocolate

### Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 350F/175C, and grease or line 12 muffin cups.
2. Combine flour, sugar, baking soda, cinnamon, and salt in a large bowl.
3. Mix egg, oil, milk, lemon juice, and vanilla extract in a separate bowl, then stir into dry ingredients until just moistened.
4. Fold in zucchini and chocolate chips. Fill muffin cups or tray ¾ full.
5. Bake in preheated oven until a toothpick inserted into the centre of a muffin comes out clean. 20-25 minutes.

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## Homemade Popcorn

Serves: 2-4 portions

Cook Time: 5 mins

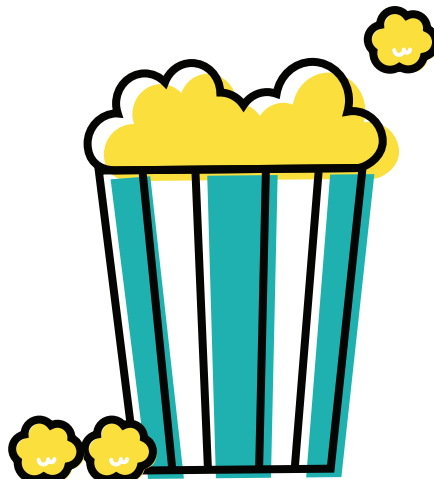
### Ingredients

- 3 tbsp coconut oil or vegetable oil
- ½ cup popcorn kernels
- Salt or cinnamon to taste

### Directions

1. Heat the oil in a thick-bottomed pot on medium high heat.
2. Put 2 or 3 popcorn kernels into the oil first.
3. When the kernels pop, add the rest of the popcorn kernels in an even layer. Cover, remove from heat and count to thirty.
4. Return the pot to the heat. All the popcorn should begin popping soon. Once its starts, gently shake the pot by moving it back and forth.
5. Try to keep the lid slightly ajar so the steam can escape.
6. Once the popping slows to several seconds between pops, remove the pot from the heat, remove the lid, and dump the popcorn immediately into a wide bowl.
7. With this technique, nearly all of the kernels pop, and nothing burns.
8. Salt to taste or add cinnamon for a sweet popcorn

Tip: Choose coconut oil if making sweet popcorn and vegetable oil for salted popcorn. This is best made fresh on the day.



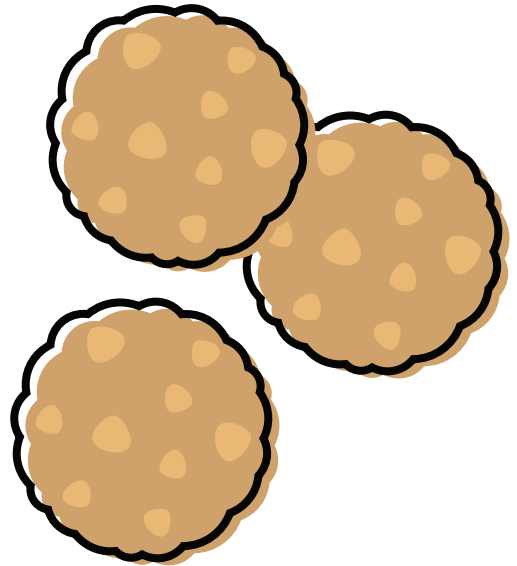
## Anzac Biscuits

Serves: 10 biscuits

Cook Time: 20-30 mins

### Ingredients

- 1 cup wholegrain rolled oats
- 1 cup plain flour
- 1 cup desiccated coconut
- 1 cup soft brown sugar
- ¼ cup golden syrup
- 125 grams butter
- 2 tbsp boiled water
- ½ tsp boiled water



### Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 320F/160C, and line 2 oven trays with baking paper.
2. Mix together rolled oats, flour, coconut and sugar in a large bowl.
3. Heat golden syrup, butter and boiling water until the butter melts in a small saucepan.
4. Stir in baking soda (note that it will froth up), then fold into the dry ingredients until well combined.
5. Roll the mixture into small balls and place on the trays slightly apart. Put the prepared trays in the fridge for 10 minutes to stop them spreading too much when they first hit the oven.
6. For biscuits that are crunchy on the outside but chewy on the inside – lightly flatten and bake for 20 minutes until golden. For a crispier biscuit, bake for 30 minutes.

