# 3 WEEKS OF EASY DINNERS

# BETTER THAN TAKEOUT COLLECTION







Hold the phone (or app)! Use the 3-week meal plan within this guide along with the Better Than Takeout Collection edition of 3 Weeks of Easy Dinners to bring the convenient deliciousness of better-for-you takeout right into your own kitchen...ready in 20 minutes! The weekly grocery lists break down what you need and have easy swaps to help you shop smarter and find ingredients to suit your family's taste. Get the balanced nutrition you need in every meal by following the Perfectly Balanced Plate suggestions provided throughout this guide showing you what's required (veggies, lean protein, complex carbs, healthy fats). To help you elevate your weekly meal prep game, we've also included some simple, tried-and-true, time-saving tips!

**Prep ahead!** Make the most out of your kitchen's bounty. See what's already in your pantry, fridge, and freezer—along with the swap suggestions—to maximize your meal prep and budget.

**Have tasty leftovers?** Cook once, eat twice! Transform any of these meals into delicious next day lunches.

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Follow the links to get your recipe for each meal. You'll also find tips there on how to perfectly balance your plate.



Prices are in CAD/USD based on average grocery store costs.

# **WEEK 1** GROCERY LIST

Add the suggested toppers, condiments, and sides of your choosing (noted in the recipe on each pack) to your grocery list.











PANTRY STAPLES	PRODUCE	PROTEIN
□ 5 tbsp oil: ■ 3 tbsp (General Tao Chicken) ■ 1 tbsp (Creamy Pesto Parmesan Chicken) ■ 1 tbsp (Pad Thai) □ ¼ cup cornstarch (General Tao Chicken) □ ¼ cup soy sauce, preferably low-sodium: ■ 2 tbsp (General Tao Chicken) ■ 2 tbsp (Pad Thai) □ 3 tbsp tomato paste (Enchiladas)   Tip: Purchase tomato paste in	<ul> <li>□ 4 bell peppers:</li> <li>□ 2 (General Tao Chicken)</li> <li>□ 2 (Pad Thai)</li> <li>□ 1½ limes   Swap: Bottled lime juice</li> <li>□ 1 (Pad Thai)</li> <li>□ ½ (Enchiladas)</li> <li>□ 4 cups baby spinach (Creamy Pesto Parmesan Chicken)</li> <li>□ 2 cups bean sprouts (Pad Thai)   Swap: Baby spinach</li> </ul>	□ 2 eggs (Pad Thai) □ 3 lbs (1.36 kg) whole chicken (Rotisserie Chicken) □ 1½ lbs (675 g) boneless, skinless chicken breasts: ■ 1 lb/450 g (General Tao Chicken) ■ ½ lb/225 g (Pad Thai) □ 1 lb (450 g) chicken breast fillets (Creamy Pesto Parmesan Chicken) □ 2 cans (14 oz/398 ml each) unsalted black beans (Enchiladas)
a tube; squeeze only what you need!	DAIRY	OTHER
☐ 2 tbsp ketchup (General Tao Chicken) ☐ 1 tsp coconut oil (Enchiladas)   Swap: Olive oil	<ul> <li>□ 1½ cups milk, your choice (Creamy Pesto Parmesan Chicken)</li> <li>□ ¾ cup grated cheese (Enchiladas)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>1 pkg (14 oz/400 g rice noodles (Pad Thai)</li> <li>4 medium tortillas (Enchiladas)</li> </ul>

**MAKE IT A PERFECTLY BALANCED PLATE:** This week add rice, carrots or cucumbers, extra bell peppers and spinach.

#### **SUNDAY PREP TIPS:**

- After shopping, prep fresh produce as you unpack.
- Wash, chop, slice, and store raw veggies. Store in 4-Cup Prep Bowl and Prep Bowls.
- Cook rice in Multipurpose Steamer. Store in 4-Cup Prep Bowl.

# **WEEK 2** GROCERY LIST

Add the suggested toppers, condiments, and sides of your choosing (noted in the recipe on each pack) to your grocery list.











