


Introducing Green Giant Veggie Spirals, ${ }^{\text {™ }}$, an exciting new twist on noodles.
Spiralized from fresh carrots, zucchini, beets and butternut squash. they're made from $100 \%$ vegetables and are glutenfree, with no sauce or seasoning added. A family-friendly alternative to pasta!

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## Lisa here. Super excited to tell you all about the summer issue of Hungry Girl!

We've been insanely busy at Hungryland whipping up dozens and dozens of new recipes for you to try. I've decided that my Instant Pot cooker is absolutely my new best friend, so there's a whole section featuring brand-new recipes you can make in one. They're crazy easy and extremely yummy! In addition to the IP recipes you'll find starting on page 38 , I'm throwing in a bonus recipe right here and now... just because I love you guys (and my Instant Pot cooker!). Over the years, I've been asked dozens of times by dozens of people how to make PERFECT hard-boiled eggs. This is the way to go. You can find my super-simple steps to hard-cooked egg perfection right on this page.
With over 70 recipes in this issue, there's a TON to see and enjoy. And while I am personally THRILLED to bring you new recipes-that's definitely the kind of thing you've come to expect from me (I'm pretty predictable!)-I'm also eager for you to read all the awesome non-recipe content we've crammed into this issue. Of course, there's lots of Lolly love, along with some pet product finds (page 92). Some of the other cool features are " 25 No-Brainer Ways to Burn 100 Calories" (who wouldn't want that?! see page 90), "The Skinny on Gluten and Weight" (page 88), and a super-useful piece that will help you decipher confusing food labels (page 82). And I couldn't be prouder of the incredible women featured in this issue's Success Stories (page 78). They lost a combined 324 pounds!

## I know you're anxious to dig in, so I’m

 going to leave you and your new mag alone to enjoy each other. But not before telling you that you can find the world's most embarrassing photo of me and my BFF Will Smith in this issue's The Last Thing (page 96). Okay, we aren't really best friends, but we did meet once in the early '90s and probably SHOULD have bonded, if for no other reason than we were both sporting pretty AWFUL fashion DON'Ts that day. (YIKES!)Don’t be a stranger! Drop me an email at magazine@ hungry-girl.com to let me know what you loved (or didn't enjoy so much!) about this issue. All feedback and comments welcome! Have a super-fun summer. 'Til next time... CHEW THE RIGHT THING!!!

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# your summer 2018 guilt-free recipe guide 

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## RECIPE SYMBOLS 101

Keep an eye out for these icons!


30 MINUTES

## OR LESS

Each of these recipes will take you half an hour max from start to finish!

## (5)

## 5 INGREDIENTS

 OR LESSThese recipes have no more than FIVE main ingredients. (Basic seasonings and sweeteners don't count!)


## GLUTEN-FREE

Heads up: Even naturally gluten-free foods may contain a hint of gluten due to cross-contamination or added ingredients. Check those labels!


## VEGETARIAN

These recipes are lacto-ovo vegetarian: no red meat, poultry, seafood, or ingredients made with those foods (like chicken broth).


# bitty bites! <br> Check out these fascinating facts about some of the subjects we tackle in this issue of Hungry Girl! 

## 86 <br> PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE YOUR MOUTH IS

A 2016 study published in the Journal of Consumer Research found that people assume pricey foods are healthier than inexpensive options. Nay! The overpriced greasy onion rings served at steak houses prove that point quite nicely. Eat smart on a budget, thanks to our money-saving grocery tips.

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According to a 2016
study, gluten-free eating in America has tripled in recent years, despite the fact that gluten intolerance itself hasn't risen that much. But is this trend your key to weight loss?

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'ATTA GRILL!
In 1952, George Stephen invented the Weber grill. He was working at Weber Brothers Metal Works when the idea hit him... a rounded grill with a lid to seal in flavor and protect the food. Raise a spatula in salute, and check out our grilled foil-pack recipes.



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LET THEM EAT [BOXED] CAKE
Cake mixes were developed by P. Duff and Sons in the 1930s as an answer to a molasses surplus. The company eventually tweaked its recipe to call for fresh eggs, as home bakers tended to prefer them. Two of the early flavors, devil's food and spice cake, are included in our "2-Ingredient Cake5 Ways!"

## 38 <br> INSTANT CLASSIC

The Instant Pot cooker has become a viral sensation. In fact, it was one of Amazon's top 5 products sold on Black Friday! It's no wonder.. This multipurpose pot is a miracle worker. We love it so much that we created five new recipes!


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ICE CREAM THRONE
Legend has it that the ice cream cone became popular after the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair, when an ice cream vendor ran out of dishes. Ernest Hamwi was making a wafer-like dessert nearby and saved the day by rolling his treat into cones. We honor his genius with the best of the ice cream aisle.

# Dear Hungry Girl, 

Some people have a sweet tooth... Well, I have a salty tooth! l'd like to cut down my sodium intake, but how can I do it without giving up the foods I love? - Salty Sister

## Hi Salty Sister,

If you've been told that reducing your sodium means settling for a bland and boring diet, take that feedback with a grain of salt. (Pun intended!) It's possible to lower your salt consumption without sacrificing flavor. Here are my top tips.

## CANNED GOODS: <br> RINSE \& REPEAT

When it comes to vegetables, fresh ones are best, but that's not always practical. And I don't know about you, but I'm not likely to prepare beans from scratch anytime soon. Well, get this: Rinsing canned veggies and beans reduces their sodium by about $30 \%$ ! And if you start with reduced-sodium options, you can really lower that salt intake. The no-salt-added kinds, while boasting excellent stats, might lack flavor. I much prefer the rinsing trick!

## DIY! SAUCES, SPICE

## MIXES \& MORE

Sauces, spice mixes, and salad dressings are typically super high in sodium. Don't eliminate... Substitute! Make your own marinara or pizza sauces with canned crushed tomatoes and spices. Instead of packaged taco seasoning, mix cayenne pepper, cumin, garlic powder, and onion powder.

## Whip up your own salsa

 with chopped tomatoes, onions, jalapeños, lime juice, and herbs.And skip salad dressing in favor of oil and vinegar, a splash of citrus, or some of that homemade salsa!

## THE MEAT SWAPS

Processed meats are sodium stockpiles. Even raw chicken breast is often injected with salt water for enhanced taste. Look for reduced-salt turkey slices and low-sodium bacon. Both are surprisingly flavorful! And I love StarKist low-sodium tuna pouches. When it comes to chicken, read labels carefully, and avoid the salt-added offerings.

## MENU MODIFICATIONS

Most restaurant meals are loaded with salt, but that doesn't mean you can never dine out. Make savvy substitutions, and you'll be set! Request sauces and dressings on the side, and use them sparingly. Leave off salty ingredients, like pickles and cheese. And to save calories, carbs, and sodium, request sandwiches on a bed of lettuce or a "lettuce bun." (Yes, even bread is often loaded with sodium.)
You got this... HAPPY CHEWING!



## ASK HUNGRY GIRL

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## BAKE YOUR OWN

CRISPY TACO SHELLS
DIY taco shells for the win! Just preheat the oven to $425^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. Place a couple of 6 -inch corn tortillas between two paper towels, and microwave until warm. Spray both sides of tortillas with cooking spray, and evenly drape each one over one side of a loaf pan. Bake until crispy, about 7 minutes. Let cool for maximum crispiness!

## FLAVOR TIP

Sprinkle your tortillas with seasonings like cumin and cayenne pepper. Try cinnamon and sweetener for a dessert-y taco shell!

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# "healthy" foods Othat aren't 

Truth time: Nutritious (and seemingly nutritious) foods can cause weight gain if you eat too much of them. Here are six foods to look out for, plus smarter options to reach for instead...

DRIED FRUIT
Did you know that dehydrated fruit packs in around four times more calories and sugar than fresh? It's true! Fresh apricot halves contain a slim 75 calories per cup, but the same amount of dried apricots has a whopping 315 calories. To make things worse, dried fruit often contains added sugar. And since the water content is next to nothing, it's less filling than fresh fruit.

SMART SWAP! If you're craving something snacky and similar to dried fruit, reach for freeze-dried fruit. Unlike traditional dried fruit, it isn't shriveled down to a tiny serving; it's simply zapped of moisture while retaining its size. How great is that?



## GRANOLA

Sure, oats and nuts are good for you, but most granola is loaded with added sugar and oil. Even low-fat granola has around 400 calories per cup! The biggest issue here is that granola is meant to be consumed in teeny-tiny portions, but many people eat it like cereal.

SMART SWAP! If it's a big bowl of breakfast cereal you're after, try a mix of bran cereal (for filling fiber), puffed cereal (for volume), and freeze-dried fruit (for flavor). And if you crave classic granola, sprinkle a small amount (about $1 / 4$ cup) over light yogurt with fresh fruit. Problem solved!


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## GROUND TURKEX

Ground turkey has been lauded as a calorie-conscious alternative to ground beef, but know the facts: Unless it's a truly lean mix made mostly with skinless breast meat, it can be just as high in calories as its red-meat counterpart. For several mainstream brands, a 4 -oz. portion of $85 \%$ fat-free ground turkey contains 230 calories and a whopping 17 grams of fat.

SMART SWAP! Reach for $93 \%$ fat-free ground turkey instead, which has around 160 calories and 8 grams of fat per $4-\mathrm{oz}$. serving, earning its place in our healthy hall of fame. Or opt for extra-lean ground beef (around 96\% fat-free), which has similar stats to the $93 \%$ fat-free turkey!

## SMOOTHIES

They may be refreshing, but most blended fruit beverages are more like meal replacements than simple sippers or snacks. A store-bought smoothie can easily contain 400 calories and 60+ grams of sugar. Highcalorie culprits include nut butters, fruit in sugary syrup, whole milk, honey, and full-fat yogurt.

SMART SWAP! A better bet? DIY with fat-free yogurt, fresh or frozen fruit (no sugar added), unsweetened vanilla almond milk (or your light milk of choice), powdered peanut butter, and a little protein powder.

## NUTS

These guys are tricky. Nuts are high in heart-healthy fats, protein, and fiber; however, half a cup of mixed nuts clocks in at about 400 calories. That's basically just a big handful! If you snack straight from a bag or a bowl, it's way too easy to go overboard.

SMART SWAP! Stick to 100-calorie snack packs like the ones from Emerald and Blue Diamond. For a budgetfriendly option, divvy up a big bag into mini snack bags... Now you've saved calories AND dollars! Another tip? When snacking on nuts, pair them with something less calorie-dense, like a piece of fruit or a stick of light string cheese.


SMART SWAP! Our advice? Start with a low-carb/high-fiber tortilla with around 100 calories; La Tortilla Factory makes some great ones. Then load it up with lean deli meat, fresh veggies, and your favorite mustard for a flavorful zing!


## spiral (out of control)

With a spiralizer, creating healthy noodles from vegetables is as easy as the turn of a handle! Here are three reasons you need one in your life.