**Tip:** Store in an airtight jar so they keep fresh.

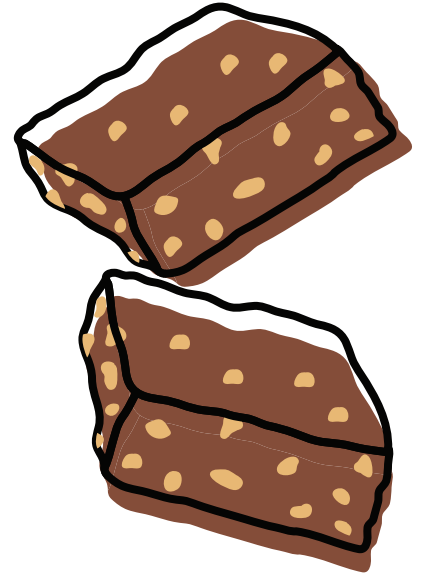
## Cocoa Brownies

Serves: 16-25 squares

Cook Time: 30-35 mins

### Ingredients

- 140 grams unsalted butter
- ¼ cups granulated sugar
- ¾ cup plus 2 tbsp unsweetened cocoa powder
- ¼ tsp salt
- ½ tsp vanilla extract
- 2 large eggs, cold
- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- ⅔ sunflower seeds (optional)



### Directions

1. Position a rack in the lower part of the oven and preheat the oven to 325°F/160C. Line the bottom and sides of an 8×8-inch square baking pan with parchment paper leaving an overhang on two opposite sides.
2. Combine butter, sugar, cocoa, and salt in a medium heatproof bowl and melt the butter with the cocoa on the stove.
3. Set the bowl aside briefly until the mixture cools down.
4. Stir in the vanilla and add the eggs one at a time, stirring vigorously after each one.
5. When the batter looks thick, shiny, and well blended, add the flour and stir until combined, then beat vigorously for 30secs.
6. Stir in the nuts, if using, then spread evenly in the lined pan.
7. Bake until a toothpick plunged into the centre emerges slightly moist with batter. 30-35 minutes. Let cool completely on a rack. Put in the fridge for 10 minutes.
8. Lift up the ends of the parchment or foil liner, and transfer the brownies to a cutting board. Cut into 16-25 squares.

## Bliss Balls

Serves: 6-8 balls

Cook Time: 30 minutes

### Ingredients

- 1 tbsp hemp seeds
- 1 tbsp sesame seeds
- 1 tbsp chia seeds
- 1 tbsp sunflower seeds
- 2 tbsp cacao
- 1 tbsp maple syrup
- 1 tbsp coconut oil
- 6 pitted medjool dates (soaked in boiling water for 10 minutes)
- 1 cup desiccated coconut

### Directions

1. Place all the seeds into a food processor and blend until fine.
2. Add cacao, maple syrup, coconut oil, dates and blend, about 40-50 seconds.
3. Wet your hands and roll mixture into small balls. Finish by rolling in desiccated coconut. Makes 6-8 balls.
4. Store in the fridge for 20 minutes before eating.

**Tip:** This is a great healthy sweet treat and there are many other combinations using dates or dried apricots.





## Chewy Cinnamon Cranberry Granola Bars

Serves: 10 bars

Cooking Time: 30 minutes

### Ingredients

- 2 cups rolled oats
- ½ cup crispy cereal such as a crispy rice cereal
- ¾ cup dried cranberries
- ¼ cup coconut oil, alternatively use butter
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- ¼ cup honey
- Pinch sea salt
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 tsp cinnamon



### Directions

1. Lightly grease an 8x8 pan and set aside.
2. In a bowl, stir together the oats, crispy cereal and cranberries and set aside.
3. In a small pot combine the coconut oil, brown sugar, honey and pinch of salt. Heat the mixture up and stir well to completely dissolve the brown sugar. Cook over medium heat for 2 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in the vanilla and cinnamon. Pour the wet ingredients over the dry ingredients and stir well to combine.
4. Once completely combined, pour the mixture into the prepared 8x8 pan and press down very well with a spatula (lightly oiled if the mixture is sticky).
5. Cool completely before cutting into 10 bars (if they seem to pull apart while cutting into bars, place in the fridge for 20 minutes before slicing).
6. Wrap individually in paper or plastic wrap and store at room temperature.

