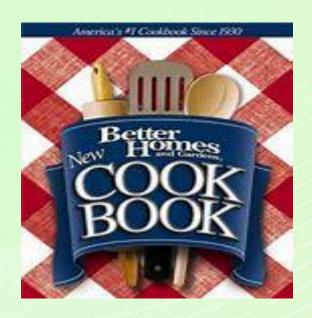


Modifying a Recipe



Tips for making meals that are tasty, as well as healthy.



Modifying Recipes: Lower the calories without affecting the taste!

- Start by changing only one ingredient at a time.
- Decrease the amount of an ingredient such as sugar, fat, or salt <u>OR</u>
- Exchange an ingredient for a lower-calorie option such as non-fat plain Greek yogurt for sour cream.





Ingredients play a specific role in a recipe:

Sugar:

- Provides flavor, tenderness & browning in baked goods.
- Acts as a preservative.
- Helps yeast products rise.

Fat:

- Provides flavor & richness.
- Improves textures & tenderness in baked goods.
- Makes foods smooth & creamy.



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SALT

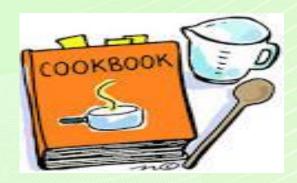


- Adds flavor
- Preserves foods
- Gives texture to certain foods
- Serves as a binder



Modifying Recipes

Can foods still taste good without all the fat, sugar & sodium?



The answer is: YES!!!



<u>Simple Changes: To reduce calories, solid fats, sodium, and added sugars</u>



- Cook with low-fat methods such as baking, broiling, boiling, or microwaving, rather than frying.
- Season foods with herbs, spices, lime or lemon juice, and vinegar rather than salt. Use a salt-free seasoning blend such as Mrs. Dash.
- Use oils and spray oils instead of solid fats like butter and margarine.
- Increase the amount of vegetables and/or fruit in a recipe. (Remember the goal is to fill half of the plate with vegetables and fruits.)
- Take the skin off of poultry before or after cooking.



Simple Changes: To reduce calories, solid fats, sodium, and added sugars (cont'd)



- Reduce the amount of sugar in a recipe by 1/3 1/2. Example: If a recipe calls for 1 cup sugar, use 2/3 cup. To enhance the flavor when sugar is reduced, add vanilla, cinnamon, or nutmeg.
- Replace up to ½ of sugar in baked goods with a sugar substitute which measures cup for cup as sugar such as Splenda Granular. Example: If a recipe calls for 1 cup sugar, use ½ cup sugar & ½ cup Splenda Granular.



Suggestions: On using less fat, choosing healthier fat, & keeping the flavor

Pick healthy fats to give flavor	
Instead of:	<u>Try:</u>
Whole Milk	• Reduced Fat (2%), low-fat (1%) or fat-free milk
Mayonnaise	Light or Fat-Free Mayonnaise or Miracle Whip
Sour Cream Daîsy Sour Cream	Light or Fat-free sour cream OR Non-Fat Plain Greek Yogurt
Cream Cheese	• Light Cream Cheese, Neufchatel Cheese (1/3 less fat)



Cut the fat by:

- ❖ Basting with fat-free broth or fruit juice instead of butter.
- Use plain bread crumbs or crushed cereal instead of buttered ones.
- ❖ If a recipe calls for 1 cup of a fat such as butter, oil, or shortening in baked goods, replace half of the fat with pureed fruits like bananas, dates, prunes or applesauce.

Example: Instead of 1 cup of oil use ½ cup oil and ½ cup pureed bananas







Cut the fat by using:

- 1% or fat-free cottage cheese instead of 4% milk fat cottage cheese
- 90% or leaner ground beef, ground turkey or chicken breast without the skin (cooked and drained)
- One pie crust instead of two or a graham cracker crust
- 2 egg whites or ¼ cup of egg substitutes egg whites instead of 1 whole egg



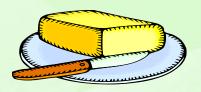






Healthier margarine and butter products:

- Tub margarine (Trans fat free) or
- Light Margarine



NOTE: Soft tub margarine or light margarine does not work well in baked products.



