

# HOW TO CREATE THE PERFECT MEAL

#### **HUNDREDS OF EASY, DELICIOUS, HEALTHY DINNERS** FROM PRECISION NUTRITION'S INGENIOUS CHEF.

Mix and match these ingredients for maximum flavor (and minimal work). The result? Hundreds of perfectly-portioned meals that taste great and support your health goals.

STEP

#### **CHOOSE ONE INGREDIENT FROM** EACH OF THE FOUR COLUMNS BELOW.

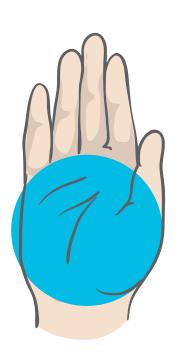
Make your selection based on what you're in the mood for or what's available (or both).





### **PORTION YOUR INGREDIENTS.**

Use the guide below to portion your meal\*\*. (Remember, you can make more than one portion for leftovers the next day).



#### PROTEIN

Women: 1 palm Men: 2 palms



#### VEGETABLES

Women: 1 fist Men: 2 fists



#### CARB

Women: 1 cupped hand Men: 2 cupped hand

#### Adjust portions up or down according to:

- How frequently you eat
- Your size/caloric needs
- Your results
- Appetite and satiety • How frequently you eat



**FAT** Women: 1 thumb Men: 2 thumbs

• How active you are

\*\*For more information, check out our <u>Portion Control Guide</u>.



Add **fresh herbs** to your vegetable, or garnish the whole dish at the end.

Add dried spices to your smart carb.

Squeeze **fresh** citrus juice over your protein.

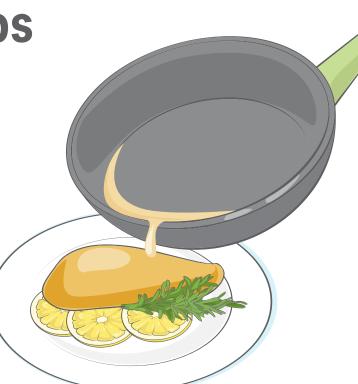


Sprinkle preserved foods and/or chopped nuts over your plate at the end.

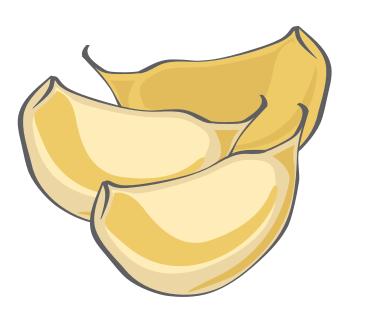


Sauté onions in your pan alongside green vegetables. They add depth of sweetness and texture.

**Additional flavor tips** 

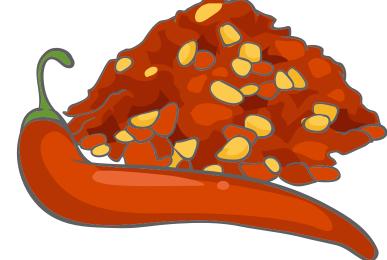


When cooking chicken, pork, or salmon, use any pan drippings



Add garlic cloves (husk on) to your pan while your protein is cooking, or to your roasting pan with vegetables. This makes a flavorful garnish.





Sprinkle dried chile flakes or grate fresh horseradish on your protein. This offers an unexpected kick, building flavor with minimal effort.



### PUT IT ALL ON YOUR PLATE.

Garnish with an additional sprinkle of chopped fresh herbs if desired.

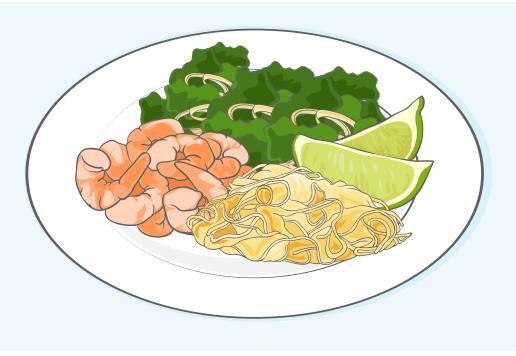


### SAMPLE MEALS

Mix and match these ingredients however you choose. Here are a few combos to get your imagination going.