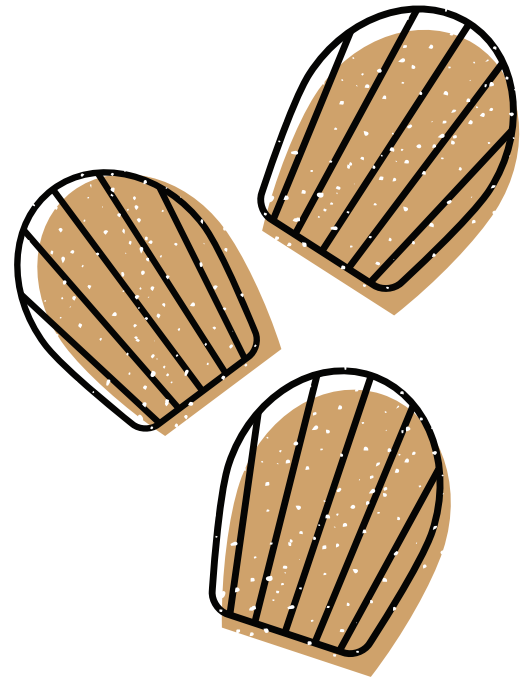
## Madeleines

Serves: 12 madeleines

Cooking Time: 15-20 mins

### Ingredients

- 2 eggs
- $\frac{3}{4}$  tsp vanilla extract
- $\frac{1}{8}$  tsp salt
- $\frac{1}{3}$  cup white sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tbsp lemon zest
- $\frac{1}{4}$  cup butter
- $\frac{1}{3}$  cup granulated sugar for decoration



### Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 375F/190C. Butter and flour 12 (3 inch) madeleine molds, then set aside.
2. Melt butter and let it cool to room temperature.
3. In a small mixing bowl, beat eggs, vanilla and salt until light.
4. Whilst beating consistently, gradually add sugar and continue beating at high speed until mixture is thick and pale and ribbons form in bowl. 5 to 10 minutes.
5. Sift flour into egg mixture  $\frac{1}{3}$  at a time, gently folding after each addition.
6. Add lemon zest and pour in melted butter. Quickly but gently fold butter into batter. Spoon batter into molds to the top.
7. Bake 15-20 minutes, or until cakes are golden and the tops spring back when gently pressed with your fingertip.
8. Use the tip of the knife to loosen madeleines from pan. Sprinkle warm cookies with powdered sugar.

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## Smooth Hummus Dip

Serves: 1 cup of hummus

Cooking Time: 1 hour

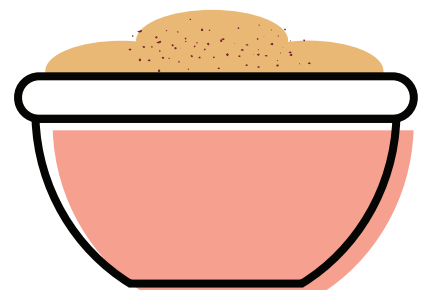
### Ingredients

- 2 cups dried chickpeas
- 2 tbsp baking soda for soaking + ½ tsp
- ½ cup tahini
- Juice from 1 squeezed lemon
- 2 garlic cloves
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 tsp cumin
- ½ - 1 cup water, depending on desired texture

### Directions

1. Soak chickpeas in water with 2 tablespoons of baking soda overnight.
2. Drain, rinse and soak again in water for a few more hours. The grains should absorb most of the water and almost double their volume.
3. Rinse the chickpeas well and put them in a large saucepan. Cover with water, add ½ teaspoon baking soda. Cook until the grains are very tender. 45 minutes to an hour. Regularly skim the surface during cooking process to remove foam and loose peels.
4. Drain the chickpeas and transfer to a food processor. Process into a thick puree. Allow to cool.
5. Add the tahini, lemon juice, garlic, salt and cumin, then start the food processor. Add water, a little bit at a time, until you get the desired texture.

