





15 MOUTHWATERING MEATLESS MEALS FOR EVERY PHASE

VEGETARIAN & VEGAN RECIPES FOR

THE **FAST**METABOLISM DIET

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Tofu Scramble with Veggies SERVES 3

Whenever tofu is used, it's important to include lots of cruciferous vegetables to help metabolize the phyto-estrogens found in soy.

PREP TIME: 10 minutes ■ TOTAL TIME: 10 minutes

- 1 tablespoon vegetable broth or water
- 1 cup packed kale, torn into pieces
- 1/2 cup diced yellow onion
- ½ cup diced red, orange, or yellow bell pepper
- 1 14-ounce block firm tofu, patted dry
- 2 level tablespoons nutritional yeast
- ½ teaspoon tamari
- 1/4 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
 - Sea salt
 - Freshly ground black pepper
- **1.** In a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat, heat the vegetable broth. Sauté the kale, onion, and bell pepper until the onions soften and the kale begins to wilt, about 4 minutes. Crumble the tofu into the pan (about ½-inch pieces), folding it into the veggies. Stir to combine with veggies and heat through.
- **2.** Stir in the nutritional yeast, tamari, onion powder, and garlic powder. Season with salt and pepper to taste and serve.



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Tempeh Breakfast Skillet SERVES 2

Tempeh is made of fermented soy, so it's an easy-to-digest complex protein for vegans.

PREP TIME: 15 minutes TOTAL TIME: 15 minutes

8 ounces tempeh, cut into ½-inch cubes

½ cup diced red bell pepper

½ cup diced yellow onion

1/2 cup 1-inch asparagus pieces

2 cups sliced button mushrooms

1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar

3 cups baby spinach

Pinch ground nutmeg

Freshly ground black pepper

Sea salt

In a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat, sauté the tempeh until browned, about 5 minutes. Push the tempeh to the side of the pan. Add the red bell pepper, onion, and asparagus. Sauté for 2 minutes, or until the onions begin to soften. Add the mushrooms and continue to cook the veggies for another 2 minutes (the mushrooms will begin to give up their water). Stir the tempeh back into the mixture. Add the balsamic vinegar, cover and simmer for 1 minute. Stir in the baby spinach. Add nutmeg, salt, and pepper to taste and serve.



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Garden Veggie Omelet serves 1

Swap any other Phase 2 veggies in this versatile breakfast.

PREP TIME: 10 minutes TOTAL TIME: 10 minutes

- 3/4 cup broccoli florets
- 1/4 cup diced zucchini
- 2 tablespoons diced red onion
- 2 tablespoons diced red bell pepper Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 3 egg whites, lightly beaten
- **1.** Heat a nonstick skillet over medium heat. Sauté the broccoli, zucchini, red onion, and red bell pepper until crisp-tender, about 3 minutes. Remove the vegetables to a bowl and season them with salt and pepper.
- 2. Place the skillet back onto the stove and reduce the heat to medium-low. Add the beaten egg whites. As they start to set, use a spatula to lift the edges, letting uncooked whites flow to the bottom of the skillet. Cook until the center is set but still moist.
- **3.** Spread the vegetables on one side of the omelet. Fold the other side of the omelet over and slide it onto a plate to serve.



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VEGETARIAN

Poached Eggs in Tomato Sauce with Chickpeas SERVES 4

This tangy egg dish looks gorgeous too. Serve with a side salad and fruit for a Phase 3 lunch, or with fruit and pita halves for breakfast.

PREP TIME: 20 minutes **TOTAL TIME:** 40 minutes

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 medium yellow onion, finely chopped
- 4 garlic cloves, coarsely chopped
- 1 jalapeño, seeded, finely chopped
- 1 15-ounce can chickpeas, drained
- 2 teaspoons Hungarian sweet paprika
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin

- 1 28-ounce can whole peeled tomatoes, crushed by hand, juices reserved
 - Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 4 large eggs
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro
- 4 sprouted-grain pita halves, warmed
- **1.** Preheat the oven to 425°F. Heat the oil in a large ovenproof skillet over medium-high heat. Add the onion, garlic, and jalapeño and cook, stirring occasionally, until the onion is soft, about 8 minutes. Add the chickpeas, paprika, and cumin and cook for 2 minutes longer.
- 2. Add the crushed tomatoes and their juices. Bring the mixture to a boil; reduce the heat to medium-low, and simmer, stirring occasionally, until the sauce thickens slightly, about 15 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper.
- 3. Crack eggs one at a time and place them over the sauce, spacing them evenly apart. Transfer the skillet to oven and bake until the whites are just set but the yolks are still runny, 5 to 8 minutes. Garnish with parsley and cilantro. Serve with pita for dipping.



