

Food Trend: Managing Meal Complexity From Kitchen to Kit



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Knowing where to start with meal prepping is daunting. How much do you need? What are the right amounts of carbs or fats? Can you *really* eat that? Our system is so intricate that even the most hardcore students of the body–nutritionists, dietitians, and personal trainers–couldn't tell you what will be right for your personal diet. Finding the time to plan and cook meals every night is hard when you're busy. And, who wants to waste money on eating out for each meal? In comes meal kits: a friendly answer for the young and old alike. The meal kits [food trend](#) makes the complexity of food simple with pre-measured ingredients and portions.

When the cooking and preparation feels like an unnecessary hassle, check out this meal kit food trend as an alternative to classic meal prep in your home.

Bottom line: meal prep is an individual choice when it comes to following [food advice](#) and [diet tips](#). If cooking relaxes you then it might be the way to go. But, if you find yourself overwhelmed with all the possibilities and ever-changing health dialogue, that's a great reason to consider meal kits.

1. Built-in portion control: Purchasing meal kits will ensure that you're eating the right amount of food. It can be painful to break out the measuring cup for every aspect of your meal and this way you won't have to.

2. Nutrition to a T: Check to make sure your meal kits are sought over by a nutritionist or dietitian and it'll make nutrition simple. Instead of doing the guesswork after a long day at the office, leave it to the professionals to find balance in your meal.

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3. There's a chance you could lose weight: This isn't always the case. If you're used to eating junk food in high portions, switching to a measured and nutritious system could help you shed some pounds.

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4. Exotic flavors: Meal kits bring an exciting twist to what would've been plain pasta night. There are hundreds of

different flavors from exotic origins to try. In one week you could span the food global from Italy to China.

5. It's just less work: Planning, shopping, prepping, cooking, and cleaning can be overwhelming if you aren't used to doing it. Busy Millennials with no time to aging Boomers losing dexterity could use a simple and easy solution to the necessity that is eating.

Are you going to try meal kits? Share why or why not in the comments below!

Food Trend: Poke Bowls & How To Make Them





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Right now, the hottest new [food trend](#) is poke bowls. Poke means “to slice or cut” in Hawaiian and the bowls consist of cubed raw, marinated fish on top of rice and topped with tasty vegetables and sauces. This dish has been around for centuries in Hawaii and it’s a delicious, healthy and unique meal you’ve got to try out. Now, you can pick up a Poke bowl at your local poke bar, Hawaiian restaurant or health food store. But, why not make it at home? We’ve got the [diet tips](#) to help you make the perfect poke bowl.

Check out our tips on how to build your own poke bowl!

1. Pick a base: Start out your bowl with a base. You can choose from jasmine rice, bamboo rice, white sushi rice, soba noodles, leafy greens or zucchini noodles.

2. Protein: Next, you want to top your bowl with some protein. Typically, the best choice is fresh raw fish, typically tuna. Cut your fillet lengthwise and work against the grain to cut

the fish into 1/2 inch strips. Then cut those strips crosswise into 1/2 inch pieces. If raw fish isn't your thing, opt for tofu or shrimp instead.

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3. Seasoning: Mix your protein with some seasonings to enhance the flavor of your meal. Sprinkle in some scallions, sea salt or sesame seeds.

4. Dressing: If you really want to accent the flavor of your fish, add salty sauces like soy sauce, shoyu, ponzu or spicy black-bean paste.

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5. Add some crunch: To finish off your bowl, add some extra toppings to give more crunch to your meal. You can add fresh fruits and vegetables like avocados, onion, garlic, bean sprouts or edamame. Or, you can add some roasted peanuts, shiitake mushrooms, wasabi peas, or jalapeños for some extra flavor.

Have any more tips on how to make the perfect poke bowl? Comment below!

Food Trend: Fermented Products



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The latest [food trend](#) that has been an essential part of many [celebrity diets](#) is fermented food products. Food becomes fermented by letting it sit and steep until the sugars and carbs become bacteria-boosting agents. Carbohydrates are converted to alcohol or organic acids using microorganisms such as yeast or bacteria. Not only does fermentation help to preserve food like vegetables, but it produces food products that aid digestion, support your immune system and improve your skin health and your mood. Fermented foods are a great source of probiotics that provide beneficial bacteria to help improve your gut health. Luckily for you, we have a list of some great fermented food products to include into your diet.