#### **THAI THREE WAYS**

- Steak with coconut brown rice and bok choy
- Chicken with eggplant, spelt, and peanuts
- Shrimp with kale and spaghetti squash





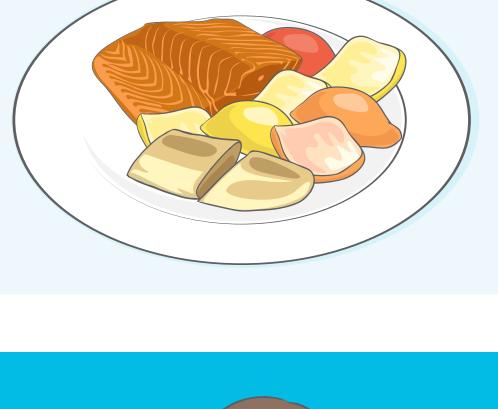
- Chicken with spinach, bulgur, and almonds
- Curried chickpeas with eggplant and yogurt
- Red lentils with Brussels sprouts and sweet potatoes

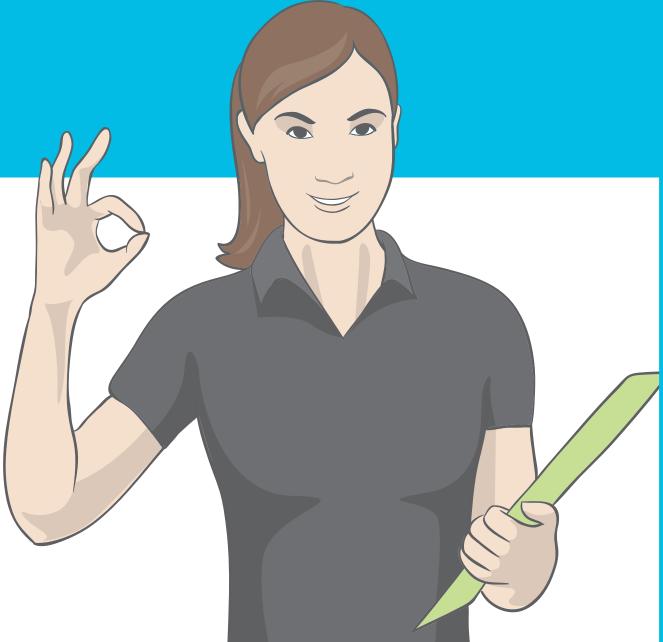
### **MEXICAN THREE WAYS**

- Chicken with spinach and guinoa
- Salmon with bell peppers and plantain
- Beans with carrots, brown rice, and avocado



- IT'S EASY TO DO.
- THE TEMPLATE IS FLEX
- IT'S BASED ON FLAVOR SCIENCE.
- THE MEALS TASTE GREAT.
- THEY'RE GOOD FOR YOU TOO.





# HOW TO MASTER MEAL PREP

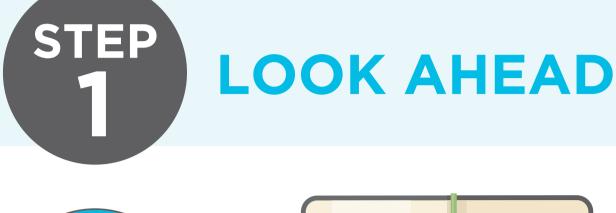
Try the make-ahead strategies used by Precision Nutrition's most successful clients and you'll always have healthy food on hand.

### WHAT A HEALTHY MEAL LOOKS LIKE



### **ON THE WEEKEND**

Prep one-pot meals and versatile ingredients like grilled chicken and roasted veggies.



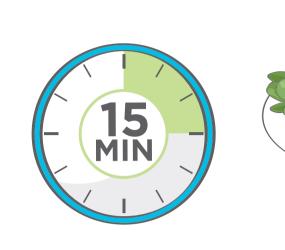




For which busy days in the coming week will you need pre-prepped meals?



Buy the ingredients for for your pre-prepped meals.



STEP



**MAKE A MENU** 

Jot down ideas for your pre-prepped meals. Keep this general; nothing five-star.



