

# COOKING BALANCED ONE-POT MEALS

1/4 Plate Protein 1/2 Plate Foods Vegetables 1/4 Plate & Fruits Whole Grains

Use these proportions to cook one-pot meals

## **Benefits of One-pot meals**

- Bulk meals for families/ groups
- Bulk meals for leftovers/ freezing
- Use rescued and imperfect food
- Fewer dishes!

### Choose ingredients from the following categories:

Makes 4 Servings

#### **Vegetables Protein Foods** 2-4 cups 1-2 Cups Onion/Garlic/Ginger Chicken/Turkey Tofu/Tempeh **Tomatoes** Chickpeas/Black Beans **Peppers** Zucchini/Squash Lentils/Split Peas Eggplant/Mushrooms Tuna/Shrimp/Salmon Corn/Peas Eggs Spinach/Kale/Bok Choy Low Fat Dairy Choose fresh, seasonal, Choose proteins low in frozen, canned, imperfect, saturated fat and rescued produce Liquid **Healthy Fats** 2-4 cups 1/4 cup

## 1-2 Cups Brown Rice Quinoa Bulgur/Barley Whole Wheat Pasta Whole Grain Bread

#### **Seasonings/Toppings** To taste Dried/Fresh Herbs and Spices Lemon/Lime Juice

**Choose whole grains** 

more often than refined

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Vinegars Mustards Low Sodium Soy Sauce Hot Sauce

Choose ingredients low in saturated fat, salt, and added sugars.

Canola Oil/Olive Oil

Avocado

Low Fat Cheese

Chopped Nuts/Seeds

## **Adapting Your Favourite Recipes**

Replace: **SATURATED FAT** (butter/coconut oil /palm oil)

**Unsaturated fat** (olive or canola oil, nuts and seeds, avocado)

Use:

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Use less: **SALT** /salty ingredients

Fresh herbs (parsley, basil, cilantro) **Aromatic vegetables** (onions, garlic, ginger) **Acidic foods** (lemon/ lime juice/ vinegars)

Use less: **ADDED SUGARS** sugar/ honey/ syrups

1/2 Preferred sweetener or add unsweetened apple sauce to replace 1/2 sweetener

Use:

## **Preparing Your Dish**

Soup Stew Chili



#### Examples:

- Chickpea Curry
- Moroccan Stew
- 3-Bean and Turkey Chili

Water

No-Sodium Broth/Bouillon

Low Fat/No-Sodium Soups

No-Sodium Tomato Sauces

Canned, Crushed Tomatoes

- Sweet Potato Lentil Soup

Stir fry **Noodle Dishes** 

#### Examples:

- Stir Fry with Quinoa
- Shakshuka or Omelette
- Healthy Fried Rice
- Mexican Rice and Bean Skillet

Potato/Pasta/Rice Bakes Baked Fish/Poultry

#### **Examples:**

- Tuna/Fish Pasta Casserole
- Broccoli Chicken and Potato Bake
- Brown Rice and Bean Bake
- Muffin Tin Omelettes