PANTRY STAPLES	PRODUCE	PROTEIN
<ul> <li>Soy sauce, preferably low-sodium:</li> <li>■ 2 tbsp (Beef &amp; Broccoli Stir-Fry)</li> <li>■ 2 tbsp (Sweet &amp; Sour Stir-Fry)</li> <li>■ 1 tsp (Thai Red Curry)</li> <li>White vinegar:</li> <li>■ ½ cup (Pulled Pork)</li> <li>■ 2 tbsp (Sweet &amp; Sour Stir-Fry)</li> <li>□ 1 can (14 oz/398 ml) coconut milk, preferably light (Thai Red Curry)</li> <li>□ 1 can (14 oz/398 ml) pineapple chunks (Sweet &amp; Sour Stir-Fry)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>         ↓ lime (Thai Red Curry)     </li> <li>         ↓ cups broccoli florets         (Beef &amp; Broccoli Stir-Fry)         Swap: Frozen broccoli         florets     </li> <li>         ₃ cups mixed vegetables,         your choice (Thai Red         Curry)     </li> <li>         ₂ cups snap peas (Sweet         &amp; Sour Stir-Fry)   Swap:         Frozen green beans     </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ 5 lbs (2.5 kg) boneless pork shoulder or butt roast (Pulled Pork)</li> <li>□ 2 lbs (900 g) boneless, skinless chicken breasts:</li> <li>□ 1 lb/450 g (Sweet &amp; Sour Stir-Fry)</li> <li>□ 1 lb/450 g (Thai Red Curry)</li> <li>□ 1½ lbs (675 g) lean ground beef (Tacos)   Swap: Ground chicken, turkey, or meatless substitute</li> <li>□ 1 lb (450 g) thinly sliced beef strips (Beef &amp; Broccoli Stir-Fry)   Swap: Lean ground beef or firm tofu</li> </ul>
☐ 1 cup ketchup (Pulled Pork)		OTHER
□ 5 tbsp oil: ■ 3 tbsp (Sweet & Sour Stir-Fry) ■ 2 tbsp (Beef & Broccoli Stir-Fry) □ ¼ cup cornstarch (Sweet & Sour Stir-Fry) □ ¼ cup brown sugar (Pulled Pork)		□ <b>12 taco shells</b> (Tacos)

**MAKE IT A PERFECTLY BALANCED PLATE:** This week add rice, buns, avocados (to make guacamole and serve with **Tacos**), coleslaw (to serve with **Pulled Pork**, if desired), and extra broccoli.

#### **SUNDAY PREP TIPS:**

- After shopping, prep fresh produce as you unpack.
- Wash, chop, slice, and store raw veggies. Store in 4-Cup Prep Bowl and Prep Bowls.
- Cook rice in Multipurpose Steamer. Store in 4-Cup Prep Bowl.

# **WEEK 3** GROCERY LIST

Add the suggested toppers, condiments, and sides of your choosing (noted in the recipe on each pack) to your grocery list.











PANTRY STAPLES	PRODUCE	PROTEIN
□ 1 can (14 oz/398 ml) coconut milk, preferably light (Butter Chicken) □ ½ can (14 oz/398 ml) crushed tomatoes (Butter Chicken) □ 4 cups uncooked pasta, your choice (Pasta Alfredo) □ ¼ cup white vinegar (Buffalo Wings) □ 2 tbsp brown sugar (Buffalo Wings) □ 1 tbsp ketchup (Buffalo Wings) □ 1 tsp sesame oil (Crispy & Crunchy Lettuce Wraps)	<ul> <li>□ 16 lettuce leaves, about         1 head (Crispy &amp; Crunchy         Lettuce Wraps)   Tip: Try         romaine, butter or iceberg         lettuce</li> <li>□ 2 bell peppers (Crispy &amp;         Crunchy Lettuce Wraps)</li> <li>□ 2 tomatoes (Donair)</li> <li>□ 1½ onions:         ■ 1 large (Butter Chicken)</li> <li>■ ½, preferably red (Donair)</li> <li>□ ½ English cucumber         (Donair)</li> <li>□ ½ head romaine (Donair)         Swap: Leafy green or red         lettuce</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ 2 lbs (900 g) boneless, skinless chicken breasts (Butter Chicken)</li> <li>□ 2 lbs (900 g) chicken wings (Buffalo Wings) Swap: Chicken breast fillets</li> <li>□ 2 lbs (900 g) lean ground beef (Donair)</li> <li>□ 1 lb (450 g) ground pork (Crispy &amp; Crunchy Lettuce Wraps)</li> </ul>
1 tsp soy sauce, preferably low-sodium	DAIRY	OTHER
(Crispy & Crunchy Lettuce Wraps)	<ul> <li>□ 1½ cups milk, your choice (Pasta Alfredo)</li> <li>□ ½ cup 2% plain Greek yogurt (Butter Chicken)</li> <li>□ 1 tbsp butter (Butter Chicken)</li> </ul>	□ <b>10 wholewheat pitas</b> (Donair)

**MAKE IT A PERFECTLY BALANCED PLATE:** This week add rice, green beans, extra lettuce, bell peppers, sour cream and mayonnaise (for dip), olive oil and vinegar (for dressing).

#### **SUNDAY PREP TIPS:**

- After shopping, prep fresh produce as you unpack.
- Wash lettuce and dry well. Wrap in paper towel; place in a baggie or storage container. Refrigerate in crisper drawer. Replace towel when damp.
- Wash, chop, slice, and store raw veggies. Store in 4-Cup Prep Bowl and Prep Bowls.
- Cook rice in Multipurpose Steamer. Store in 4-Cup Prep Bowl.
- Make and store your favourite Epicure dressing using **Funnel** and **Cruet**.
- Make and store your favourite Epicure dip.