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Lunch/ Dinner

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Lentil and Quinoa Salad with Herbs (vv)*

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Lentil and Quinoa Salad with Herbs SERVES 16

This refreshing salad is great for summer and it makes a LOT. Each serving is a generous 2½ cups.

PREP TIME: 30 minutes ■ TOTAL TIME: 45 minutes

1½ cups quinoa

1/4 teaspoon plus 1 teaspoon sea salt

1 cup green lentils

1 cup diced red bell pepper

½ red onion, diced

1/2 cup chopped green onions

1 large bunch parsley, stemmed and chopped

1/2 cup chopped fresh mint

½ cup chopped fresh dill

2 garlic cloves, minced

Juice of 2 large lemons

Zest of 1 lemon

2 teaspoons ground cumin

1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

1/2 cup diced tomatoes

1/2 cup cucumber, peeled, seeded and diced

- 1. Rinse the quinoa thoroughly in a mesh strainer. Place it in a large saucepan over medium heat. Stir to let the water evaporate and toast the quinoa slightly, about 1 minute. Add 3 cups of water and ¼ teaspoon of sea salt to the pan and bring it to a boil. Turn the heat to low, cover and simmer for 15 minutes. Leaving the quinoa covered, remove it from the heat and let it stand for 5 minutes. Uncover and fluff the quinoa with a fork.
- 2. Meanwhile, in a separate medium saucepan, combine the lentils with 2 cups of water. Bring it to a boil. Turn the heat to low, partially cover and simmer for 15 minutes or until all of the water is absorbed.
- **3.** Combine the cooked quinoa and lentils in a large mixing bowl and allow them to cool (or refrigerate to speed up the process).
- **4.** When the quinoa mixture has cooled, mix in the red bell pepper, red onion, green onion, parsley, mint, dill, and garlic. In a jar or small bowl with a lid, combine the lemon juice, lemon zest, cumin, 1 teaspoon sea salt, and black pepper. Shake to combine. Pour over the lentil and quinoa mixture and stir to combine. Adjust the seasonings of needed. Just before serving, top the salad with diced tomatoes and cucumber.



Loaded Sweet Potatoes with Black Beans SERVES 6

This filling Phase 1 lunch or dinner also works in Phase 3 (add a healthy fat, like sliced avocado).

PREP TIME: 10 minutes TOTAL TIME: 30 minutes to 1 hour

- 6 medium sweet potatoes
- 1 medium yellow onion, diced
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon fennel seed, crushed
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin

- 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- ½ teaspoon sea salt
- 3 tablespoons vegetable broth or water
- 1 14.5-ounce can fire-roasted tomatoes
- 2 15-ounce cans black beans, drained and rinsed

Green onion or chives, for serving



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- **1.** Preheat the oven to 450°F. Scrub the potatoes, wrap each one in foil, and bake them for 1 hour. (Or, you can microwave the sweet potatoes on high for 8 minutes, flipping the potatoes halfway through the cooking time.)
- 2. Meanwhile, make the black beans: In a medium saucepan over medium-high heat, sauté the onion, garlic, oregano, fennel seed, cinnamon, cumin, nutmeg, pepper, and salt in vegetable broth until the onion softens, about 5 minutes. Stir in the tomatoes with their juice and the beans, turn the heat to medium-low, cover, and cook until the tomatoes and beans have broken down slightly, about 15 minutes. Uncover the pot and turn off the heat (the bean mixture will thicken as it cools slightly).
- **3.** Cut a lengthwise slit on one side of each sweet potato. Scoop out flesh into a bowl and mash well. Refill each skin with the mashed sweet potato. Top with 2/3 cup of the bean mixture and a sprinkling of snipped chives or green onion.

NOTE: This bean mixture keeps and freezes well. The leftovers are especially great stuffed into a tortilla with lettuce and green onion for a lunch wrap.