1
SPIRALIZED VEGGIES
SAVE PASTA LOVERS CALORIES AND CARBS.
We'll admit it... Pasta is basically heaven in a bowl, but a single cup of cooked noodles has around 200 calories and 40 grams of carbs. And who can stop at a single cup? You can eat 2 cups of cooked zucchini noodles for about 70 calories and 14 grams of carbs, plus 4 grams of filling fiber! And once dressed with marinara or a light cream sauce, the taste and texture are very similar to traditional pasta.


YOU CAN SPIRALIZE JUST ABOUT ANYTHING. With a basic handheld spiralizer, you can make fettuccine- or spaghetti-like noodles out of zucchini, cucumbers, carrots, and yellow squash. And with a tabletop spiralizer, you can turn jicama, apples, pears, turnips, and beets into noodles as well. Getting your daily dose of fruits and veggies just got easier, more fun, and more delicious!

THE PRICE IS RIGHT. A standard handheld spiral veggie cutter will only set you back about 10 bucks. As for the tabletop gadget-which lets you customize your noodle size-you can get one for as little as $\$ 20$. Not bad for a miracle gadget that turns boring veggies into nom-nom noodles!

## HG'S TOP PICKS



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Shocker! Store-bought vegetable chips are typically fried in oil and can be as high in fat and calories as potato chips. Luckily, it's easy to bake your own lowcalorie veggie crisps at home. No fancy dehydrator or splattering oil needed!

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## step-by-step instructions

STEP 1 Preheat oven to $250^{\circ}$ F. Spray a baking sheet (or two) with olive oil nonstick spray.

STEP 2 Using a mandoline slicer (A), cut your veggie into $1 / 8$-inch-thick rounds

STEP 3 Evenly arrange veggie rounds on the baking sheet(s). Lightly cover with olive oil spray, and sprinkle with salt (B).

STEP 4 Bake until dry and firm to the touch. During the last 30 minutes, check
on chips often, and remove those that are done.

STEP 5 Let cool
completely on a cooling rack ( $\mathbf{C}$ ) before you crunch!


## PICK YOUR 100-CALORIE PORTION



## BEET CHIPS

you'll need: 7 oz. (1-2) beets and 1 baking sheet cook time: 1 hour 30 minutes (51) © $v$


PARSNIP CHIPS
you'll need: 4 oz. (about $1 / 4$ of a large)
parsnip and 1 baking sheet cook time: 1 hour 30 minutes



ZUCCHINI CHIPS
you'll need: 1 lb. (about 2 medium) zucchini and 2 baking sheets cook time: 1 hour 45 minutes, rotating the baking sheets halfway through


Hit the snooze button or eat a healthy breakfast? You can do BOTH with these speedy 10-minute morning meals.

# PUT THE FASTIN BREAKFAST 



## hawaiian green smoothie

ENTIRE RECIPE (ABOUT 18 0Z.)
261 calories, 2.5 g total fat ( 2 g sat. fat), 79 mg sodium, 49.5 g carbs 5 g fiber, 35.5 g sugars, 11.5 g protein (30) (cr) (v)

1 cup spinach leaves
$3 / 4$ cup frozen pineapple chunks (no sugar added), slightly thawed
$1 / 2$ cup sliced banana
$1 / 2$ cup unsweetened vanilla coconut milk beverage
$1 / 2$ cup fat-free vanilla Greek yogurt
$1 / 2$ tsp. coconut extract
$3 / 4$ cup crushed ice (about 6 ice cubes)

1. Place all ingredients in a blender, and blend at high speed until smooth.
MAKES 1 SERVING

fork 'n knife egg sandwich
ENTIRE RECIPE: 224 calories, 7.5 g total fat ( 3.5 g sat. fat), 756 mg sodium, 8.5 g carbs, 1.5 g fiber, 2.5 g sugars, 26.5 g protein

1 frozen meatless or turkey sausage patty with 80 calories or less
$1 / 2$ cup egg whites (about 4 large eggs' worth) or fatfree liquid egg substitute
Dash each salt and black pepper, or more for topping
1 slice reduced-fat provolone cheese, halved
1 Tbsp. bagged sun-dried tomatoes (not packed in oil), chopped
$1 / 4$ cup spinach leaves

1. Prepare sausage on a microwave-safe plate in the microwave. (Refer to package for cook time.)
2. Spray a wide microwavesafe mug with nonstick spray. (The bottom of the mug
should be about the size of the sausage patty.)
3. To make the bun halves, add $1 / 4$ cup egg whites/substitute to the mug. Microwave for 45 seconds, or until set. Transfer to a microwave-safe plate. This will be the bottom bun half.
4. Repeat with remaining $1 / 4$ cup egg whites/substitute to make the top bun half. Evenly sprinkle bun halves with salt and pepper.
5. Place halved cheese on bottom bun half followed by sun-dried tomatoes, spinach, and sausage patty. Top with the remaining bun half.
6. Microwave for 45 seconds, or until spinach has slightly wilted and cheese has melted.
MAKES 1 SERVING
 fruit, but a standard slice of apple pie has 450 calories That's more than the average brownie!


## apple pie parfait

ENTIRE RECIPE: 167 calories,
0.5 g total fat ( 0 g sat. fat), 227 mg
sodium, 28 g carbs, 2 g fiber, 17 g
sugars, 12.5 g protein (30. 다 v
2 tsp. cornstarch
1 cup peeled and chopped Fuji or Gala apples
1 packet natural no-calorie sweetener
$1 / 4$ tsp. cinnamon
$1 / 8$ tsp. vanilla extract Dash salt
$1 / 2$ cup fat-free plain Greek yogurt
1 graham cracker ( $1 / 4$ sheet), finely crushed

1. In a medium microwave-safe bowl, dissolve cornstarch in 1 Tbsp. water. Add apples, half of sweetener packet, $1 / 8 \mathrm{tsp}$. cinnamon, vanilla extract, and salt. Mix well. Cover and microwave until thickened, about $11 / 2$ minutes.
2. In a small bowl, mix yogurt with remaining half of sweetener packet and $1 / 8$ tsp. cinnamon.
3. Spoon half of the yogurt into a glass. Top with half of the apple mixture. Repeat with remaining yogurt and apple mixture.
4. Sprinkle with crushed graham cracker.
MAKES 1 SERVING


## all-american breakfast tacos

ENTIRE RECIPE: 288 calories, 10 g total fat ( 4.5 g sat. fat), 690 mg sodium, 20.5 g carbs, 2 g fiber, 0.5 g sugars, 27.5 g protein (30) (6)
$3 / 4$ cup egg whites (about 6 large eggs' worth) or fat-free liquid egg substitute
$1 / 8$ tsp. garlic powder
$1 / 8$ tsp. onion powder
2 corn taco shells (flatbottomed, if available)
2 Tbsp. shredded reducedfat cheddar cheese
1 Tbsp. precooked crumbled bacon Optional topping: chopped scallions

1. In a large microwave-safe mug sprayed with nonstick spray, mix egg whites/ substitute with seasonings.
Microwave for 1 minute. Stir and microwave for 1 minute more, or until set.
2. Divide egg scramble between taco shells. Top with cheese and bacon.
MAKES 1 SERVING

## neapolitan waffle stack

ENTIRE RECIPE: 309 calories, 4 g total fat ( 1.5 g sat. fat), 410 mg sodium,
55 g carbs, 6.5 g fiber, 23 g sugars,
15 g protein 3 이

## 2 frozen waffles with

 3 g fat or less each$1 / 2$ cup fat-free vanilla Greek yogurt
$2 / 3$ cup sliced strawberries
1 tsp. mini semisweet chocolate chips

1. Toast waffles. Plate one waffle, and top with half of the yogurt and half of the strawberries.
2. Place another waffle on top, followed by remaining yogurt and strawberries.
3. Top with chocolate chips.

MAKES 1 SERVING

## cherry-almond chia pudding

ENTIRE RECIPE: 332 calories,
14 g total fat ( 1.5 g sat. fat), 264 mg sodium, 40 g carbs, 14 g fiber,
15.5 g sugars, 16 g protein (ce) v
$1 / 2$ cup unsweetened vanilla almond milk
2 Tbsp. old-fashioned oats
2 Tbsp. chia seeds
2 Tbsp. vanilla protein powder with about 100 calories per serving
2 packets natural no-calorie sweetener
$1 / 4$ tsp. cinnamon
$1 / 8$ tsp. almond extract Dash salt
$3 / 4$ cup pitted dark sweet cherries (fresh or thawed from frozen and drained), halved
$1 / 4$ oz. (about 1 Tbsp.) sliced almonds

1. In a medium bowl or jar, combine all ingredients except cherries and almonds. Mix until mostly uniform.
2. Cover and refrigerate for at least 8 hours, or until chia has expanded, oats are soft, and most of the liquid has been absorbed.
3. Stir well. Top with cherries and almonds.

MAKES 1 SERVING


HG ALERT
This recipe can be assembled in 10 minutes or less, but it needs 8 hours to chill, so prep it at night!



Don't be intimidated by your BBQ grill! Seal your food in a foil pack, and it'll cook up perfectly.



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## bursting with blueberry cobbler

PREP 5 MINUTES I COOK 10 MINUTES
$1 / 2$ OF RECIPE: 199 calories, 4 g total fat ( 1 g sat. fat), 124 mg sodium,
40.5 g carbs, 6 g fiber, 18.5 g sugars, 3 g protein (6i) v
$21 / 2$ cups blueberries (fresh or thawed from frozen)
1 Tbsp. cornstarch
$1 / 4$ tsp. cinnamon
1 packet natural no-calorie sweetener
$1 / 4$ cup old-fashioned oats
1 Tbsp. whole wheat flour
1 Tbsp. light whipped butter or light buttery spread Dash salt

1. Preheat grill to mediumhigh heat.
2. Spray a large piece of heavyduty foil with nonstick spray.
3. In a medium-large bowl, sprinkle blueberries with cornstarch, $1 / 8$ tsp. cinnamon, and half a packet of sweetener. Stir until coated.
4. In a medium bowl, combine oats, flour, butter, and salt. Add remaining $1 / 8 \mathrm{tsp}$. cinnamon and remaining half packet of sweetener. Stir until well mixed and crumbly.
5. Distribute blueberry mixture onto the center of the foil. Evenly top with oat mixture. Cover with another large piece of foil. Fold together and seal all four edges, forming a well-sealed packet.
6. With the grill cover down, grill packet for 10 minutes, or until topping has lightly browned.
MAKES 2 SERVINGS

## mahi mexicali

Pictured on page 27
PREP 10 MINUTES I COOK 15 MINUTES
$1 / 2$ OF RECIPE: 297 calories, 8.5 g total fat (1g sat. fat), 521 mg sodium, 25 g carbs, 3.5 g fiber, 9.5 g sugars, 29.5 g protein 30 (c)

1 Tbsp. olive oil
2 tsp. lime juice
$1 / 4$ tsp. chili powder
$1 / 4$ tsp. ground cumin
$1 / 4$ tsp. each salt and black pepper
1 cup frozen sweet corn kernels
1 cup red bell pepper cut into 1-inch chunks
$1 / 2$ cup chopped red onion
1 Tbsp. chopped fresh cilantro, or more for topping
2 5-oz. raw skinless mahi-mahi fillets
$1 / 4$ cup salsa

1. Preheat grill to mediumhigh heat.
2. In a medium-large bowl, combine oil, lime juice, chili powder, cumin, and $1 / 8$ tsp. each salt and black pepper. Mix well. Add veggies and cilantro, and toss to coat.
3. Place veggie mixture on the center of a large piece of foil. Top with fish, and sprinkle with remaining $1 / 8$ tsp. each salt and black pepper. Cover with another large piece of foil. Fold together and seal all four edges, forming a well-sealed packet.
4. With the grill cover down, grill packet for 12 minutes, or until fish is cooked through and veggies are tender.
5. Top with salsa, or serve it on the side.
MAKES 2 SERVINGS

## FOIL PACK 101

Cooking food in a packet of foil reduces cleanup and seals in flavor! Assembling your foil pack is easy as $1,2,3$...