**Tip:** Keep in the refrigerator for up to 5 days. The dip is great with carrotsticks, cucumber, celery, and pita bread.



## Cheese Puffs

Serves: 7 buns

Cooking Time: 10-12 minutes

### Ingredients

- 1 cup flour
- 3 tsp baking powder
- Pinch of salt
- Pinch of dried mustard powder
- 2 cups of grated cheddar
- 1 egg – beaten into ½ cup milk
- Extra grated cheese for tops
- 1 onion

### Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 390F/200C.
2. Finely chop fresh parsley, chives (optional).
3. Finely chopped onion microwaved for 1 minute (optional).
4. Mix all ingredients together in a bowl but be careful not to over mix.
5. Drop large soup-spoonfuls on a cold baking tray lined with baking paper.
6. Sprinkle tops with extra grated cheese.
7. Bake for 10-12 minutes until puffed and golden.



# Fresh Spring Rolls

Serves: 4 portions

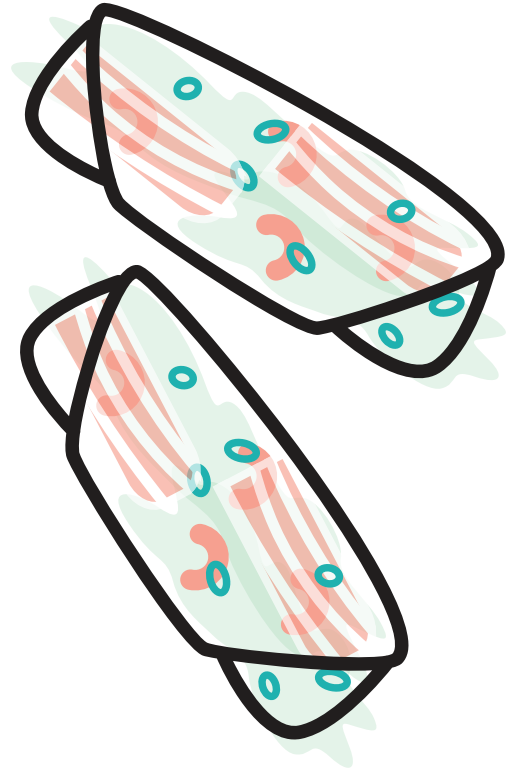
## Ingredients

For the rolls

- 4 rice paper rolls
- 2 shredded crisp lettuce leaves
- 100 grams cooked rice noodles
- Handful of coriander leaves
- Handful of mint leaves
- 4 cooked prawns, halved
- 1 bowl of water

For the dipping sauce

- 1 tbsp fish sauce
- 1 tbsp caster sugar
- 5 tbsp water
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- ½ tbsp chopped coriander root
- ½ tbsp finely chopped fresh chili (optional)



## Directions

1. Make the dipping sauce by mixing water with the sugar and the lemon juice in the bowl. Add the fish sauce and mix well. Taste and check the balance of the mixture and adjust to your own taste. Then add the garlic, coriander and optional chili.
2. For the spring rolls, moisten the rice paper by dipping it into a bowl of water for 5 seconds, then place the rice paper on a flat plate or a cutting board.
3. Prepare the rolls by placing a mound of lettuce in the centre, then add some noodles on top of the lettuce, with the herbs and sliced carrot.
4. Lay 2 pieces of sliced prawns in front of the lettuce, noodles and herbs. Fold two ends of the paper inwards and continue to roll until you complete the cylinder.
5. Cut the roll in half and serve with the dipping sauce.

**Tip:** You can prep the ingredients the night before and make the rolls fresh in the morning. Put the dipping sauce in a small airtight container for the kids to dip at lunchtime.