Spicy Confetti Salad with Soybeans SERVES 2

This simple salad gets its spice from pepperoncini. Add more if you like it hotter. This salad packs well, making it great for lunch or picnics.

PREP TIME: 20 minutes TOTAL TIME: 50 minutes (includes refrigerator time)

- 1 cup shelled soybeans (edamame)
- 1 cup diced red bell pepper
- 1/2 cup diced red onion
- 1 cup 1-inch pieces trimmed yellow wax beans
- 2 pepperoncini, seeded and diced

DRESSING:

- ½ cup peeled, seeded, diced cucumber
- 1 garlic clove
- 1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar
- 2 teaspoons minced fresh cilantro
- 1 teaspoon minced fresh dill
- 1/2 teaspoon stevia or xylitol
- 1/8 teaspoon salt

Steam the edamame for 3 minutes, and then rinse with cold water. Combine them with all the salad ingredients in a mixing bowl. Set aside. Blend the dressing ingredients in a blender until smooth. Fold the dressing into the bean mixture. For best results, refrigerate for 30 minutes.

NOTE: Swap another type of bean (kidney beans work especially well) for the soybeans and this recipe also works for Phases 1 and 3.



Kale Salad with Fennel and Tofu SERVES 2

The large amounts of kale and fennel in this recipe work to make the plant estrogens in the tofu more bioactive, helping to minimize the hormone-mimicking properties of soy.

PREP TIME: 20 minutes ■ TOTAL TIME: 20 minutes

FOR THE SALAD:

- 8 ounces extra firm tofu
- 4 cups kale, stemmed and torn into small pieces
- 1 cup fennel, thinly sliced
- 2 shallots, thinly sliced

FOR THE DRESSING:

- 2 tablespoons tamari
- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 1 teaspoon freshly grated ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon stevia or xylitol
- 1. Cut the tofu into ¼-inch thick slices and pat them dry. In a nonstick skillet over mediumhigh heat, brown the tofu slices, about 4 minutes on each side. Set them aside.
- 2. Meanwhile, in a large bowl, combine the kale, fennel, and shallots. In a jar or lidded bowl, combine the tamari, vinegar, ginger, and stevia or xylitol. Shake until the dressing is well combined.
- 3. Top the salad with the cooled tofu slices. Drizzle with the salad dressing.



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Asparagus and Mushroom Frittata SERVES 2

Flavorful mushrooms like oyster and shiitake work especially well here.

PREP TIME: 10 minutes TOTAL TIME: 15 minutes

- 1 cup asparagus pieces, sliced diagonally into 2-inch sections
- 1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
- 1 green onion, white and green parts sliced
- 1/4 teaspoon sea salt

 Freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 6 egg whites, lightly beaten
- 2 tablespoons packed fresh basil leaves, cut in chiffonade

- 1. Preheat the oven to 325°F.
- 2. In a nonstick pan over medium-high heat, sauté the asparagus and mushrooms until the asparagus is nearly crisp-tender, about 3 minutes. Add the green onion and sauté for 1 more minute. Stir in the salt and pepper and then pour in the egg whites. Sprinkle the basil on top. Place the pan into the oven and bake for 5 minutes or until the center of the frittata is set and the edges pull away from the pan.
- **3.** Slide the frittata out of the pan onto a plate or cutting board. Slice it into wedges and serve.



Kabocha Squash and Black Bean Stew serves 6

Kabocha squash has a potato-like texture, and because its skin is edible, you save lots of prep time. If you can't find kabocha, butternut squash is a good substitute.

PREP TIME: 20 minutes TOTAL TIME: 40 minutes

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon cumin seeds
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 large yellow onion, diced
- 1/2 cup diced red bell pepper
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves

- 1 large kabocha squash (about 5 pounds), seeded and chopped into 1-inch chunks (no need to peel)*
- 4 cups low-sodium, organic vegetable broth
- 2 15-ounce cans black beans, drained and rinsed
- ½ teaspoon sea salt

 Freshly ground black pepper
- 11/2 avocados, sliced
- 3/4 cup raw sunflower seeds
- 1. In a large soup pot, heat the olive oil on medium-high heat. Add the cumin seeds and cook until fragrant, about 1 minute. Add the garlic, onion, and red bell pepper. Sauté until the onions soften, about 4 minutes. Add the oregano, paprika, cinnamon, and cloves. Stir to coat the vegetables. Add the squash and stir to coat it with spices. Add the vegetable broth, along with enough water to just cover the squash. Bring the soup to a boil; cover and turn the heat to low. Simmer for about 15 minutes or until the squash is tender. Add the black beans and heat through. Season the soup with salt, pepper, and additional paprika if desired.
- 2. Spoon the soup into serving bowls. Top each serving with $\frac{1}{4}$ avocado, sliced, and 2 tablespoons of sunflower seeds.