Cook time-consuming meal components: chicken, veggies, potatoes, etc.





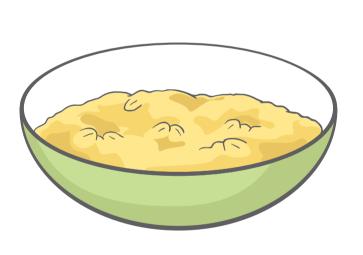
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Pack your prepped food in stackable clear containers and make them accessible in the fridge.

### THE NIGHT BEFORE

Soak hearty foods like whole grains, beans, and oats to save up to an hour of cooking time.

#### **GRAINS**



Dump slow-cooking whole grains (like spelt, barley, or wheat berries) into a large bowl.



Cover them with a couple inches of water.



Leave them on the counter overnight.



Discard soaking water and pour soaked grains into a pot; cover with two inches of fresh water and boil until tender, 15-60 minutes.





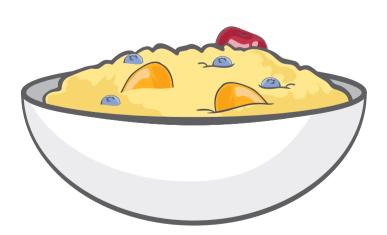
In a jar, combine equal parts rolled oats, milk, and plain yogurt (generally 1/3 - 1/2 cup each).



Mix in healthy toppings like fresh or dried fruit, nuts, seeds, spices and/or protein powder.

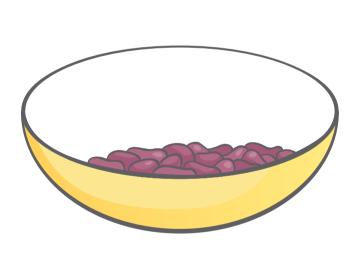


Cover and store in the fridge overnight.

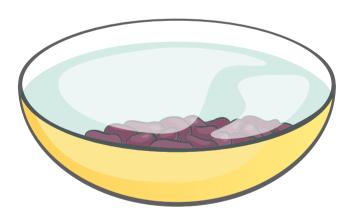


Enjoy for breakfast warm or cold.

### **BEANS**



Pour 1 part beans into a large bowl.



Cover with 4 parts water.



Leave them on the counter overnight.



Discard soaking water and pour 1 part soaked beans into a pot; cover with 3 parts fresh water and boil until tender, 45-60 minutes.

### **IN THE MORNING**

Do quicker prep tasks like washing, chopping, boiling, and toasting.



**WORK WITH YOUR ROUTINE** 



PUT IT ON **THE CALENDAR** 



**PREP IN BULK** 

Pair food prep with a daily activity like your morning coffee, making lunches, or watching the news.

So you won't forget — and you can reschedule if the unexpected comes up. 15 with toasting almonds or minutes should do the trick.

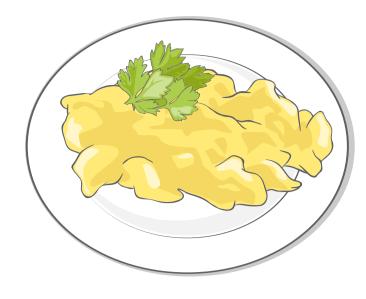
Slicing a few carrots is as fast as slicing one. Same chopping herbs.

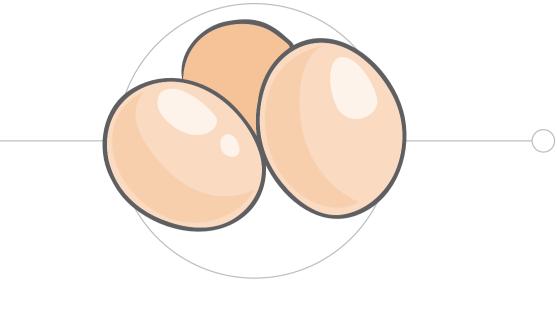
### **TWO FOR ONE**

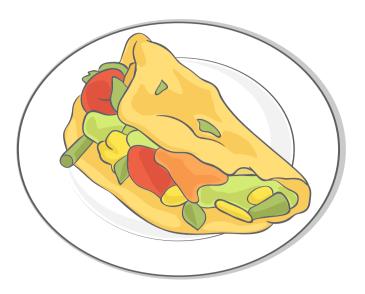
Prep foods that will keep for a day or two, but not longer.