## Mini Vegetable Frittatas

Serves: 6 portions

Cook Time: 10-20 minutes

### Ingredients

- ½ red bell pepper, diced
- ½ yellow bell pepper, diced
- ½ zucchini, diced/shredded
- ½ small onion, diced or 2 teaspoons chives
- ½ cup parmesan cheese
- 5 eggs, beaten together
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Olive oil for drizzling

### Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 350F/175C, and grease a 6 cup muffin tray.
2. In a large pan heat the olive oil over medium high heat. Sauté the diced zucchini, onion and red and yellow bell peppers for about 5 minutes until they are slightly soft. Season with salt and pepper.
3. Add the sautéed vegetables to the bottom of the muffin tray.
4. In a large bowl, whisk together 5 eggs and season with salt and pepper and add the chopped chives and parmesan. Fill the muffin tin with the egg, gently stirring the ingredients together. Bake in the oven for 10-12 minutes until the eggs are completely set.



## Tortellini with Edamame and Smoked Sausage

Serves: 2 portions

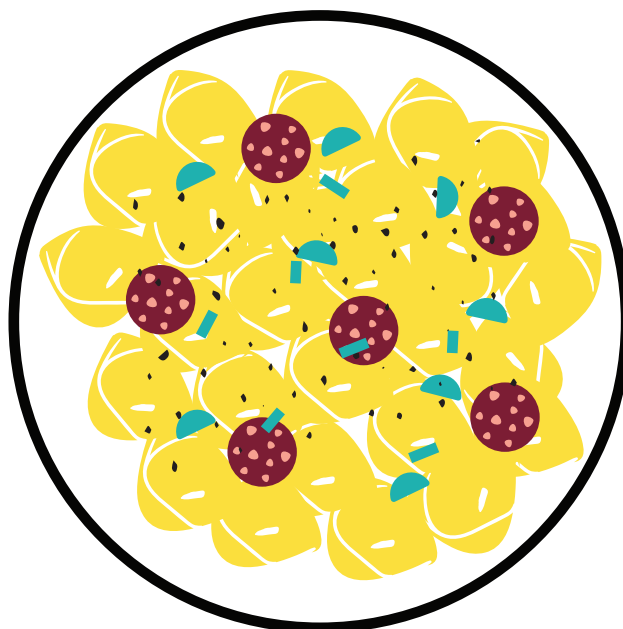
Cook Time: 30 minutes

### Ingredients

- 5-8 pieces of fresh cheese tortellini
- ½ cup shelled edamame
- ½ diced red pepper
- 1 large smoked sausage
- Splash of olive oil or Italian dressing

### Directions

1. Bring to boil a pot of water with a pinch of salt.
2. Chop red pepper and slice the smoked sausage.
3. Stir-fry red pepper and sausage together until heated through. About 5 minutes.
4. Add tortellini to boiling water and cook for 5 minutes.
5. Add edamame to water and boil for another 2 minutes. Drain tortellini and edamame well.
6. Toss everything together with some olive oil or and Italian dressing and heat through.



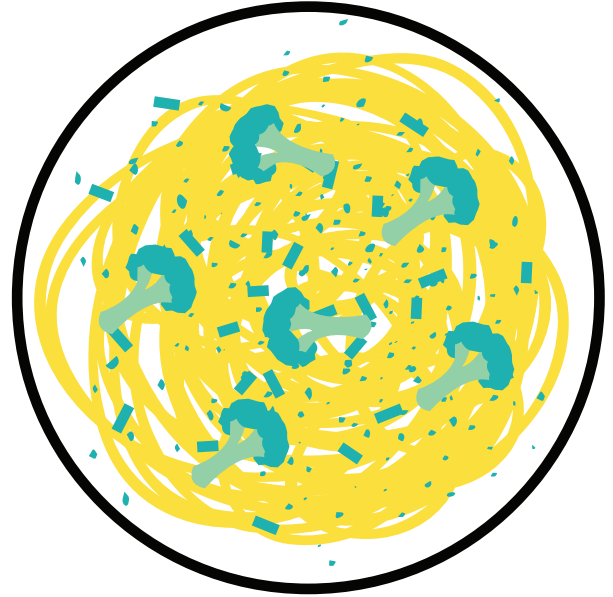
## Broccoli Pesto Pasta

Serves: 2 portions

Cook Time: 10 mins

### Ingredients

- 1 head of broccoli
- Salt
- 6 oz small pasta
- ½ cup grated parmesan
- ½ cup (packed) fresh basil leaves
- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tsp fresh lemon juice
- Freshly ground black pepper