*NOTE: If you can't find kabocha squash, you can substitute peeled butternut squash.



Spiced Indian Chickpeas SERVES 6

Enjoy this dish all on its own for lunch, or serve with quinoa for dinner.

PREP TIME: 20 minutes TOTAL TIME: 30 minutes

- 21/2 tablespoons grapeseed or olive oil
 - 1 medium yellow onion, finely chopped
 - 8 garlic cloves, minced
 - 1 3-inch piece fresh ginger, peeled and minced (about 1/3 cup)
- 11/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 11/2 teaspoons garam masala
 - 2 teaspoons ground cumin
 - 1 teaspoon ground coriander

- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/8 to 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper (1/8 teaspoon will be milder; 1/4 teaspoon will be nicely hot)
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 2 15-ounce cans chickpeas, drained (2/3 cup liquid reserved)
 - Chopped tomatoes, red onion, cilantro, and lemon wedges, for serving
- **1.** Heat a large skillet over medium heat and swirl in the oil. Add the chopped onion, garlic, and ginger. Sauté until the onion is soft and lightly golden, 5 to 6 minutes.
- 2. In a small bowl, combine the cinnamon, garam masala, cumin, coriander, cloves, cayenne, and salt. Add to the onion mixture and cook and stir the spices to lightly toast, about 1 minute. Stir in the tomato paste and cook for another minute to combine. The color should be dark red.
- **3.** Add the chickpeas and reserved liquid. Stir to combine. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover, and cook for 5 minutes. Uncover and cook for another 2 minutes. Remove the pan from the heat and let it sit for a minute to allow the beans to soak up the spice flavors. Serve with chopped tomatoes, red onion, cilantro, and lemon wedges.



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Greek Eggplant and Zucchini with White Beans SERVES 6

This casserole definitely takes some prep time, but it's worth it. To save some time, you could use hummus in place of the white-bean topping.

PREP TIME: 40 minutes **TOTAL TIME:** 1 hour and 5 minutes

FOR THE SAUCE:

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 4 large shallots, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup low-sodium, organic vegetable broth
- 2 15-ounce cans crushed tomatoes with juice
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 bay leaf

Sea salt

FOR THE CASSEROLE:

- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for brushing
- 3 medium zucchini (1½ pounds), sliced lengthwise ¼ inch thick
- 2 long, narrow eggplants (1½ pounds), peeled and sliced lengthwise ⅓ inch thick

Salt and freshly ground pepper

FOR THE TOPPING:

- 1 15-ounce can Great Northern beans, drained
- 2 garlic cloves, peeled
- 2 tablespoons tahini
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh parsley
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon sea salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/3 cup coarse sprouted-grain bread crumbs (about 1 slice ground in food processor) Chopped fresh parsley, for garnish

1. First, make the sauce: In a large, heavy-bottomed saucepan, combine the olive oil and garlic over medium heat. Let the garlic sizzle for about 30 seconds, then add the shallots and cook until they're soft and translucent, about 4 minutes. Add the broth and simmer until it's slightly reduced, about 3 minutes. Add the crushed tomatoes, oregano, cinnamon, and bay leaf. Partially cover the pan and simmer over medium-low heat for 12 to 14 minutes, stirring occasionally. The sauce should reduce slightly. Turn off the heat, remove the bay leaf, and season with salt to taste.