#### BREAKFAST

Scrambling eggs on Monday? Whisk six eggs instead of two, and store the extra liquid for Wednesday's omelettes.

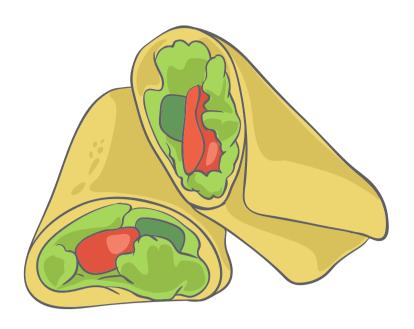


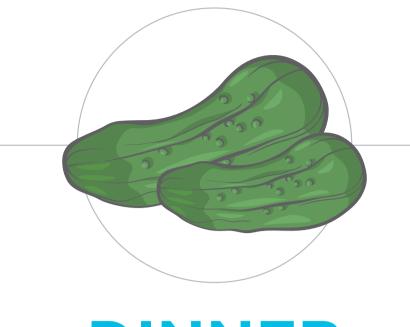


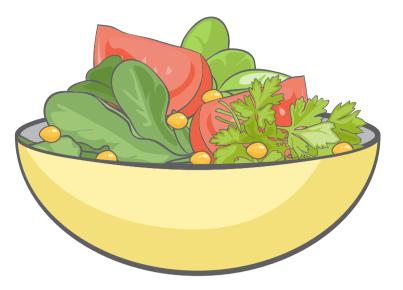


LUNCH

Slice cucumber for today's hummus wrap, and extras for tomorrow's salad.

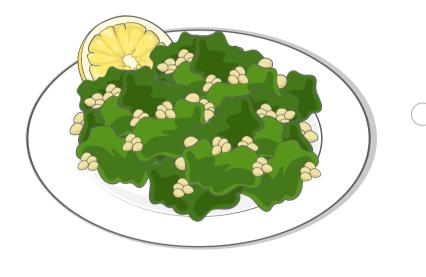




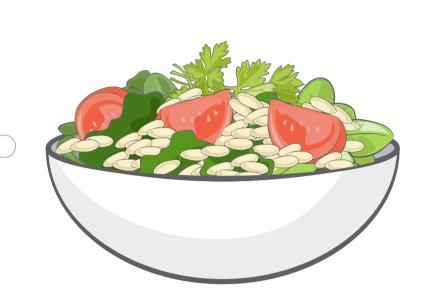


DINNER

Wash and chop kale for tonight's couscous, and extra for tomorrow's orzo salad.







### **INAJAR**

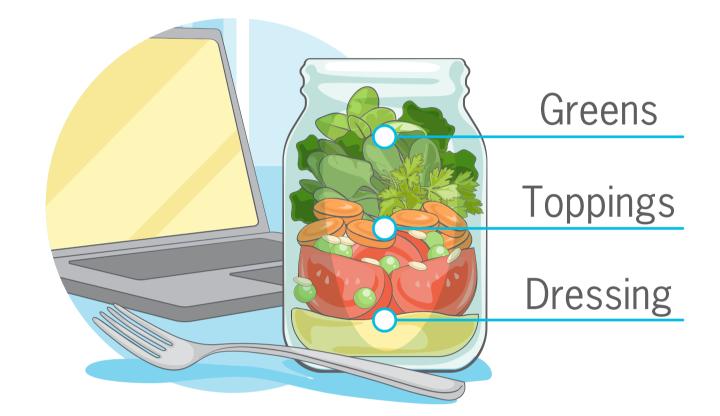
Keep these pre-mixed meals handy at home or work for instant breakfasts and lunches.

#### OATMEAL



In a large jar, combine uncooked oats with toppings like nuts, seeds, dried fruit, and spices. At breakfast time, simply scoop a serving into a pot, add water, and cook.