1. Lay a large piece of heavy-duty foil on a flat surface. (The heavy-duty kind is a must!) Evenly distribute food in the center.

2. Place another large foil piece on top of your food, aligning the edges with the bottom piece of foil.

3. Fold to tightly seal together all four sides of the two foil pieces. Leave a little room above the food for steaming to take place.


Now get cookin'!

There are lots of smart finds in the ice cream aisle (our top picks are on page 10), but nothing in your local market is as creative as these recipes!

MANGO 'N CREAM POPS
recipe page 37


## upside-down freezy mint chip pie

## PREP 10 MINUTES | FREEZE 3 HOURS

$1 / 8$ OF PIE: 129 calories, 6 g total fat ( 4 g sat. fat), 127 mg sodium, 16.5 g carbs
0.5 g fiber, 9 g sugars, 6 g protein V
$11 / 2$ cups fat-free plain Greek yogurt
1 cup natural light whipped topping
$1 / 2$ cup light/reducedfat cream cheese, room temperature
2 Tbsp. Truvia spoonable no-calorie sweetener (or another no-calorie granulated sweetener about twice as sweet as sugar)
$11 / 2$ tsp. vanilla extract
$1 / 8$ tsp. peppermint extract
$1 / 8$ tsp. green food coloring

## Dash salt

3 Tbsp. mini semisweet chocolate chips

2 sheets chocolate graham crackers, crushed Optional topping: light chocolate syrup

1. In a large bowl, combine all ingredients except chocolate chips and graham crackers. Mix until smooth and uniform.
2. Fold in chocolate chips. Transfer to a pie pan, and smooth out the top. Sprinkle with crushed graham crackers. Cover and freeze until firm, at least 3 hours. MAKES 8 SERVINGS




## frozen yogurt bark

PREP 10 MINUTES I FREEZE 2 HOURS
$1 / 6$ of RECIPE: 106 calories, 3.5 g total fat ( 2 g sat. fat), 76 mg sodium, 13 g carbs, 1 g fiber, 9 g sugars, 6.5 g protein (c) (v)
$11 / 2$ cups fat-free plain Greek yogurt
1 cup natural light whipped topping
3 packets natural no-calorie sweetener
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. vanilla extract
$1 / 8$ tsp. salt
$1 / 2$ cup blueberries
$1 / 3$ cup chopped strawberries
$1 / 2 \mathrm{oz}$. (about 2 Tbsp.) sliced almonds
1 Tbsp. mini semisweet chocolate chips

1. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. In a medium-large bowl, combine yogurt, whipped topping, sweetener, cinnamon, vanilla extract, and salt. Mix until smooth and uniform.
3. Spread mixture onto the baking sheet in a thin layer, about $1 / 4$ inch thick.
4. Top with remaining ingredients, and lightly press to adhere.
5. Lightly cover with foil and freeze until firm, at least 2 hours.
6. Slice or break into 6 pieces. makes 6 SERVIngs

## mango 'n cream pops

Pictured on page 34
PREP 10 MINUTES I FREEZE 3 HOURS
$1 / 6$ OF RECIPE ( 1 POP): 52 calories, $<0.5 \mathrm{~g}$ total fat ( 0 g sat. fat), 17 mg sodium, 11.5 g carbs, 1 g fiber, 10 g sugars, 1.5 g protein 다 (c) v

## 2 cups chopped mango (fresh

 or thawed from frozen)1 packet natural no-calorie sweetener
$3 / 4$ cup fat-free vanilla yogurt

1. Place mango, sweetener, and 2 tablespoons water in a food processor or blender. Blend until completely smooth and uniform, stopping to stir as needed.
2. Evenly distribute half of the mixture into a 6-piece ice pop mold set, followed by all the yogurt.
3. Top with remaining mango mixture, leaving about $1 / 2$ inch of space at the top. (Pops will expand as they freeze.)
4. Insert ice pop handles. If your ice pop mold doesn't have handles, cover with foil and slide ice pop sticks through foil and into the pops before freezing. Freeze until solid, at least 3 hours. makes 6 servings





$1 / 6$ OF RECIPE (ABOUT ${ }^{2} / 3$ CUP): 236 calories, 3 g total fat ( 0.5 g sat. fat), 490 mg sodium, 25 g carbs, 0.5 g fiber 20.5 g sugars, 26 g protein (3) (c)

3/4 cup BBQ sauce with about 45 calories per 2-Tbsp. serving
$1 / 4$ cup honey
$1 / 2$ tsp. garlic powder
$1 / 2$ tsp. onion powder
$11 / 2$ lb. raw boneless skinless chicken breast
$1 / 4$ tsp. each salt and black pepper
1 cup chopped red onion

1. Spray an Instant Pot cooker with nonstick spray. Add BBQ sauce, honey, garlic powder onion powder, and $1 / 4$ cup water. Stir until uniform.
2. Season chicken with salt and pepper, and add to the pot. Top with onion.
3. Seal with lid. Press Poultry, and set for 6 minutes
4. Once cooked, press Keep Warm/Cancel. Let sit for 5 minutes.
5. Vent to release steam.
6. Transfer chicken to a bowl, and shred with two forks.
7. Return shredded chicken to the pot, and mix well. maKes 6 SERVINGS

strawberry crunch oatmeal

Pictured on page 38
PREP 10 MINUTES COOK 25 MINUTES COOL 5 MINUTES
$1 / 4$ OF RECIPE (ABOUT $11 / 4$ CUPS): 225 calories, 4.5 g total fat $(0.5 \mathrm{~g}$ sat. fat), 236 mg sodium, 40 g carbs, 7 g fiber, 7.5 g sugars, 6.5 g protein
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2 cups chopped strawberries (fresh or thawed from frozen)
2 cups old-fashioned oats
2 cups unsweetened vanilla almond milk
5 packets natural no-calorie sweetener
1 Tbsp. vanilla extract
2 tsp. cinnamon
$1 / 4$ tsp. salt
$1 / 2$ cup chopped freeze-dried strawberries

1. Spray an Instant Pot cooker with nonstick spray. Add $11 / 2$ cups water and all ingredients except freeze-dried strawberries. Mix well.
2. Seal with lid. Press Multigrain, and set for 6 minutes.
3. Once cooked, press Keep Warm/Cancel. Let sit 5 minutes. Vent to release steam.
4. Gently stir, and sprinkle each serving with about 2 Tbsp. freeze-dried strawberries.
makes 4 SERVINGS
fluffy denver egg bake
Pictured on page 39
PREP 10 MINUTES COOK 30 MINUTES COOL 5 MINUTES

1/4 OF RECIPE: 206 calories, 6.5 g total fat ( 3.5 g sat. fat), 603 mg sodium, 10 g carbs, 1.5 g fiber, 4 g sugars, 25 g protein

1 cup chopped onion
1 cup chopped green bell pepper
$1 / 4$ cup light/reduced-fat cream cheese
$1 / 2$ tsp. onion powder
$1 / 2$ tsp. garlic powder
3 oz. reduced-sodium 97\% fat-free ham (about 6 slices), chopped
$2^{1} / 2$ cups egg whites (about 20 large eggs' worth) or fatfree liquid egg substitute
$1 / 2$ cup shredded reduced-fat cheddar cheese Optional toppings: chopped scallions, light sour cream, tomato slices

1. Spray an Instant Pot cooker with nonstick spray. Press Sauté, and add onion and bell pepper. Cook and stir until mostly softened, about 5 minutes.
2. Press Keep Warm/Cancel to turn off the cooker.
3. Transfer veggies to a medium bowl. Add cream cheese and seasonings, and stir until evenly coated.
4. Generously respray pot. Layer ham, veggie mixture, and egg whites/substitute in pot. Sprinkle with cheddar. Seal with lid, press Manual, and set for 15 minutes.
5. Once cooked, press Keep Warm/Cancel. Let sit 5 minutes. makes 4 SERVINGS

## beefy no-bean chili

PREP 15 MINUTES COOK 40 MINUTES COOL 10 MINUTES
$1 / 6$ OF RECIPE (ABOUT $1 / 3$ CUPS): 241 calories, 7 g total fat ( 3 g sat. fat), 590 mg sodium, 17.5 g carbs, 4.5 g fiber, 9 g sugars, 27 g protein (9)
$11 / 2$ lb. raw boneless chuck beef roast (trimmed of excess fat), cut into large chunks
$1 / 2$ tsp. salt
$1 / 4$ tsp. black pepper
1 15-oz. can crushed tomatoes
1 14.5-oz. can diced tomatoes (not drained)
2 cups chopped bell pepper
1 cup chopped onion
1 cup chopped carrots
2 Tbsp. tomato paste
1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
1 Tbsp. chopped garlic
2 tsp. chili powder
2 tsp. ground cumin
$1 / 2$ tsp. smoked paprika
$1 / 2$ tsp. dried oregano
$1 / 8$ tsp. cayenne pepper Optional toppings: shredded reduced-fat cheddar cheese, sliced jalapeño peppers, finely chopped red onion

1. Spray an Instant Pot cooker with nonstick spray. Press Sauté, and add beef, salt, and black pepper. Cook and rotate until evenly browned, about 5 minutes.
2. Press Keep Warm/Cancel to turn off the cooker. Add remaining ingredients, and mix well. Seal with lid. Press Manual, and set for 20 minutes.
3. Once cooked, press Keep Warm/Cancel. Let sit 10 minutes. Vent to release steam.
4. Transfer beef to a cutting board, and cut into bite-size pieces.
5. Return beef to the pot, and mix well.
makes 6 servings



## No stove

 or oven required for these super summertime dishes! You'll stay cool while your food routine is heatin' up.
## SIMMER DOWN FOR SUMMER:



## crabby cowgirl slaw

## PREP 10 MINUTES | CHILL 1 HOUR

$1 / 8$ OF RECIPE (ABOUT 1 CUP): 143 calories, 2 g total fat (<0.5g sat. fat), 438 mg sodium, 20.5 g carbs, 5 g fiber, 2.5 g sugars, 11.5 g protein c
$1 / 3$ cup apple cider vinegar
2 packets natural no-calorie sweetener

2 tsp. extra virgin olive oil
$1 / 4$ tsp. salt
$1 / 8$ tsp. black pepper Dash chili powder
3 cups bagged coleslaw mix
1 15-oz. can black-eyed peas, drained and rinsed

1 15-oz. can black beans, drained and rinsed
8 oz. ready-to-eat crabmeat, thoroughly drained
$3 / 4$ cup frozen sweet corn kernels
$1 / 2$ cup chopped red bell pepper
$1 / 2$ cup chopped sweet onion

1. In a large bowl, combine vinegar, sweetener, oil, and seasonings. Whisk until sweetener has dissolved and mixture is uniform.
2. Add remaining ingredients, and stir well.
3. Cover and refrigerate until chilled, at least 1 hour. MAKES 8 SERVINGS

Try this with ready-to-eat bay (small) shrimp, or leave out the seafood altogether.