- 2. While the sauce simmers, roast the eggplant and zucchini: Preheat the oven to 425°F. Brush olive oil on two large baking sheets (you can line them with foil first for easier cleanup). Arrange the zucchini and eggplant slices in a single layer, brush them with oil, sprinkle with salt and pepper to taste, and bake for 15 minutes, until tender.
- 3. Make the topping: Blend all of the topping ingredients in a food processor until smooth.
- **4.** Assemble the casserole: Brush a large, shallow baking dish (about 10 by 15 inches) with olive oil. Lay half of the eggplant in the dish and spread one-fourth of the tomato sauce on top. Layer half of the zucchini on top, followed by another one-fourth of the tomato sauce. Repeat the layers with the remaining eggplant, zucchini and sauce. Spread the topping evenly over the casserole. Mix the breadcrumbs with 1 tablespoon of olive oil and sprinkle them over the casserole. Bake it in the upper third of the oven for 20 minutes. Let it stand for 5 minutes, then sprinkle with chopped fresh parsley and serve.



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Snacks

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Creamy Green Goddess Dip (vv)*

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Turkish Roasted Red Pepper Eggs (v)

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Edamame "Margarita" (vv)

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Creamy Green Goddess Dip serves 5 (ABOUT 1/3 CUP PER SERVING)

This creamy dip is a tasty Phase 2 snack. Adjust the spices to change the flavor. Try adding lime and cilantro instead of the lemon and parsley for a twist.

PREP TIME: 5 minutes ■ TOTAL TIME: 5 minutes

- 1 14-ounce package silken tofu
- 1 cup steamed, shelled, and cooled edamame
 - Juice of 1 lemon

- 1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley
- ½ teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
 - Any Phase 2 veggies
- 1. Blend all ingredients in a blender or food processor until smooth.
- 2. Serve with celery, blanched and cooled green beans, endive spears, or any other Phase 2 veggies.



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VEGETARIAN

Turkish Roasted Red Pepper Eggs serves 3

This roasted red pepper filling is inspired by a Turkish meze made with roasted hot peppers. This sweet, smoky version makes a great Phase 2 veggie dip, too.

PREP TIME: 15 minutes TOTAL TIME: 35 minutes

- 1 large red bell pepper, stem and seeds removed
- 1/2 teaspoon balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon sweet paprika

- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper Pinch cayenne pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon sea salt
- 6 hard-boiled eggs, halved, yolks removed Minced fresh parsley
- 1. Preheat the broiler to high. Cut the red pepper lengthwise into quarters. Place them skin side-up on a foil-lined baking sheet. Broil for 8 to 10 minutes, checking often, until the skins are completely blistered and mostly blackened. Remove the baking sheet from the oven, fold the aluminum foil around the peppers to seal tightly, and let the peppers steam for 20 minutes.
- 2. When they're cool enough to handle, slip the skins off of the peppers and place them in a food processor with the balsamic vinegar, spices, and salt. Pulse until everything is smooth. Taste and adjust the seasonings if needed. Stuff the filling into the egg white halves, sprinkle with minced fresh parsley, and serve.



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Edamame "Margarita" serves 4

Lime isn't just a garnish in this recipe. It actually plays a vital role in helping your liver metabolize the plant estrogens in soy.

PREP TIME: 10 minutes ■ TOTAL TIME: 40 minutes (includes chilling time)

1 14-ounce package frozen edamame (soybeans) in their shells

Coarse sea salt

Lime wedges
Red pepper flakes (optional)

- **1.** Add a teaspoon of sea salt to a large pot of water and bring it to a boil. Add the frozen edamame and boil for 4 to 5 minutes. (Or, you can bring water to a boil in a steamer and steam the pods for 5 minutes.) Drain the edamame in a colander and immediately rinse them with cold water.
- 2. Refrigerate the edamame until they are chilled, about 30 minutes. Serve the pods in chilled margarita glasses with a sprinkle of coarse sea salt, lime wedges, and red pepper flakes (optional).

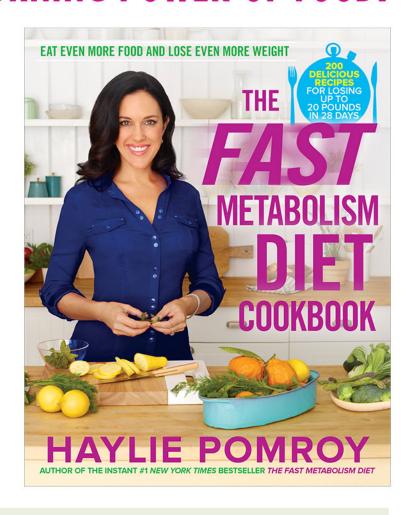


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