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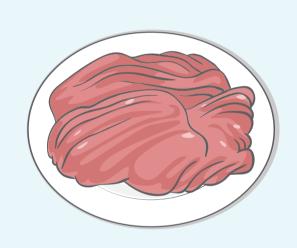


Pour a serving of salad dressing into a large jar. Add toppings like sliced veggies, nuts, and cheese, then top with lettuce. Seal lid and store upright. Shake and eat.

## **DR. JOHN'S CHILI**

Make it on Sunday and keep it in the fridge for fast meals all week long.

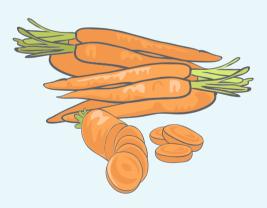
REDIEN



4 lb extra lean ground beef (96%)



1 tsp cumin 2 tsp paprika



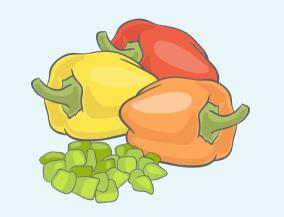
1 lb carrots, peeled and sliced



2 large onions, chopped



1 tsp celery seed 1 tsp fresh ground pepper



4 bell peppers: (green, red, yellow, orange) cut into 1/2-inch squares



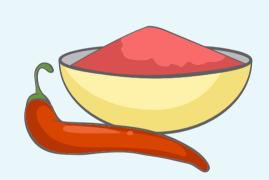
6 garlic cloves, chopped



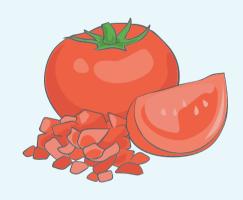
4 (15 1/2 ounce) cans kidney beans, drained and rinsed



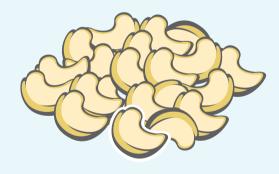
2 (46 oz) bottles vegetable juice, spicy hot



4 tbsp chili powder

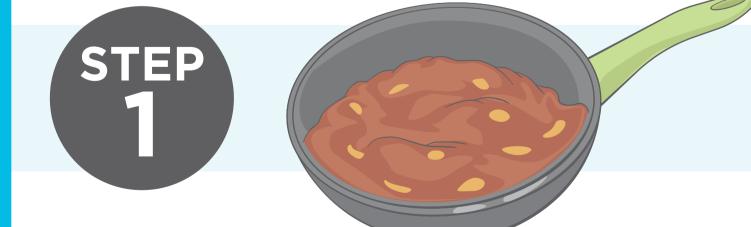


2 large tomatoes, chopped



1/2 cup cashew meal

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

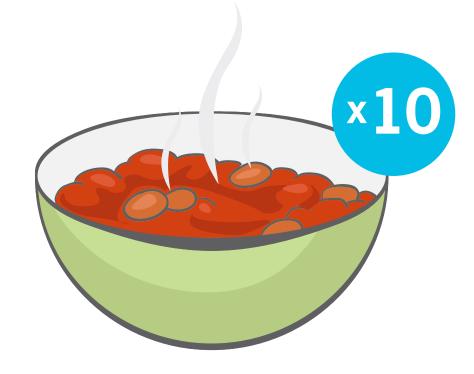


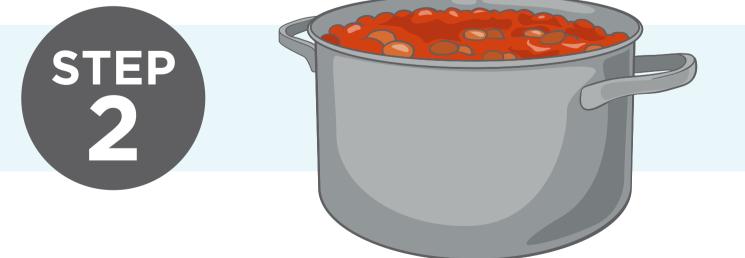
Brown ground beef over high heat with garlic and onions. Add spices and fry for 2 minutes.