## italian-style cucumber subs

Pictured on page 44

## PREP 20 MINUTES

$1 / 8$ OF RECIPE (1 SUB): 121 calories, 5 g total fat ( 2.5 g sat. fat), 391 mg sodium, 8 g carbs, 1.5 g fiber, 4 g sugars, 12.5 g protein (5)
8 small cucumbers (about 5 oz . each)
8 slices reduced-fat provolone cheese
2 $1 / 2$ Tbsp. light Italian dressing
4 oz. (about 8 slices) reduced-sodium turkey breast
4 oz. (about 8 slices) reduced-sodium 97\% fat-free ham
24 small slices Roma tomato

1. Slice off and discard cucumber stem ends. Halve cucumbers lengthwise. Gently scoop out and discard the cucumber flesh, leaving about $1 / 4$ inch inside each half. Thoroughly pat dry.
2. Cut each slice of cheese into 4 pieces.
3. Evenly top 8 cucumber halves with dressing, turkey, ham, cheese, and tomato.
4. Top with remaining 8 cucumber halves, and secure with toothpicks (if needed). MAKES 8 SERVINGS

## waldorf chicken lettuce wraps

PREP 10 MINUTES

## $1 / 40$ OF RECIPE (2 LETTUCE WRAPS):

272 calories, 10 g total fat ( 0.5 g sat.
fat), 632 mg sodium, 16.5 g carbs,
2 g fiber, 11.5 g sugars, 28.5 g protein

$1 / 2$ cup fat-free plain Greek yogurt
2 Tbsp. light mayonnaise
2 tsp. Dijon mustard
1 tsp. lemon juice
1 20-oz. can 98\%-fat-free chunk white chicken breast in water, drained and flaked
1 cup seedless red or green grapes, halved
1 cup chopped Fuji or Gala apple
$1 / 4$ cup finely chopped celery
1 oz. (about $1 / 4$ cup) chopped walnuts
8 large iceberg or butter lettuce leaves

1. In a large bowl, mix yogurt, mayo, mustard, and lemon juice. Add chicken, and stir to coat.
2. Stir in all remaining ingredients except lettuce.
3. Evenly distribute mixture among lettuce leaves, about $2 / 3$ cup each.
MAKES 4 SERVINGS

## feta \& sun-dried tomato tuna salad

## PREP 10 MINUTES

$1 / 4$ OF RECIPE (ABOUT $1 / 2$ CUP): 169 calories, 6.5 g total fat ( 1.5 g sat. fat), 481 mg sodium, 9.5 g carbs, 1.5 g fiber, 4.5 g sugars, 16 g protein

$1 / 4$ cup light mayonnaise
2 Tbsp. fat-free plain Greek yogurt
1 Tbsp. Dijon mustard
$1 / 2$ tsp. lemon juice
$1 / 2$ tsp. garlic powder
2 5-oz. cans albacore tuna in water, drained and flaked
$1 / 2$ cup finely chopped red onion
$1 / 3$ cup bagged sun-dried tomatoes, chopped
$1 / 4$ cup crumbled reduced-fat feta cheese
2 Tbsp. sliced black olives, chopped

1. In a medium-large bowl, thoroughly mix mayo, yogurt, mustard, lemon juice, and garlic powder. Add tuna, and stir to coat.
2. Add remaining ingredients, and mix well.
MAKES 4 SERVINGS




## dessert sushi

## PREP 10 MINUTES

ENTIRE RECIPE: 186 calories, 2 g total fat ( 0.5 g sat. fat), 35 mg sodium, 39.5 g carbs, 5 g fiber, 23 g sugars, 5.5 g protein (30.) (51) (9)
$1 / 4$ cup crushed freeze-dried strawberries

2 Tbsp. fat-free vanilla yogurt
1 Tbsp. powdered peanut butter

1 medium banana, peeled
$1 / 2$ tsp. mini semisweet chocolate chips

1. Spread freeze-dried strawberries onto a large plate.
2. In a small bowl, combine yogurt, powdered peanut butter, and 1 Tbsp. water. Stir until smooth and uniform. Evenly spread over the banana with a spoon or pastry brush.
3. Evenly coat banana with freeze-dried strawberries by gently rolling it on the plate and then topping it with any remaining strawberries.
4. Sprinkle with chocolate chips. Slice into sushi-size pieces, about $3 / 4$ inch thick. MAKES 1 SERVING



## chicken nugget nachos

## PREP 10 MINUTES I COOK 20 MINUTES

$1 / 2$ OF RECIPE ( 5 LOADED NUGGETS): 288 calories, 10 g total fat ( 4.5 g sat. fat), 691 mg sodium, 12.5 g carbs, 1 g fiber, 4 g sugars, 35.5 g protein
$1 / 4$ cup whole wheat panko bread crumbs
$1 / 2$ tsp. onion powder
$1 / 2$ tsp. garlic powder
$1 / 4$ tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. black pepper
8 oz. raw boneless
skinless chicken breast,
cut into 10 nuggets
2 Tbsp. egg white (about 1 large egg's worth) or fat-free liquid egg substitute
$1 / 2$ cup shredded reduced-
fat Mexican-blend cheese
$1 / 4$ cup salsa
2 Tbsp. light sour cream
2 Tbsp. chopped scallions

1. Preheat oven to $375^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. Spray a baking sheet with nonstick spray.
2. In a wide bowl, mix bread crumbs with seasonings. In a 2nd wide bowl, coat chicken with egg white/substitute.
3. Shake chicken to remove excess egg, and coat with seasoned crumbs. Lay on baking sheet; top with remaining crumbs.
4. Bake for 8 minutes. Flip chicken. Bake until slightly browned and crispy, about 8 more minutes.
5. Move chicken to the center of the sheet. Sprinkle with cheese, and bake until melted, about 3 minutes.
6. Top with salsa and sour cream, or serve on the side. Top with scallions. MAKES 2 SERVINGS
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## rise 'n shine shepherd's pie

## PREP 25 MINUTES I COOK 1 HOUR 15 MINUTES

$1 / 4$ OF PIE: 278 calories, 7.5 g total fat ( 3.5 g sat. fat), 663 mg sodium 37 g carbs, 6.5 g fiber, 9.5 g sugars, 15.5 g protein ©

3 cups cauliflower florets
12 oz. (about 1 medium) russet potato, peeled and cubed
4 frozen meatless or turkey sausage patties with 80 calories or less
3 Tbsp. light sour cream
$3 / 4$ tsp. onion powder
$1 / 2$ tsp. garlic powder
$1 / 2$ tsp. salt
$1 / 4$ tsp. black pepper
2 cups chopped fresh mushrooms
1 cup chopped onion
1 cup chopped bell pepper
cup frozen peas
$1 / 4$ cup light/reduced-fat cream cheese

1. Preheat oven to $375^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. Spray an 8"x 8" baking pan with nonstick spray.
2. Bring a medium pot of water to a boil. Add cauliflower and cubed potato. Once returned to a boil, reduce heat to medium Cook until very tender, 15-20 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, cook sausage in a large skillet sprayed
with nonstick spray. (See package for temp and cook time.) Chop or crumble.
4. Drain cauliflower and potato. Transfer to a large bowl. Add sour cream, onion powder, garlic powder, $1 / 4 \mathrm{tsp}$. salt, and $1 / 8 \mathrm{tsp}$. black pepper. Thoroughly mash and mix.
5. Clean skillet, if needed. Respray, and bring to medium-high heat. Add remaining fresh veggies, $1 / 4$ tsp. salt, and $1 / 8$ tsp. black pepper. Cook and stir until mostly softened and lightly browned, 6-8 minutes.
6. Reduce heat to low. Add peas. Cook and stir until hot, about 1 minute. Remove from heat, and stir in cream cheese. Fold in sausage.
7. Transfer to the baking pan, and smooth out the top.
8. Top with cauliflower mixture, and smooth out top. Bake until bubbly and slightly browned, about 35 minutes. MAKES 4 SERVINGS


## pizza waffles

Pictured on page 50

## PREP 10 MINUTES । COOK 25 MINUTES

$1 / 4$ OF RECIPE (1 WAFFLE WITH ABOUT 2 TBSP. SAUCE): 132 calories, 4 g total fat ( 2 g sat. fat), 507 mg sodium, 13 g carbs, 2.5 g fiber, 3 g sugars, 11 g protein

1 cup roughly chopped cauliflower or $3 / 4$ cup cauliflower rice
$1 / 2$ cup finely chopped onion
$1 / 2$ cup egg whites (about 4 large eggs' worth) or fat-free liquid egg substitute
$1 / 2$ cup shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese
$1 / 4$ cup whole wheat flour
1 Tbsp. grated Parmesan cheese, or more for topping
1 tsp. Italian seasoning
1 tsp. garlic powder
$1 / 2$ tsp. onion powder
1/4 tsp. baking powder
$1 / 4$ tsp. salt
$1 / 2$ oz. (about 8 pieces) turkey pepperoni, roughly chopped
$1 / 2$ cup canned crushed tomatoes

1. If starting with roughly chopped cauliflower, pulse in a blender until reduced to rice-size pieces.
2. Place cauliflower rice in a medium-large bowl. Add onion, egg whites/substitute, mozzarella, flour, Parmesan, $1 / 2$ tsp. Italian seasoning, $1 / 2$ tsp. garlic powder the onion powder, baking powder, and salt. Mix until uniform.
(Batter will be thick!) Fold in chopped pepperoni.
3. Spray a round waffle maker with nonstick spray, and set heat to medium. Once hot, spread $1 / 4$ of the batter (about $1 / 3$ cup) into the center of the waffle maker. Close and cook for 5 minutes, or until golden brown and crispy. Repeat to make 3 more waffles, respraying between waffles if needed.
4. In a medium microwavesafe bowl, mix tomatoes with remaining $1 / 2$ tsp. Italian seasoning and $1 / 2$ tsp. garlic powder.
Microwave for 30 seconds, or until hot. Serve with waffles for dipping. MAKES 4 SERVINGS

cheesecake grilled cheese
PREP 5 MINUTES । COOK 5 MINUTES
ENTIRE RECIPE: 271 calories, 12.5 g total fat ( 5 g sat. fat), 441 mg sodium, 32 g carbs, 5.5 g fiber, 6 g sugars, 10.5 g protein 30 y