### Directions

1. Separate broccoli stalks from florets and finely chop the florets. Trim end of the broccoli stalk, then peel and finely chop. Cook stalk in a large pot of boiling salted water until tender, about 3 minutes.
2. Add florets and cook a further 3 minutes. Using a slotted spoon transfer broccoli to a large bowl of ice water, then drain.
3. Add pasta to same pot of boiling water and cook until al dente. Drain pasta, reserving 1 cup pasta cooking liquid, and return to pot.
4. While pasta cooks, transfer broccoli to a food processor and add parmesan, basil, oil, and lemon juice. Season with salt and pepper, then process until smooth.
5. Toss pasta with broccoli pesto, adding more pasta cooking liquid as needed to coat evenly.

**Tip:** Broccoli pesto can be made up to 1 day ahead. Let cool, then press plastic wrap directly on surface before covering to avoid discoloration and chill. You can also freeze extra.



## Tuna and Cucumber Maki

### Ingredients

- Seaweed squares
- Raw tuna (sashimi grade)
- Japanese cucumber
- Sushi rice
- Japanese light soy sauce

### Directions

1. Cut seaweed in half (4 x 7 1/2" or 10 x 19cm). Cut tuna into 1cm thick pieces and 15cm long. Cut cucumber into the same size, cutting out seeds. It's ok not to have one 15cm long piece, just add pieces together to make the total length.
2. Put a sushi mat flat on your work surface with the bamboo slats left to right, so you can roll the mat away from you. Place a piece of seaweed on the sushi mat with one of the seaweed's long sides close to the front edge of the sushi mat (the edge near you). Spread about ¼ cup sushi rice on the seaweed leaving a 2.5cm space along the far edge of the seaweed.
3. Place tuna or a cucumber strip on the middle of rice. Holding the filling down, roll from the front end of the mat guiding with the sushi mat toward the other end. Tighten the rolls like roll cakes, pulling the mat to tighten. Remove the roll from the mat.
4. Cut a roll into 8 pieces. Serve with soy sauce and wasabi (optional).

**Tip:** Hop onto YouTube to get tips on how to roll the perfect maki. Swap out Tuna for Salmon or Crab Meat for variations.



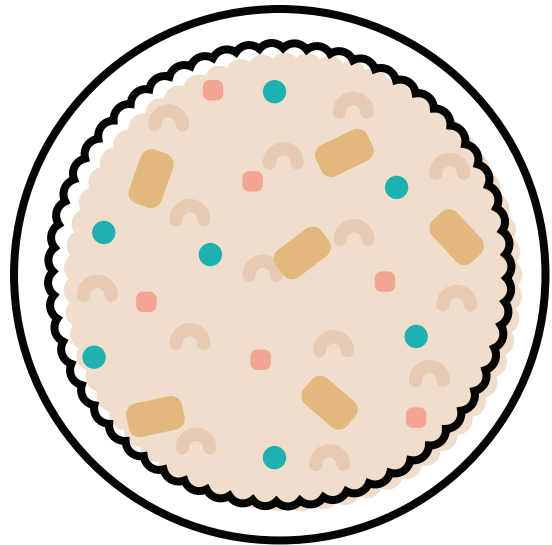
## Chicken Fried Rice

Serves: 6 portions

Cook Time: 10 minutes

### Ingredients

- 3 cups cooked jasmine rice  
( best cooked and refrigerated over night )
- ½ lb boneless skinless chicken breasts  
( diced into ¾-inch pieces )
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 ½ cups frozen peas and carrots
- ½ yellow onion diced
- 2 cloves garlic finely minced
- 2 eggs
- 3½ tbsp low-sodium soy sauce
- 1 tbsp sesame oil
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper