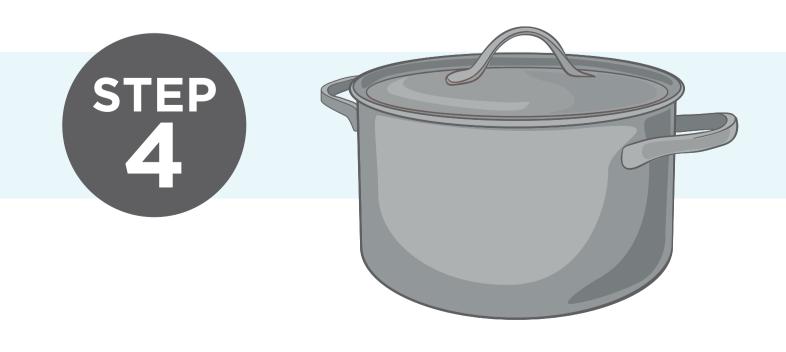


Pulse cashews in a blender until a grainy meal is formed.





Add browned beef, beans, tomatoes, carrots, peppers, and vegetable juice to a very large pot and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to simmer.



Stir cashew meal into chili, cover, and simmer for an additional 30 minutes.

### MAKES 10 SERVINGS.

No need to try all these strategies. Start slow, and do what works for you. Once you get in a rhythm, prepping meals in advance is really easy.

### THE SUPER SHAKE GUIDE: **TURN YOUR BORING PROTEIN SMOOTHIE INTO A SUPER SHAKE**

These unique, nutrient-packed shakes can serve as excellent meal replacements when you're short on time.