1 Tbsp. light whipped butter or light buttery spread
1 packet natural no-calorie sweetener
$1 / 4$ tsp. cinnamon
2 Tbsp. light/low-fat ricotta cheese
$11 / 2$ Tbsp. light/reduced-fat cream cheese, room temperature
$1 / 8$ tsp. vanilla extract
2 drops lemon juice
2 slices whole grain bread with 60-80 calories per slice Optional topping: powdered sugar

1. In a small bowl, mix butter with half of sweetener packet and $1 / 8 \mathrm{tsp}$. cinnamon.
2. In a medium bowl, thoroughly mix ricotta, cream cheese, vanilla, lemon juice, remaining half of sweetener packet, and remaining $1 / 8$ tsp. cinnamon.
3. Spread ricotta mixture over 1 slice of bread, and top with remaining bread slice. Spread the top of the sandwich with half of the cinnamon butter.
4. Bring a skillet sprayed with nonstick spray to medium heat. Place sandwich in the skillet, buttered side down.
5. Spread the top with remaining cinnamon butter. Cook until bread is golden brown and filling is hot, about 2 minutes per side, flipping carefully. MAKES 1 SERVING





## tex-mex corn dip

| PREP 10 MINUTES |  |
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| $1 / 12$ | OF RECIPE (ABOUT 3 TBSP.): 65 calories, |
| 3.5 g total fat (1g sat. fat), 146 mg sodium, |  |
| 6.5 g | carbs, 0.5 g fiber, 2 g sugars, |
| 2 g protein |  |
| $1 / 3$ | cup light sour cream |
| $1 / 3$ | cup light mayonnaise |
| $1 / 2$ | tsp. ground cumin |
| $1 / 2$ | tsp. chili powder |
| $1 / 2$ | tsp. garlic powder |
| $1 / 4$ | tsp. salt |
| $1 / 8$ | tsp. black pepper |
| 2 | cups frozen sweet corn kernels, |
|  | thawed |
| $1 / 4$ | cup chopped fresh cilantro, or |
|  | more for topping |
| 1 | Tbsp. seeded and finely chopped |
|  | jalapeño pepper |
| $1 / 2$ | cup shredded reduced-fat |
|  | Mexican-blend cheese |

1. In a large bowl, combine sour cream, mayo, and seasonings. Mix well.
2. Fold in all remaining ingredients except cheese. Mix until uniform.
3. Sprinkle with cheese. Enjoy at room temp, warm, or chilled.

## MAKES 12 SERVINGS



## cobb salad dip



1. In a small food processor or blender, combine sour cream, cream cheese, 1 oz. (about 2 Tbsp.) avocado, 2 Tbsp. blue cheese, and salt. Pulse until just blended.
2. Transfer to a medium bowl. Gently stir in egg whites. Top with all remaining ingredients, including remaining 1 oz . avocado and 2 Tbsp. blue cheese.
MAKES 8 SERVINGS


## don't be chicken buffalo dip

PREP 10 MINUTES | COOK 10 MINUTES
$1 / 12$ OF RECIPE (ABOUT $1 / 4$ CUP): 81 calories, 6 g total fat ( 3 g sat. fat), 557 mg sodium, 3.5 g carbs, 0.5 g fiber, 2 g sugars, 3.5 g protein (300) (y)

3 cups roughly chopped cauliflower or $2 \frac{1}{4}$ cups cauliflower rice
8 oz. light/reduced-fat cream cheese, room temperature
$1 / 2$ cup Frank's RedHot Original Cayenne Pepper Sauce
$1 / 2$ cup shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese
$1 / 4$ cup light ranch dressing
$1 / 4$ cup fat-free plain Greek yogurt Optional topping: cayenne pepper

1. If starting with chopped cauliflower, pulse in a blender until reduced to rice-size pieces.
2. Place cauliflower rice in a large microwave-safe bowl; cover and microwave for $2^{1 / 2}$ minutes, or until hot and soft.
3. In a large microwave-safe bowl, stir cream cheese until smooth. Thoroughly mix in remaining ingredients except cauliflower.
4. Stir in cauliflower. Microwave for 2 minutes. Stir and microwave for 1 minute, or until hot.
MAKES 12 SERVINGS


## pb \& chocolate chip cookie dough dip

PREP 10 MINUTES | CHILL 1 HOUR
$1 / 12$ OF RECIPE (ABOUT 3 TBSP.): 80 calories, 3 g total fat (1g sat. fat), 118 mg sodium, 12.5 g carbs, 2.5 g fiber, 2 g sugars, 4 g protein


3 Tbsp. old-fashioned oats 1 15-oz. can chickpeas (garbanzo beans), drained and rinsed $1 / 3$ cup powdered peanut butter
3 Tbsp. Truvia spoonable no-calorie sweetener (or another no-calorie granulated sweetener about twice as sweet as sugar)
2 Tbsp. unsweetened vanilla almond milk
2 Tbsp. creamy peanut butter
2 Tbsp. canned pure pumpkin
$11 / 2$ Tbsp. vanilla extract
$1 / 4$ tsp. salt
$1 / 3$ cup natural light whipped topping
1 Tbsp. mini semisweet chocolate chips

1. Pulse oats in a food processor until reduced to the consistency of coarse flour
2. Add all remaining ingredients except whipped topping and chocolate chips. Puree until completely smooth and uniform.
3. Fold in whipped topping and chocolate chips. Transfer to a medium bowl.
4. Cover and refrigerate until chilled, at least 1 hour. (The longer it chills, the better it tastes!)
MAKES 12 SERVINGS


## peanut butter cup dip

PREP 10 MINUTES
$1 / 6$ OF RECIPE (ABOUT $1 / 4$ CUP): 100 calories, 6 g total fat ( 2.5 g sat. fat), 77 mg sodium, 9 g carbs, 1 g fiber, 5.5 g sugars, 3 g protein

$3 / 4$ cup natural light whipped topping
$1 / 3$ cup fat-free vanilla yogurt
2 Tbsp. light/reduced-fat cream cheese, room temperature
2 Tbsp. creamy peanut butter
2 Tbsp. powdered peanut butter
1 packet natural no-calorie sweetener
1 tsp. vanilla extract
Dash salt
1 Tbsp. mini semisweet chocolate chips

1. In a medium bowl, combine all ingredients except chocolate chips. Mix until smooth and uniform.
2. Stir in $1 / 2$ Tbsp. chocolate chips. Top with remaining $1 / 2$ Tbsp. chocolate chips.
MAKES 6 SERVINGS


## cookies 'n cream dip

PREP 5 MINUTES
$1 / 6$ OF RECIPE (ABOUT $1 / 4$ CUP): 53 calories, 1.5 g total fat ( 1.5 g sat. fat), 48 mg sodium, 8.5 g carbs, 0 g fiber, 5.5 g sugars,
0.5 g protein (30) (v)

1 cup natural light whipped topping
$1 / 2$ cup fat-free vanilla yogurt
1 tsp. vanilla extract
Dash salt
2 chocolate graham crackers ( $1 / 2$ sheet), finely crushed

1. In a medium bowl, combine all ingredients except graham crackers. Mix until smooth and uniform.
2. Fold in crushed graham crackers.

MAKES 6 SERVINGS


## Cooking for one? These easy recipes should quickly make their way into regular rotation.



## berry-good cannoli cone

PREP 5 MINUTES

ENTIRE RECIPE: 157 calories, 5 g total fat ( 3 g sat. fat), 118 mg sodium, 21.5 g carbs, 1 g fiber, 12.5 g sugars, 7 g protein (30) (5)

## $1 / 4$ cup light/low-fat ricotta

 cheese1 packet natural no-calorie sweetener
$1 / 8$ tsp. vanilla extract
$11 / 2$ Tbsp. chopped freeze-dried strawberries
1 1⁄2 tsp. mini semisweet chocolate chips
1 sugar cone

1. Mix ricotta, sweetener, and vanilla extract until uniform. Stir in 1 Tbsp. freeze-dried strawberries and 1 tsp. chocolate chips.
2. Spoon mixture into the cone, and top with remaining $1 / 2$ Tbsp. freeze-dried strawberries and $1 / 2$ tsp. chocolate chips. MAKES 1 SERVING

## greek grilled cheese

## PREP 5 MINUTES | COOK 5 MINUTES

ENTIRE RECIPE: 307 calories, 10 g total fat ( 4 g sat. fat), 664 mg sodium, 39.5 g carbs, 8 g fiber, 11 g sugars, 15.5 g protein (3)

1 cup chopped spinach leaves
3 Tbsp. light/low-fat ricotta cheese
2 Tbsp. crumbled reduced-fat feta cheese
2 Tbsp. bagged sun-dried tomatoes, chopped
1 Tbsp. sliced black or Kalamata olives
$1 / 8$ tsp. garlic powder
2 slices whole grain bread with 60-80 calories per slice
2 tsp. light whipped butter or light buttery spread

1. In a microwave-safe bowl, microwave spinach for 45 seconds, or until wilted. Pat dry. Add all remaining ingredients except bread and butter. Mix until uniform.
2. Spread mixture onto one bread slice. Top with remaining bread slice. Spread the top of the sandwich with 1 tsp. butter.
3. Bring a skillet sprayed with nonstick spray to medium heat. Add sandwich, buttered side down.
4. Spread the top with remaining 1 tsp. butter. Cook until bread is golden brown and cheese is hot, about 2 minutes per side, flipping carefully. MAKES 1 SERVING




PREP 15 MINUTES COOK 15 MINUTES

ENTIRE RECIPE: 326 calories, 15 g total fat ( 3.5 g sat. fat), 693 mg sodium, 20.5 g carbs, 5 g fiber, 14 g sugars, 29 g protein

## $1 / 2$ cup chopped tomatoes

2 Tbsp. chopped fresh basil, or more for topping
11/2 Tbsp. balsamic vinegar
2 tsp. chopped garlic
1 tsp. olive oil
$1 / 4$ tsp. Italian seasoning
$1 / 4$ tsp. each salt and black pepper
12 oz. (about 1 large) zucchini
1 4-oz. raw skinless salmon fillet
$1 / 8$ tsp. garlic powder
$1 / 8$ tsp. onion powder

1. In a medium-large bowl, mix tomatoes, basil, vinegar, chopped garlic, oil, Italian seasoning, salt, and pepper.
2. Using a spiral veggie slicer, cut zucchini into spaghettilike noodles. (If you don't have a spiral slicer, peel into thin strips, rotating it after each strip.) Roughly chop for shorter noodles.



Pay no attention to the back of the box.

We've got better things to stir into cake mix than eggs and oil! These hacks will seriously lighten up your cakes... and your grocery list!

These recipes require a 15.25- to 18.25-oz. of cake mix. Feel free to switch up the combinations outlined below! (By the way, water doesn't count as an ingredient.)