### Directions

1. Preheat a large pan or wok over medium-high heat. Add 1 tablespoon oil to the pan. Add the chicken, salt and pepper generously, and cook until chicken is cooked through, about 6 - 7 minutes. Put the cooked chicken on a clean plate, and set aside.
2. Put remainder of oil in the same pan and cook the onions, garlic, carrots and peas until tender, about 4 minutes. Add the garlic and cook 1 more minute.
3. Push the veggies aside, and scramble the eggs on the empty side of the pan. Stir everything together, and add the rice, soy sauce and chicken and combine.
4. Allow the rice to fry and get a little toasty by leaving it alone for a minute. Stir everything up, and allow the rice to crisp slightly.
5. Turn off the heat, and add the sesame oil. Stir to combine.

## Cheesy Bacon Spinach Quiche

Serves: 8 portions

Cook Time: 25-45 minutes

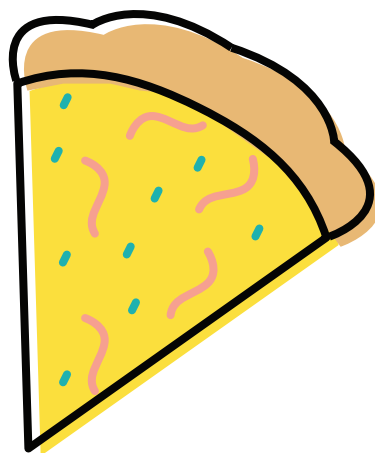
### Ingredients

- 1 (9 inch) refrigerated pie crust
- 5 large eggs, beaten
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 ½ cups chopped baby spinach
- 6 strips thick cut bacon, cooked and chopped
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- ½ tsp onion/garlic powder
- ½ tsp pepper
- ¼ tsp salt

### Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 375F/ 190C, thaw the pie crust (store bought or homemade) and lay it in a pie dish
2. Whisk eggs with until well blended. Add cream, salt, and pepper.
3. In the bottom of your pie crust layer chopped spinach, then cooked bacon and shredded cheddar cheese.
4. Pour egg and cream mixture into the pie crust.
5. Bake for 35-45 minutes until egg mixture is firm and the top is golden.

Tip: This can be made night before. Cut into wedges and warm up in the oven in the morning or can also be eaten cold. You can add all sorts of ingredients to the egg base for variations.



## Pasta Salad Shaker

### Ingredients

- Cooked pasta
- Chopped favourite veggies: red pepper, cucumber, carrot, sweetcorn, peas
- Cubes of ham, chicken or cheese
- Splash of your favourite dressing

### Directions

1. In a Mason jar (or similar) layer all the ingredients starting with the dressing, then pasta, cubed ham/chicken and then vegetables. Don't fill to the brim, leave room at the top.
2. Screw lid on and encourage your child to shake, shake, shake to mix the ingredients before they eat.

Tip: You can layer with ingredients you know your kids would like. The dressing can be creamy or oil based. Feel free to experiment with different shaped pasta, too



## Ploughman's Lunch

### Ingredients

- 1 slice ham
- 3 slices apple
- 3 cubes of cheese
- ½ boiled egg
- A box of raisins
- 2 rice crackers

### Directions

Best to divide each ingredient in a bento box style lunchbox. Keep the crackers separate and wrapped.

Tip: A Ploughman's Lunch is a mixture of savoury and sweet, crunchy and soft. Lots of different textures to add variety to a kids school lunch.



## California Rolls for Kids

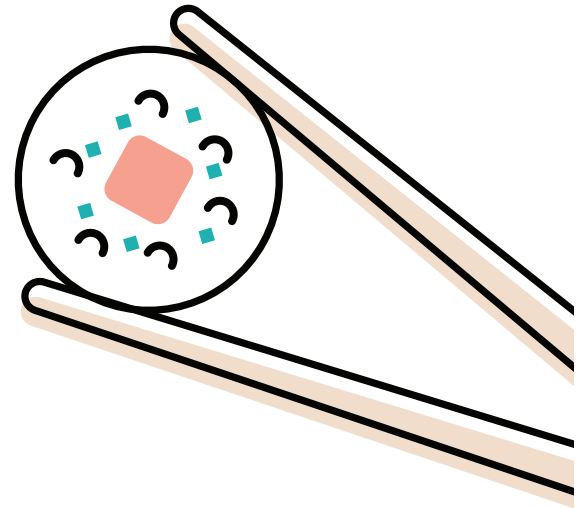
### Ingredients

#### For the Roll:

- 1 flour tortillas (10 inch) or 1 pita bread
- 2 tbsp mayonnaise (optional)
- 1 slice of turkey or ham (thin slices)
- 1 slice cheese, cut into strips
- 2 tbsp romaine lettuce, shredded