### **JUICE-BAR SHAKES VS. SUPER SHAKES**

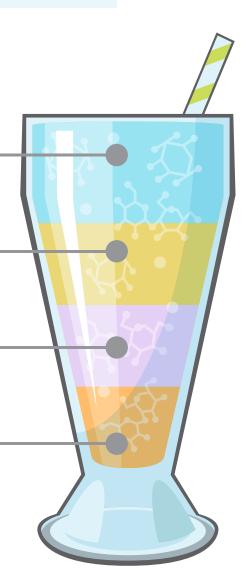
#### **Juice-Bar Shakes**

Contain high levels of sugar

Include low-quality protein sources

Rely heavily on processed ingredients

Use too many artificial components



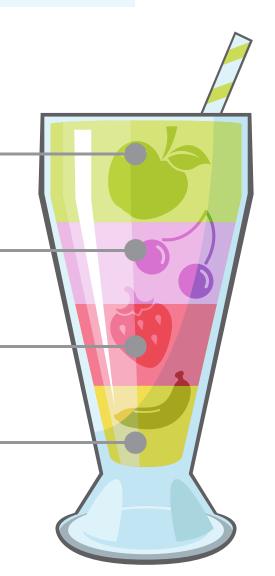
#### **SUPER SHAKES**

Contain minimal sugar and artificial ingredients

Use high-quality protein sources

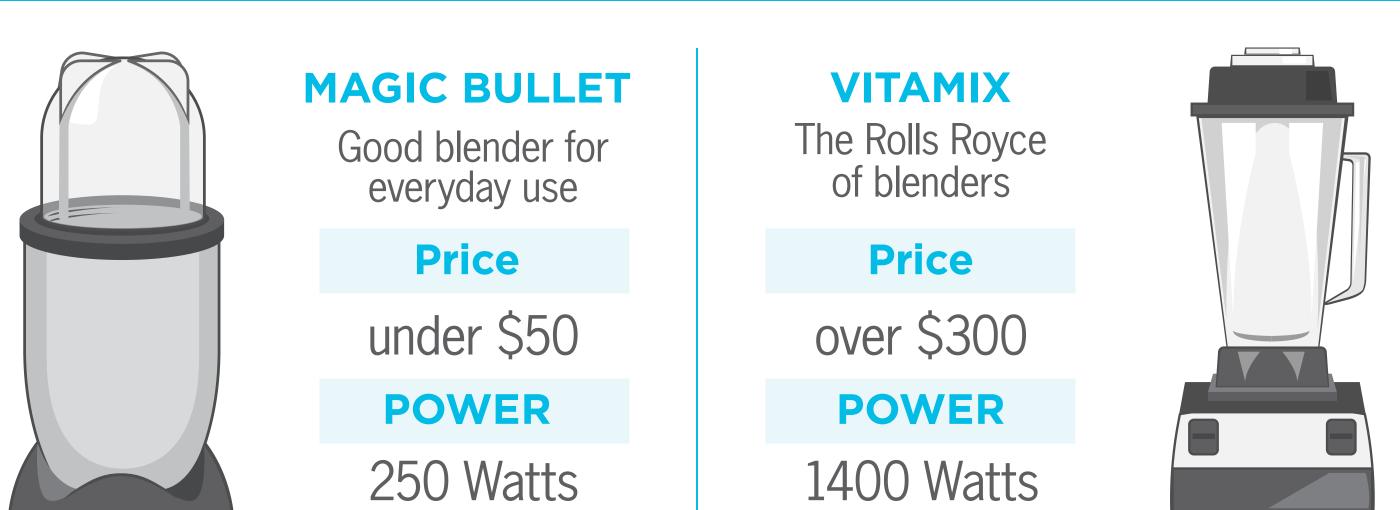
Include whole fruits and vegetables

Provide fiber and healthy fats



### **START WITH A GOOD BLENDER**

Since your Super Shakes will use whole foods and some frozen ingredients, you'll need a powerful machine. Here are two good options.





May wear out after only a few months

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19 oz

#### CAPACITY 64 oz

Comes with a minimum 5-year warranty

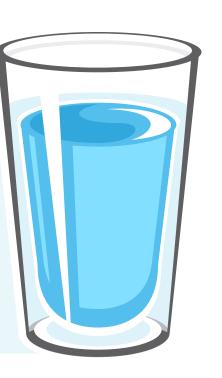
### **STEPS TO MAKING YOUR SUPER SHAKE**

Go through the steps below, selecting one or two items from each category.

### **STEP 1: PICK A LIQUID**

Less liquid = thick shakes More liquid = thin shakes

**4-8** oz is a good starting point for each serving.



• Water

- Almond milk (unsweetened)
- Cow's milk
- Soy milk (unsweetened)
- Hemp milk (unsweetened)
- Iced green tea

### **STEP 2: PICK A PROTEIN POWDER**



- Whey protein
- Casein protein
- Rice protein
- Pea protein
- Hemp protein
- Other proteins or protein blend

Find a protein supplement that tastes good and digests well.

### **STEP 3: PICK A VEGGIE**





- Dark leafy greens: Spinach / Swiss chard / kale
- Pumpkin / sweet potato

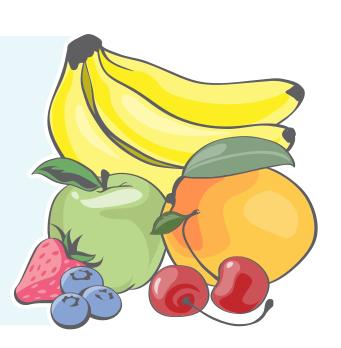
Use raw or roasted veggies.

- Beets / beet greens
- Cucumber / celery
- Powdered greens supplement

Spinach works well in any Super Shake since it's virtually undetectable. Pair canned or roasted pumpkin with vanilla. Try pairing peeled, roasted beets with chocolate. When including celery or cucumber, reduce the amount of liquid you add.

### STEP 4: PICK A FRUIT

1-2 handfuls You can use fresh or frozen fruit.



- Apples
- Bananas
- Berries
- Cherries
- Dates
- Pineapple / mango
- Powdered fruit supplement

Toss in half a banana to give the shake excellent texture. Dates are very sweet. Make sure to get rid of the pit first. Apples provide sweet and tart notes. Simply remove the core and slice.

### **STEP 5: PICK A HEALTHY FAT**

1-2 thumb - sized portions should be sufficient

for each serving.



- Walnuts
- Flax, hemp, chia seeds
- Cashews
- Almonds
- Peanut and nut butters

When blended well, nuts and seeds offer a nice, rich consistency.