Try out the fermented food trend

with these products!

1. Kombucha: This is what might be the holy grail of fermented food products. Kombucha is an incredibly popular beverage right now among health and fitness junkies. This drink is a fermented mixture of black tea and natural sugar. Kombucha becomes carbonated after fermentation and contains vinegar, B-vitamins, enzymes, probiotics and a high concentration of acid. The benefits of this drink are that it improves digestion, aids weight loss, detoxes the body, increases energy, supports the immune system, minimizes joint pain and helps prevent cancer.

2. Pickles: Who doesn't love a good sour pickle on the side of your favorite deli sandwich? If you do, you're in luck, because pickles contain vitamins and minerals, antioxidants and gut-friendly bacteria. Make sure to purchase organic pickles to get the full benefits of the salty snack.

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3. Miso: Miso is a paste made from fermented soybeans and barley, brown rice or koji (a fungus). You might be familiar with this product as it's often used in the yummy Japanese broth of Miso soup. Some benefits of miso are that it has anti-aging properties, supports the immune system, lowers the risk of cancer, helps maintain healthy skin, promotes a healthy nervous system and improves bone health.

4. Yogurt: Probiotic yogurt is one of the most popular fermented dairy products. Yogurt brands that contain billions of active cultures can support digestion, healthy skin and blood pressure. Try to avoid yogurts that contain sugars!

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5. Sauerkraut: Yes, sauerkraut is a popular hot dog topping, but it also is an extremely healthy fermented food. This product is made from fermented cabbage and is high in dietary fiber, vitamin A, vitamin C, vitamin K, vitamin B, iron, copper, calcium, sodium, manganese and magnesium. Sauerkraut can aid circulation, increase digestive health, fight inflammation and strengthen your bones.

Do you know any more delicious fermented foods? Comment below!

Celebrity Diet: 5 Diet Tips Tried & Tested By Your Favorite Celebs





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Celebrities constantly look perfectly in shape, but it's no surprise in this day in age – especially because it seems as though every star has their personal nutritionalist and private trainer. If you're looking to get in shape, looking to your favorite celebs might not be the worst idea. Stars are constantly trying out the newest fad diets and exercise classes, so why not try out some of these celeb-approved diet tips?

If you're frustrated with your current diet, never fear – Cupid has some diet tips that have been tested by your favorite celebs guaranteed to help you during your weight loss journey!

1. Bridal-body boot camp: Pippa Middleton, who is newly

married to longtime sweetheart James Matthews, took getting ready for her wedding day very seriously. She trained five days a week, focusing on Pilates and cardio, and even eliminated alcohol from her diet.

2. Girl squad boot camp: Former First Lady Michelle Obama recently shared on Instagram that she hosts boot camp weekends for her and her close girlfriends. The girl squad doesn't care about their varying levels of fitness, but rather enjoyed doing the workouts together. Obama revealed that elbow planks, crunches, leg raises, and lunges are only some of the exercises they do together.

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3. Box it out: Hailey Baldwin's body is no joke, and boxing may be the reasoning behind her killer abs! Baldwin shared a video of her intense workout at Rumble Boxing in NYC, where she showed off her moves, including jabs, ducks, crosses, and uppercuts. Boxing is a high-intensity workout that's guaranteed to leave you sore the next day, but also help build up your strength – sign us up!

4. Healthy lifestyle, healthy mind: Ayesha Curry, wife to basketball star Steph Curry, went into detail about her weight loss journey and how she was able to lose 20 pounds without going on a diet. She revealed that she is not one to completely alter her lifestyle, but rather indulge in moderation – something her nutritionalist advised her to do. "I think the key to a happy, healthy lifestyle is being happy and healthy in your mind." Despite this, Curry *did* workout like crazy and is a huge SoulCycle fan.

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5. Vary your workouts: Shakira is practically known for her amazing hips, and she shared her secret to staying fit even

when you have a thousand things going on – varying your workouts! Shakira tries her best to stay active as frequently as possible, but she doesn't do the same workouts all the time. By switching it up, she's using different parts of her body and slowly toning them, enabling her to have a killer body.

What are your favorite diet tips? Share your thoughts below.