#### For the Avocado Spread

- 1 small avocado
- ¼ cup fresh tomato, diced
- 1 dash lemon juice or 1 dash lime juice
- 2 tbsp carrots (diced or shredded) (optional)



### Directions

#### Avocado Spread:

1. Scoop the flesh from the avocado and mash, mixing with a dash of lemon or lime juice.
2. Mix in diced tomatoes and optional vegetables.
3. Set aside.

#### Roll:

1. Spread the tortilla or pita with mayonnaise (optional), leaving at least ½ inch around the outside.
2. Spread avocado spread over mayonnaise.
3. Top spread with shredded lettuce.
4. Carefully place turkey or ham slices on top of topping (leaving room on the edge for rolling).
5. Add cheese strips down the middle.
6. Carefully roll the tortilla into a wrap.
7. Cut into two pieces.

## Ham & Cheese Pinwheel Sandwich

Serves: 1 portion

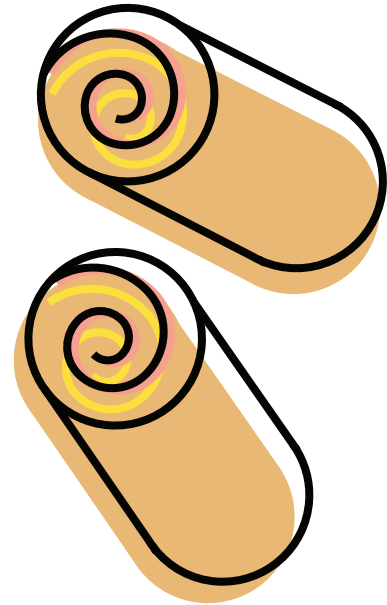
### Ingredients

- 1 deli sliced ham or other meats of your choice
- 1 cheese slice
- Cream cheese spread
- Mayonnaise
- Chopped dill
- 1 flour tortilla or flattened bread

### Directions

1. In a medium sized bowl, combine cream cheese, mayonnaise and dill. Mix until blended well.
2. Spread a thin layer of cream cheese mixture on your tortilla. Spread it out well so that the whole tortilla and sliced bread has a thin layer.
3. Down the middle of the tortilla, place a slice of deli ham to cover the width of the tortilla. On top of the ham, place a layer of cheese to cover the width of the tortilla. This ensures that each pinwheel has meat and cheese.
4. Roll up the tortilla tightly. Cut off a small portion of each end then cut the rolled tortilla into 6-8 slices, about 1 inch thick.

**Tip:** Pick your kids favourite fillings and apply the same technique. Little bite sized pieces are easier to hold and gobble up.



## Salmon Rice Ball

Serves: 6 portions

### Ingredients

- 2 cups cooked brown rice
- ¼ to ½ cup cooked salmon, broken into small flakes, to taste
- ½ to 1 tsp shoyu (soy sauce), to taste
- 1 tsp dried roasted sesame seeds
- Dash of salt, to taste

### Directions

1. Mix hot cooked rice, salmon, soy sauce, sesame seeds and salt in a medium bowl until mixed. Taste and add additional salt if necessary.
2. Using a piece of cling-film, place about a cup of rice on the cling-film, and wrap it up.
3. Place cling-film wrapped rice in the palm of your hand and using both hands, begin to shape it into a ball.
4. If using baby onigiri molds, be sure to line these with cling wrap first, prior to placing rice in these.

Tip: There are very cool onigiri molds available from Daiso. You pop your rice mixture in and you are able to shape the balls easily without needing to use cling-film.