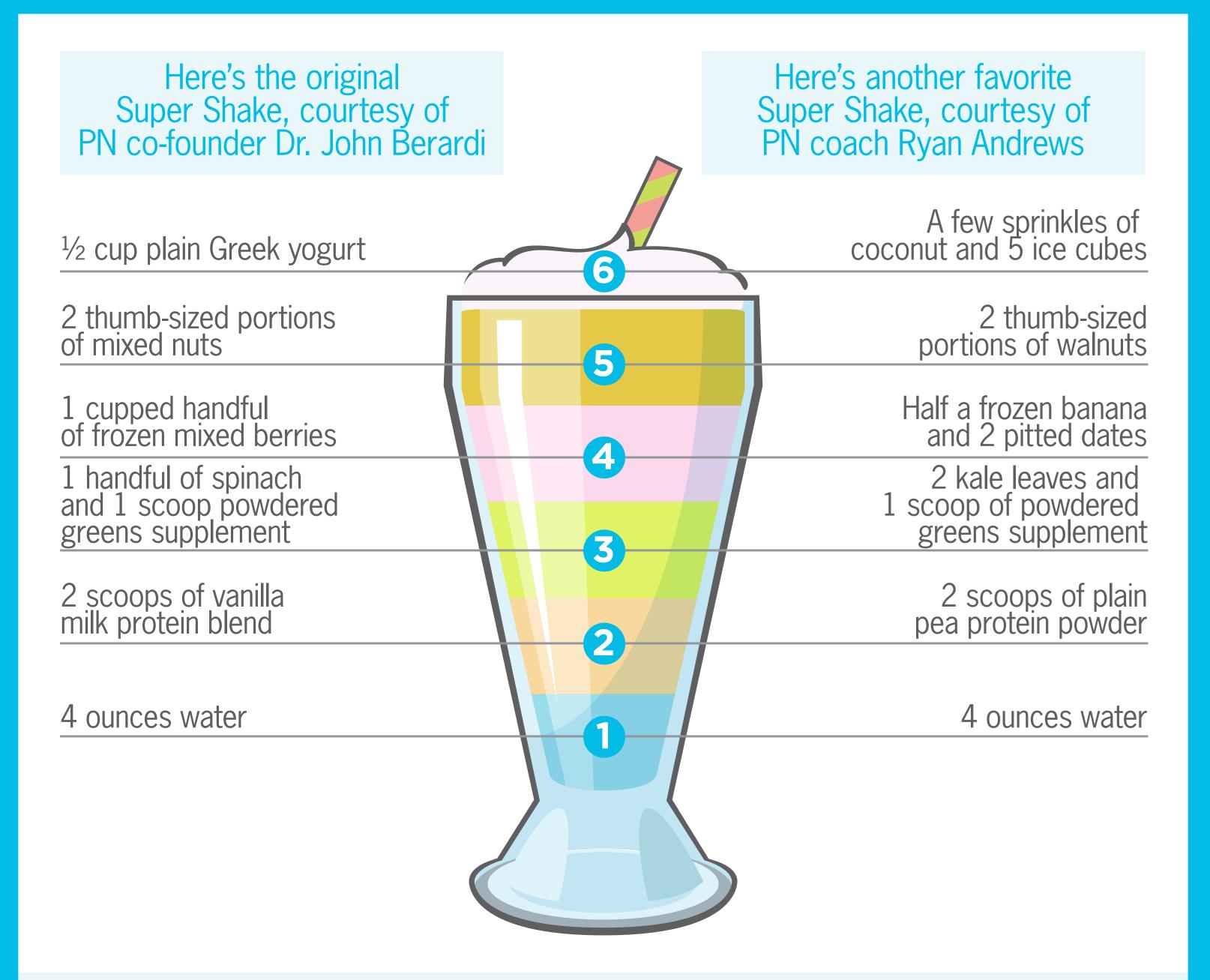
### **STEP 6: PICK A TOPPER**

Try cinnamon with vanilla and pumpkin. Add oats if you need extra carbs. Incorporate yogurt if you want more protein and a smoother texture. With toppers, a little goes a long way.



- Coconut
- Cacao nibs / dark chocolate
- Yogurt
- Oats / granola
- Cinnamon
- Ice (if using fresh fruit)

# **RECIPES FROM THE PROS**



Just remember: Not all of the steps are mandatory. Don't want a topper? Leave it out. Want extra veggies? Add 'em in. Trying to reduce calories? Change the portion sizes. MIX AND MATCH TO FIND THE PERFECT SUPER SHAKE FOR YOU.