## cake mix



Preheat oven to $350^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. Spray a $9^{\prime \prime} \times 13^{\prime \prime}$ pan with nonstick spray. In a large bowl, combine 1 box carrot cake mix with 1 cup fat-free plain Greek yogurt. Add $1 / 2$ cup water, and mix thoroughly. Transfer to the baking pan, and smooth out the top. Bake for 35-40 minutes. $1 / 12$ OF CAKE ( 1 PIECE): 144 calories, 1 g total fat (다) (v)


## cake mix



Preheat oven to $350^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. Spray a $9 " \times 13^{\prime \prime}$ pan with nonstick spray. In a large bowl, combine 1 box devil's food cake mix with one $15-\mathrm{oz}$. can pure pumpkin. Mix thoroughly. (Batter will be THICK.) Transfer to the baking pan, and smooth out the top. Bake for 25-30 minutes. $1 / 12$ OF CAKE ( 1 PIECE): 152 calories, 2 g total fat 다 (v)

cake mix



Preheat oven to $350^{\circ}$ F. Spray a $9^{\prime \prime \times 13 " ~}$ pan with nonstick spray. In a large bowl, combine 1 box red velvet cake mix with 1 cup club soda. Whisk thoroughly. Transfer to the baking pan, and smooth out the top. Bake for 25-30 minutes. $1 / 12$ OF CAKE ( 1 PIECE): $15 \%$ calories, 2.5 g total fat (si) (v)


These aren't your grandma's zoodles. These unique recipes will change the way you spiralize... Take 'em out for a spin!


## zucchini noodle pancakes

PREP 10 MINUTES । COOK 25 MINUTES

## $1 / 40$ P RECIPE (2 PANCAKES):

103 calories, 3 g total fat ( 1.5 g sat. fat),
451 mg sodium, 12 g carbs, 2 g fiber, 3 g
sugars, 8 g protein © C
$1 / 3$ cup old-fashioned oats
8 oz. (about 1 medium) zucchini
$1 / 2$ cup frozen sweet corn kernels
$1 / 2$ cup chopped scallions, or more for topping
$1 / 2$ cup egg whites (about 4 large eggs' worth) or fat-free liquid egg substitute
$1 / 3$ cup shredded reduced-fat cheddar cheese
$1 / 2$ tsp. garlic powder
$1 / 2$ tsp. onion powder
$1 / 2$ tsp. salt
$1 / 2$ tsp. black pepper
$1 / 4$ tsp. baking powder Optional toppings: light sour cream, chopped scallions

1. In a small blender or food processor, pulse oats until reduced to the consistency of coarse flour. Transfer to a medium-large bowl.
2. Using a spiral veggie slicer, cut zucchini into spaghetti-like noodles. (If you don't have a spiral slicer, peel into thin strips, rotating zucchini after each strip.) Roughly chop for shorter noodles.
3. Add zucchini and remaining ingredients to the bowl. Mix until uniform.
4. Bring a large skillet sprayed with nonstick spray to medium heat. Add $1 / 4$ of the batter to form 2 medium pancakes (about $1 / 3$ cup each). Cook until solid enough to flip, about 3 minutes.
5. Gently flip, and cook until golden brown and cooked through, 2-3 minutes.
6. Plate pancakes. Remove skillet from heat, respray, and return to medium heat. Repeat with remaining batter to make 6 more pancakes.
MAKES 4 SERVINGS

# spiralized shrimp sunomono salad 

Pictured on page 66

## PREP 10 MINUTES

 CHILL 15 MINUTES$1 / 40$ OF RECIPE (ABOUT $11 / 4$ CUPS):
109 calories, 1.5 g total fat (<0.5g sat. fat), 467 mg sodium, 9.5 g carbs, 1 g fiber, 6 g sugars, 14.5 g protein (아) (c)
$1 \frac{1}{4}$ lb. (about 2 large or 5 small) seedless cucumbers
3 Tbsp. seasoned rice vinegar
1 tsp. reduced-sodium soy sauce
$1 / 2$ packet natural no-calorie sweetener
8 oz. ready-to-eat bay (small) shrimp
2 tsp. sesame seeds

1. Using a spiral veggie slicer, cut cucumbers into spaghettilike noodles. (If you don't have a spiral slicer, peel into thin strips, rotating cucumber after each strip.) Roughly chop for shorter noodles.
2. Transfer noodles to a strainer, and pat dry.
3. In a large bowl, combine rice vinegar, soy sauce, and sweetener. Mix well.
4. Add cucumber noodles and shrimp. Gently toss to mix. Cover and refrigerate for at least 15 minutes.
5. Sprinkle with sesame seeds. makes 4 SERVINGS


## spiralized apple pie

PREP 5 MINUTES I COOK 5 MINUTES
$1 / 2$ OF RECIPE (ABOUT $2 / 3$ CUP): 101 calories, 0 g total fat, 78 mg sodium, 26 g carbs, 2.5 g fiber, 17.5 g sugars, 0.5 g protein (30) (아 (y)

12 oz. (about 2 medium) Fuji or Gala apples
1 Tbsp. cornstarch
1 packet natural no-calorie sweetener
$1 / 4$ tsp. cinnamon, or more for topping
$1 / 4$ tsp. vanilla extract Dash salt
Optional topping: natural light whipped topping

1. Peel apples. Using a thin-style blade on a tabletop spiral veggie slicer, cut apples into spaghettilike noodles. (If you don't
have a tabletop slicer, cut into matchstick-size strips.) Roughly chop for shorter noodles.
2. In a medium bowl, dissolve cornstarch in $1 / 4$ cup cold water. Add sweetener, cinnamon, vanilla extract, and salt. Stir until uniform. Add apple noodles, and toss to coat.
3. Bring a skillet sprayed with nonstick spray to medium heat. Add apple mixture, and cook and stir until thick and gooey, 3-4 minutes.
MAKES 2 SERVINGS


## cup $0^{\circ}$ zoodles with beef

PREP 10 MINUTES | COOK 20 MINUTES
ENTIRE RECIPE: 247 calories, 7 g total fat ( 2.5 g sat. fat), 764 mg sodium, 15.5 g carbs, 4.5 g fiber, 8 g sugars, 29.5 g protein (30.) (c)

## 4 oz. thinly sliced raw flank steak

 Dash salt and black pepper4 oz. (about $1 / 2$ medium) zucchini $1 / 2$ cube (about 1 tsp .) beef bouillon cup frozen peas and carrots $1 / 2$ cup thinly sliced white mushrooms
cup chopped scallions
tsp. garlic powder
$1 / 4$ tsp. onion powder

1. Bring a skillet sprayed with nonstick spray to medium heat. Season beef with salt and pepper. Cook and stir for 3 minutes, or until cooked through
2. Using a spiral veggie slicer, cut zucchini into spaghetti-like noodles. (If you don't have a spiral slicer, peel into thin strips, rotating zucchini after each strip.) Roughly chop for shorter noodles.
3. In a wide-mouth, quart-size Mason jar, gently break apart bouillon cube and top with beef. Add zucchini noodles and remaining ingredients. Seal and refrigerate (if not eating immediately)
4. Once ready to eat, add 2 cups boiling water. Gently stir, reseal, and let sit for 15 minutes. Or add 2 cups water, gently stir, and microwave for 6 minutes. Either way, wait until zucchini has slightly softened and bouillon has dissolved. Stir to mix. MAKES 1 SERVING

## for the love of



Satisfy your sweet tooth with these no-guilt, cocoa-rich recipes!




## salted caramel flourless chocolate cupcakes

PREP 10 MINUTES I COOK 40 MINUTES I COOL 1 HOUR
$1 / 8$ OF RECIPE ( 1 CUPCAKE): 131 calories, 2 g total fat ( 1 g sat . fat), 474 mg sodium, 30 g carbs, 5 g fiber, 9.5 g sugars, 6 g protein (ci) v

1 15-oz. can black beans, drained and rinsed
$1 / 2$ cup unsweetened cocoa powder
$1 / 2$ cup egg whites (about 4 large eggs' worth) or fat-free liquid egg substitute
$1 / 3$ cup unsweetened applesauce
$1 / 3$ cup canned pure pumpkin
$1 / 4$ cup Truvia spoonable no-calorie sweetener (or another natural brand about twice as sweet as sugar)
$11 / 2$ tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. vanilla extract
$1 / 4$ tsp. salt
2 Tbsp. mini semisweet chocolate chips
$1 / 3$ cup fat-free, low-fat, or light caramel dip
$1 / 2$ tsp. coarse sea salt

1. Preheat oven to $350^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. Generously spray 8 cups of a 12-cup muffin pan with nonstick spray.
2. Place all ingredients except chocolate chips, caramel dip, and sea salt in a food processor. Puree until completely smooth and uniform.
3. Fold in chocolate chips. Evenly distribute batter into the 8 cups of the muffin pan, and smooth out the tops.
4. Bake until a toothpick inserted into the centers comes out mostly clean, 35-40 minutes.
5. Let cool completely, about 1 hour.
6. Just before serving, drizzle cupcakes with caramel dip, and sprinkle with sea salt. makes 8 SERVINGS

HG TIP
If needed, microwave caramel in a microwave-safe bowl at 50 percent power for 20 seconds, or until easy to drizzle.


PREP 5 MINUTES I COOK 5 MINUTES
$1 / 5$ OF RECIPE ( 3 SHELLS): 155 calories, 6.5 g total fat ( 4.5 g sat. fat), 61 mg sodium, 23.5 g carbs, 1 g fiber, 12.5 g sugars, 3 g protein v

15 frozen mini fillo shells
1/4 cup mini semisweet chocolate chips
1 tsp. vanilla extract
$1 / 2$ cup fat-free vanilla yogurt
2 Tbsp. unsweetened dark cocoa powder
1 packet natural no-calorie sweetener
1 cup natural light whipped topping

1. Preheat oven to $350^{\circ}$ F. Place shells on a baking sheet.
2. Bake until lightly browned, about 5 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, in a large microwave-safe bowl, combine 3 Tbsp. chocolate chips, vanilla extract, and $11 / 2$ tsp. water. Microwave at 50 percent power for 35 seconds, or until melted. Stir well.
4. Add yogurt, cocoa powder, and sweetener. Mix until uniform, and fold in whipped topping.
5. Spoon filling evenly into fillo cups (see HG Tip, right), and sprinkle tops with remaining 1 Tbsp. chocolate chips. (Cups will be full!) MAKES 5 SERVINGS



## (10) Success Stories




Heidi Gnat
BEFORE WEICHT: 190 LB. I AFTER WEIGHT: 130 LB. IB AGE 45 | BATTLE CREEK, NEBRASKA

Heidi Gnat has experienced more than a physical transformation; her entire outlook toward food has changed. The gal who never ate breakfast (but tore into chips to stave off hunger pangs) now starts each day with Hungry Girl's overnight oats. Instead of wings and beer on a night out, she sticks with fish or chicken-"never anything fried," she says. For easy home-cooked meals, she reaches for her Hungry Girl cookbooks!