Add flavor: Use less salt!!!

Lower Salt Intake Not Taste	
Instead of:	<u>Try:</u>
Buying prepared meals and other processed foods	Making meals at home using fresh lean meats and fresh frozen or low sodium canned vegetables
Eating frozen or delivery pizza	Making veggie pizza at home using fresh vegetables, a small amount of cheese, and no-salt added tomato sauce
Choosing regular canned vegetables Note: If you have canned vegetables with a higher amount of sodium on hand at home pour off the liquid, rinse the vegetables and add water for cooking.	 Buying fresh veggies or frozen vegetables without sauces. Note: May use herbs to add flavor.
Adding salt to foods for flavor	Seasoning with herbs, spices, chilies, lime or lemon juice and vinegar



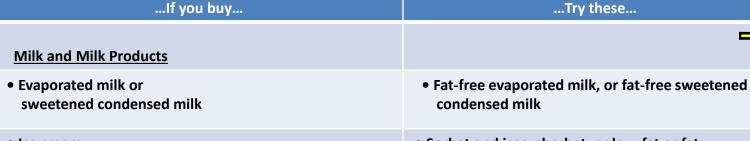
Add flavor: Lower sugar content

Lower sugar intake not the taste	
Instead of	Try
Choosing sweet breakfast cereals	 Choosing whole-grain cereals that don't have frostings or added sugars Choosing plain fat-free, light yogurt, or Greek yogurt. Add fresh fruit and a few almonds for extra flavor and crunch
Drinking sugary soft drinks and juice drinks	Drinking water or unsweetened tea with lemon
Eating big portions of sweet desserts	 Eating a piece of fresh fruit Splitting a small dessert with a friend
Choosing canned fruit packed in syrup	 Choosing canned fruit in natural juices Choosing fresh or No Sugar Added frozen fruit



New ideas for old favorites

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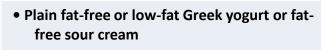




Sour cream

• Ice cream

• Sorbet and ices, sherbet, or low-fat or fatfree frozen yogurt





- Cream cheese

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- Cheese (cheddar, Swiss, Monterey

 Reduced-fat or fat-free cheese, part-skim, low-calorie processed cheeses, etc.
- Regular (4%) cottage cheese Fat-free or low-fat (1%) cottage cheese
- Whole-milk ricotta cheese Part-skim milk ricotta cheese
- Coffee cream (½ and ½) or nondairy creamer Low-fat (1%) or nonfat dry milk powder









If you buy	try these
Cereals, Grains, and Pastas	
Pasta with white sauce (Alfredo)	Whole grain pasta with red sauce (marinara)
Pasta with cheese sauce	Whole grain pasta with vegetables (primavera)
White rice or pasta	Brown rice or whole grain pasta





Tips for healthier food choices

If you buy	try these
Meats, Fish, and Poultry	
Cold cuts or lunch meats (bologna, salami, liverwurst, etc.)	Low-fat/reduced sodium cold cuts (turkey, chicken)
Bacon or sausage	Canadian bacon or lean ham
Regular ground beef	Extra-lean ground beef or lean ground turkey
Beef chuck, rib, brisket	Beef round or loin (trimmed of external fat)
Frozen breaded fish or fried fish (homemade or commercial	Fish or shellfish, unbreaded (fresh, frozen, or canned in water)
Chorizo sausage	Turkey sausage or vegetarian sausage



Instead of...try these

If you buy	try these
Baked Goods	
Croissants or brioches	Whole grain rolls
Doughnuts, sweet rolls, muffins, scones, or pastries	Whole grain English muffins, bagels, homemade muffins incorporating recipe modification to lower fat & sugar
Party crackers or cookies	• Saltine or soda crackers, pretzels, whole grain crackers (choose lower in sodium), graham crackers, ginger snaps, or fig bars
Frosted cake or pound cake	Angel food cake or gingerbread
Miscellaneous	
Canned cream soups	• Canned broth-based soups (low sodium)
Gravy (homemade with fat and/or milk)	Gravy mixes made with water or homemade gravy with fat-free milk with the fat skimmed off the top









...Healthier substitutions when cooking...

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