With the help of Hungry Girl, these hearty breakfasts, sensible dinners, and smarter food choices led to weight loss and an unexpected benefit. "I'm a morning person now!" Heidi says. "I have all this energy. I wondered what to do with it." The awesome answer: She's taken up running! All fueled by good food and hard-won self-esteem.

What keeps you motivated?
I am definitely not naturally disciplined, but I learned discipline through this process. I keep Before and After pictures on the treadmill and on the fridge to remind myself that I don't ever want to go back. I also keep my triglycerides count from January 2015 and from January 2016. I went from 222 in 2015 to 86 in 2016. Huge difference!

What other benefits have you noticed? Before, I was on four medications for my blood pressure and cholesterol levels. Since I dropped the weight, my doctor took me off everything. The more I dove into healthy eating, the more I craved healthy things. I don't miss sweets. I even woke up one night at midnight craving a tomato. It was the strangest thing because I never liked tomatoes!

How do you approach cooking at home? I love to cook-always have-and I love the HG cookbooks! I love the photos. My first supper was a recipe I tried on my husband, and he went back for seconds! We like to explore and try different tastes and foods.

## Mindi Gartner

BEFORE WEICHT: 190 LB. I AFTER WEICHT: 122 LB. त AGE 53 | TAMPA, FLORIDA

At age 50, the happy memories of Mindi Gartner's surprise birthday trip were clouded with gloom. "Looking at those pictures, I was happy but my eyes were still sad," she says. "I was embarrassed about how big I had gotten. Two days later I decided to make a change, and I never looked back!" Mindi went from a top weight of 190 pounds to her current 122 pounds. "The best part is, now that I am a personal trainer, I have so many clients who were me just two years ago," she says. "I give them pointers and tips that I have learned from Hungry Girl."

What was your approach to losing weight? I started my journey with a combination of Weight Watchers and a gym. My key success came from working out five to six days each week. I also tracked my food and water intake. I keep myself accountable for all my actions.

## How has Hungry Girl influenced you?

I have been a follower for more years than I can remember. I purchase cookbooks, and I read each email. I use HG recipes for our family meals. I love everything Hungry Gir!!

## How did your journey progress?

I started by changing my eating patterns and tracking everything I ate. I started exercising slowly by walking around my neighborhood. After I took off the first 10 pounds, I had my first gym assessment. The trainer had to hold my hands to help me do a squat. I knew I had a long journey ahead but was so determined. I redesigned all my favorite recipes to make them healthy and tasty-as well as used many Hungry Girl recipes. I continued working hard with a trainer. Now, I am in front of the camera feeling proud and smiling with my eyes!


Robin Chlebowski
BEFORE WEIGHT: 367 LB. I AFTER WEICHT: 171 LB. IB
AGE 43 | TOLEDO, OHIO
Robin Chlebowski has come a long way thanks to Hungry Girl. At her heaviest, Robin stepped on a scale, "and it flashed 367 at me, and then it went dead," she says. "I decided that was it. I had to find a solution for my weight that would work-and stick."

Robin had been up and down on the scale most of her life, only to fall into old habits. "I needed to maintain my weight loss without feeling like I was denying myself," she says.

Hungry Girl's real-world strategies and solutions stepped in. The recipes, product alerts, and healthy substitutions were just what Robin needed. She's lost nearly 200 pounds! "If I can do it, anyone can," she says.

What were your favorite food surprises? Hungry Girl got me excited about trying new things and cooking. I don't really enjoy cooking. I like the really simple recipes. I'm a vegetarian, but HG cookbooks always remember us. I'm also realizing I can eat higher-fat foods, like avocados and cheese. That was a new world-they're not taboo!

What are your go-to tricks?
A VitaTops muffin every day for two years was just the sweet treat to keep me on track. I also make Hungry Girl's swap for pumpkin spice lattes when I have people over-everybody always wants more! (Go to hungry-girl.com/pumpkinlatte for the recipe!)

What about Hungry Girl is so motivating?
It's exciting for people like me, who have been following HG for years, to see all the fresh, new things that are coming out! Cookbooks, book tours, Facebook Live streams, and now this magazine-it feels like I'm part of an experience. I believe in what worked for me! I want other people to be successful, too.

## read food labels like a pro!

Between the enticing front-of-package claims, number-heavy nutrition panels, and wordy ingredients lists,
the information on food packages can be hard to understand. It's easy
to get swayed by marketing claims or caught up in the ingredients, but stick to the FACTS-the Nutrition Facts panel, that is! Here's what you need to know...

THE INGREDIENTS LIST
Ingredients are listed in order by weight from greatest to smallest amount. So if a food contains a questionable ingredient, but it's way at the bottom of a long list, chances are it has only a limited amount of that ingredient. It's up to you to determine if the product is right for you based on the big picture.

## 1 <br>  <br> Serving Size 3 oz. (85g) Serving Per Container 2

Amount Per Serving Calories 200

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## Total Fat 15 g

Saturated Fat 5 g
Trans Fat 3 g
Cholesterol 30mg
ndium 650 mg
Carbohydrate 30 g
Tote.
Dietary Fiver:-
Sugars 5g
Protein 5 g

| Vitamin A 5\% | $\bullet$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Calcium 15\% | $\bullet$ |

*Percent Daily Values are based on a Your Daily Values may be higher or lon your calorie needs.

|  | Calories | 2,0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Fat | Less than | 65 |
| Sat Fat | Less than | 20 |
| Cholesterol | Less than | 30 |
| Sodium | Less than | 2,4 |
| Total Carbonhydrate |  | 30 |
| Dietary Fiber |  | 25 |

1. SERVING SIZE

This information is critical! It'll tell you how much of that food or drink you can have for the stats listed on the panel. And here's a littleknown fact: The most accurate measurement is often given by weight. For a perfect portion, toss it on a food scale!
2. SERVINGS PER CONTAINER

People often overlook this one, but it's crucial to accurate calorie counting. The number of caloriesas well as the amount of fat, carbs, etc.-is only accurate if you stick to one portion. And many snack-size packages appear to be a single serving but actually contain two or three servings. Check out this number, and then do the math.
3. CALORIES

This is arguably the most important number on the panel, especially when it comes to losing weight. The number of calories listed is the sum of calories from fat, carbs, and protein, aka the big three macronutrients. Don't worry about adding all that up... The label does it for you! But you still need to decide whether a food is worth the calories...
4. TOTAL FAT

This number includes saturated, trans, monounsaturated, and polyunsaturated fats. To know how much healthy fat you're getting, subtract the saturated and trans grams from the total fat. Genius!
5. SODIUM

According to the FDA, your daily sodium intake should stay under $2,300 \mathrm{mg}$. Amounts vary among
seemingly identical products, so shop and compare. And be on the lookout for sneaky sources of sodium... More on that on page 8!
6. TOTAL CARBOHYDRATE

If you're watching carbs, you should know how to count 'em! Let's break it down. The total number is the sum of sugar, sugar alcohols, starch, and fiber. If you subtract sugar, sugar alcohols (if listed), and fiber, you'll get an idea of how many grams of starchy carbs the food contains.
7. DIETARY FIBER

This number is the combination of soluble (digestible) and insoluble (not digestible) fibers. Soluble fiber makes you feel full, and the rest keeps things moving through your system. Most people don't get enough fiber in a day, so choose whole grains and high-fiber foods whenever you can.
8. SUGARS

Prepare to be shocked at how much sugar a seemingly innocent food contains once you start checking labels. The sugars tally includes the naturally occurring kind (in fruit or milk) plus any sugars added during processing. And here's some great news: A new FDA rule will soon require brands to list how much of that sugar is "Added Sugars."
9. PROTEIN

We love the long-lasting energy you get from a protein-packed meal or snack! And more protein means fewer calories are coming from fat and carbs. (Remember, the total calorie count is a combination of all three macronutrients.)

LISA'S FAVORITE
2,000 calorie diet. ver depending on


## beauty the feast

Get glowing skin, luscious locks, and strong nails by packing your plate with these delicious superfoods. Happy chewing!

## berries

Strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, blackberriesbuy whichever berries look best at the market. Their colorful antioxidants will help protect your skin from signs of aging! Try them mixed with fat-free Greek yogurt, or snack on 'em straight. They're also great in recipes, like our Scoopable Strawberry Cheesecake (page 48), Mojito Fruit Salad (page 48), and WayGood Watermelon Pizza (page 55). P.S. Frozen berries are just as nutritious as fresh ones, and they can be a lot less expensive.

## wild salmon

Filled with healthy fats for skin moisture (plus heart health and happier moods!), a salmon fillet is perfect on a salad or with a plate of veggies. Try it grilled, cooked in a skillet (like in Bruschetta Salmon Z'paghetti on page 63) or baked in the oven. A little bit of seasoning is all you need: Garlic and onion is a classic combo, and taco seasoning is an easy and flavorful addition! And just like berries, frozen salmon is convenient and budget-friendly.


## WAYS TO SHRINK YOUR GROCERY BILL

One of the BEST ways to keep your weightmanagement goals on track? Stock up on healthy foods for your fridge, freezer, and pantry! But before you hit the grocery store and risk wasting your hard-earned cash, check out our top tips for slashing dollars and cents from your supermarket bill.

## LOOK HIGH AND LOW

Stores generally stock the pricier items on the middle shelves (sneaky!), so take your gaze up and down for cheaper essentials. Now you've saved a few bucks and gotten a nice stretch! Once you start doing this, you'll never shop the same way again. Oh, and skip the aisle endcaps entirely. Those eye-catching displays just encourage impulse spending.

Start tracking your at-home inventory using a digital app (Out of Milk and Pantry Check are popular) or a simple note on your phone. Now you can take your list wherever you go! Gone are the days of buying something only to come home and find you already had two in the back of the fridge. Also make use of store apps for exclusive coupons and to compare prices. And to really get ahead of the game, do some meal planning for the week on your phone, so you'll know exactly what you need!

Let's face it: Big-brand products are often more expensive than their generic counterparts. But that doesn't mean you have to give up your favorites. Many store-owned private brands offer identical (or nearly identical) food finds at a lower cost. Snack bars, yogurts, soups, salad dressings.. Stock up on store-brand staples, and turn to traditional food brands for those special treats that can't be replicated. FYI: Target is a gold mine for uncovering private-brand gems!

## SAVE



You can often score lower per-pound prices when you hit up the meat counter versus the prepackaged meat section. And if you spot a great deal, stock up and fill your freezer for future meals in a flash. Another tip? Compare prices from the seafood counter and the frozen foods section. A lot of that seemingly fresh fish was previously frozen anyway!

Ready-to-eat fruit salad, presliced stir-fry veggie mixes, bags of chopped salad greens... The truth is, these products are convenient and can save you time in the kitchen. But if your top concern is downsizing your spending, stick to whole produce and do the chopping yourself. HG tip: Set aside a couple of hours on the weekend to get the prep work out of the way!

## USE FROZEN AND CANNED FOODS

Frozen and canned produce can be just as nutritious (and is typically more affordable) than fresh. Frozen fruits and veggies are usually flash-frozen at peak freshness, meaning they can contain even more nutrients than their produce-section counterparts. Plus, there's little risk of them going bad before you can use them. When it comes to canned foods, beans, tomatoes, and tuna are smart staples. Look for BPA-free cans to avoid contaminants.

## STICK TO A GROCERIESONLY POLICY

You just squeezed the last bit of toothpaste from the tube, but resist the urge to pick up a replacement at the grocery store. Toiletries, paper goods, and cleaning supplies are generally priced higher at the supermarket, which means you sacrifice dollars for convenience. It's best to buy those in bulk at warehouse club stores or stock up at discount stores. (Of course, magazines are an exception to the groceries-only guideline!) Speaking of buying in bulk...

Sure, those singleserve yogurt cups are convenient, but the giant tubs will save you cash. When it comes to shelfstable foods and dietary staples, the oversize packages are almost always money-savers in the long run. Think oats, shelf-stable almond milk, frozen veggies, grains, spices... It all adds up. Consider a membership at a store like Costco for extra savings!

A list is essential for trimming dollars and calories. Get our printable aisle-by-aisle guide at hungry-girl.com/supermarket.


# the skinny on gluten and weight 

## Is going gluten-free the secret to fitting into your skinny jeans?

If you're confused about how gluten affects your weight, it's no wonder. There's a lot of conflicting info out there! Some sources recommend cutting out gluten if you're trying to lose weight; they say gluten can boost your appetite. Others claim going gluten-free can lead to weight gain.

## WHAT IS GLUTEN?

Gluten is a group of proteins in grains like wheat, rye, and barley. It's commonly found in bread, pasta, cereal, crackers, starchy breakfast foods, and baked goods. Originally, gluten-free foods were made for the 1 percent of Americans with celiac disease. If these people eat gluten, their immune cells turn against them, damaging their guts. Some people without celiac disease avoid gluten to clear up digestive issues, fatigue, or other symptoms. If you don't fall into either category, consider the following info before giving up gluten for good.

## WEIGH THE FACTS

Some people naturally make healthier choices and eat fewer calories when they go gluten-free. For example, you might opt for a leafy green salad at lunch instead of a cheeseburger. But if you're drenching that salad in mayo-heavy dressing-or using a gluten-free bun as an excuse to splurge on a cheeseburger-it's not exactly a recipe for weight loss.

Flip to the Guilt-Free Recipe Guide (pages 4 \& 5) to quickly identify all the gluten-free recipes in this magazine!

## BE GLUTEN-SAVG

Don't assume gluten-free means good for you! Switching to gluten-free breads, snacks, and desserts could actually prevent weight loss. Here's what you need to know...

- Without gluten, food may need more sugar and fat to taste good, which means more calories. Check the nutrition panels!
- Gluten-free foods are often made with refined flours and starches from foods like potato, tapioca, and rice. These are low in nutrients and lack hunger-busting fiber. That won't help you lose weight or feel good.
- You can still enjoy satisfying whole grains on a gluten-free diet. Look for products made with amaranth, teff, quinoa, whole grain rice, millet, sorghum, buckwheat, and oats. (Just read labels, and watch out for cross-contamination warnings.)


## BOTTOM LINE?

When it comes to gluten, whether you avoid it or embrace it, you're not likely to lose weight if you don't pay attention to your calorie intake. Read nutrition labels, and make the best choices for you!


## ng <br> Feel the (Calorie) Burn



# to burn 100 calories 

daily routine with these simple ideas. Every little bit counts!


## 14. BIKE IT OUT

Explore your neighborhood by bicycle. Recreational biking burns 100 calories per 20-minute session. Don't forget your helmet!

## 15. PRACTICE YOUR SWING

 Hit up the driving range or a mini golf course. You can improve your putting game and burn 100 calories in just 30 minutes. Score!
## 16. HEAD TO THE WATER

Enjoy a change of scenery, and go canoeing or paddle boarding. You'll burn 100 calories per half-hour. Don't live near a large body of water? Many parks with small lakes offer rentals.

## 17. MAKE DINNER

Spend 45 minutes chopping, dicing, and baking to burn 100 calories. Home-cooked meals never tasted so good!

## 18. DECORATE

Channel your
inner Joanna Gaines and rearrange the furniture.
Your living room gets a makeover, and you'll burn 100 calories in 15 minutes.

## 19. RAKE IT TILL YOU MAKE IT

Do some yardwork. Raking burns 100 calories in 25 minutes. And when winter comes back around, shoveling snow burns 100 calories in just 15 minutes!

## 21. TAG, YOU'RE IT!

Hate the treadmill? Chase your kids for 25 minutes instead. You'll burn 100 calories, and your kids will run off some energy!

## 22. HEAD TO THE MALL

Here's an excuse to go shopping: Walking around a store and trying on clothes for 30 minutes burns 100 calories.


## 23. SAY YES TO

 HOLDING THE BABYIf you have a baby (or a close friend with one), consider snuggles your new exercise routine. It only takes 25 minutes of walking while carrying an infant to burn 100 calories. That adds up!

## 24. PUSH IT

Get outside with your favorite baby! Pushing a stroller for 35 minutes burns an extra 100 calories. The fresh air is a bonus.
during an 8 -hour day.

## 20. STAND UP

Have a desk job? You can burn an extra 100 calories by standing at your desk for 20 minutes every hour

## 25. SAVE MORE

Next time you're at the grocery store, grab a basket instead of a cart You'll burn 100 calories in 30 minutes, and you probably won't pick up as many items you don't need.



## pooched eggs ${ }^{\text {'n h ham }}$

PREP 10 MINUTES<br>COOK 15 MINUTES

$1 / 20$ OF RECIPE (1 PIECE): 31 calories, 1.5 g total fat ( 0.5 g sat. fat), 88 mg sodium, 0.5 g carbs, Og fiber, $<0.5 \mathrm{~g}$ sugars, $3 g$ protein 3on 하 (G)

## 4 large eggs

4 oz. (about $1 / 2$ cup) chopped reduced-sodium ham slices
$1 / 2$ cup shredded reduced-fat cheddar cheese
$1 / 4$ cup low-fat cottage cheese

1. Preheat oven to $350^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$.

Spray 20 cups of a mini muffin pan with nonstick spray.
(Use 2 pans, if needed.)
2. In a large bowl, whisk eggs until uniform. Mix in chopped ham, cheddar, and cottage cheese.
3. Distribute mixture among the 20 mini muffin cups, filling each one about two-thirds full.
4. Bake for about 15 minutes, until cooked through.
5. Let cool before serving.
makes 20 SERVINGS


* If your pet has food allergies, is overweight, or is on a special diet, talk to your vet before feeding your fur baby these treats.


## WORTH ORDERING ONLINE

What do you get the pooch who has everything? And how do you stay hip to what all the pups are into these days? All kidding aside, BarkBox is a fantastic subscription service. Every month, you get a themed and curated package with at least two cool toys, two bags of all-natural treats, and a chew. Sample month: NYC theme with toys shaped like taxis, pretzels, and pizza slices! Awww... Order one for the good boy or girl in your life at barkbox.com.

## LOLLY'S SNACK PICK

We're not saying Lolly is fussy; she's simply a dog of discerning tastes. But she goes absolutely insane for Halo Liv-a-Littles Whole Chicken Breast Protein Treats, which are freeze-dried, all-natural, and practically pure protein. Bonus: They're great for cats as well, so Lolly shares them with her brother Jordan, the Maine Coon! Find these in pet stores or through online retailers like Amazon. Finger-, er, paw-lickin' good...

## SAFETY FIRST

You wouldn't dream of driving a kid around without a seatbelt or car seat. Well, dogs need security, too! (Plus, Fido doesn't always understand, "No, you can't sit in my lap right now, stay in the back seat!") With the highly rated, crash-tested Kurgo Enhanced Strength Tru-Fit Dog Car Harness, the straps hold your pup in place and anchor to the seatbelt, so your furry child can comfortably shift from sitting to lying down while still remaining secure. Just one more way to show your pets you love them! Find it at Petco or order from Amazon.

# CROSSWORD CRAVINGS 

> Put your food smarts to the test with this puzzle! How many words and phrases can YOU fill in?


## ACROSS

1. Choose a low-sugar version of this spread for toast
2. HG has you covered with lighter versions of this "dessert for breakfast"
3. Cool cabbage side dish
4. Water of the 13 -ACROSS variety is a good substitute for this sweet drink
5. Pool days are better with this minty fresh cocktail
6. Summer heat makes corn so sweet you'll eat the whole $\qquad$ -
7. Add a squeeze of 32 -ACROSS to this bubbly water for a tasty thirst-quencher
8. You won't need to turn the range on with our easy $\qquad$
$\qquad$ recipes
9. Typically made from potatoes, HG makes these out of veggies
10. Rice it, mash it, or make this veggie into pizza crust
11. Don't skip this meal if you want to start your day off right
12. Have a $\qquad$ to satisfy?
HG's 2-ingredient cake recipes are here for you
13. Stir together 19-DOWN and fresh berries for an easy $\qquad$
$\qquad$ is to
14. A grape is to a raisin as a a prune
15. Bake this spud with a sprinkle of cinnamon for a nutrient-packed snack
16. Need more heat? Toss a few of these into your veggie stir-fry
17. Lime's best friend
18. Use this kitchen tool to make your favorite veggie noodles
19. Pay close attention to nutrition labels, and limit this type of fat
20. Skim the dairy section for unsweetened almond and cashew versions of this drink
21. Keep this powder on hand to help satisfy chocolate cravings
22. Buy fresh and local by shopping summer's bounty here
23. Brewing iced tea? Better put the $\qquad$ on.

## DOWN

1. Watch out for hidden calories in this sweet fruit drink
2. Another word for a kitchen mistake
3. Like peas in a $\qquad$ -
4. Scoop this up with 17-ACROSS
5. This healthy fish is packed with good-for-you fats
6. Rinse canned veggies and beans to cut back on this
7. Stay hydrated this summer with lots of this zero-calorie beverage
8. Cut out of work early for happy $\qquad$ with friends
9. Pack this basket for a healthy meal alfresco
10. Forget about pork chops-mix this with cake mix for an easy 2 -ingredient dessert
11. Skip sugar and creamer to keep this 20-ACROSS staple calorie-free
12. Nature's perfect (oversize) summer dessert
13. Choose extra-lean for backyard burgers
14. This tasty fish packs a protein punch in sushi, sandwiches, and deli salads
15. Get healthy monounsaturated fat from oil made from these
16. Add serious heat and flavor with this super-hot pepper
17. Create a $\qquad$ to avoid
unhealthy impulse buys
18. Chef's assistant
19. These Spanish-style small plates are portion controlled... Don't eat TOO many!
20. A healthy chickpea-based version of 4-DOWN
21. Seal in flavors and freshness with an HG foil $\qquad$ for the grill
22. This grain can be imitated by cauliflower processed in a blender
23. Weigh precise portions with a countertop kitchen
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