

Slow Cooker Classic Plan For Two

Sample Plan

Meals: Side dishes are in ITALICS	Ingredients:	Instructions:
Meal 1 Slow Cooker One-Pot Chicken Dinner Mixed Green Salad and Bacon and Cheese Crescent Rolls Prep Cook Total 10m 8h 8h 10m	1 lb small red potatoes 4 carrots, cut into 2-inch pieces 1 sweet onion, quartered ½ cup sliced celery ¼ cup chicken broth 1 lb boneless skinless chicken thighs ½ Tbsp poultry seasoning ½ (10-oz) bag mixed salad greens 1 carrot, shredded ¼ cup favorite salad dressing 1 (4-oz) can refrigerated crescent rolls 1 slice provolone cheese, cut into 4 pieces 2 slices fully cooked bacon, chopped	Place potatoes, carrots, onion, and celery in a 4-quart slow cooker; add broth. Arrange chicken thighs over vegetables and sprinkle with poultry seasoning. Cover, and cook on LOW 8 hours or until chicken is tender; season to taste. Toss salad and carrots with dressing just before serving. Unroll crescent rolls on a baking sheet. Place 1 slice cheese and about 1 Tbsp bacon in center of each crescent. Roll up to competely enclose cheese and bacon. Bake according to package directions; serve hot.
Cheesy Ground Beef Sandwiches French Fries with Spicy Dipping Sauce Prep Cook Total 15m 9h 9h 15m	2 lb ground chuck 1 sweet onion, chopped ½ Tbsp garlic powder ½ tsp salt, 1 tsp pepper 1 (8-oz) pkg velveeta cheese, cubed 2 Tbsp chicken broth 2 to 3 hoagie rolls, split and toasted 1 tomato, thinly sliced 1 cup fresh baby spinach Optional toppings: ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise	Cook ground chuck in a large skillet over medium heat until beef is browned and crumbly; drain and transfer to a 5- to 7-quart slow cooker. Stir in onions, garlic powder, salt and pepper. Add cheese and broth, stirring to combine. Cover, and cook on LOW 7 to 9 hours or until beef mixture is creamy. (Reserve half of beef mixture for Cheeseburger Pizza recipe.) Serve remainder of meat mixture on toasted rolls with sliced tomatoes, spinach, ketchup, mustard and mayonnaise, if desired.
	 ½ (32-oz) pkg frozen French fries ¼ cup mayonnaise ¼ cup ketchup 1 Tbsp whole-grain mustard ½ tsp Creole seasoning ½ tsp Worcestershire sauce 	Prepare fries according to pkg directions. Stir together mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard, Creole seasoning, and Worcestershire sauce in a small bowl. Serve with fries.
Meal 3 Slow Cooker Ham and Bean Soup Cheesy Garlic Biscuits Prep Cook Total 10m 8h 8h 10m	1 (32-oz) carton chicken broth 2 (15-oz) cans great Northern beans, rinsed and drained 1 (14.5-oz) cans diced tomatoes with Italian seasoning 1 (6-oz) pkg smoked ham, chopped 1 cup chopped carrots ½ cup chopped sweet onion ½ cup sliced celery 4 cups fresh baby spinach	Combine all ingredients except spinach in a 4-quart slow cooker; cover, and cook on LOW 8 hours. Stir in spinach just before serving; let stand until wilted. Prepare biscuits according to package directions.
	1 (7.75-oz) pkg cheese-and-garlic biscuit mix	



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Meal 4 Kid-Friendly Bacon Cheeseburger Pizza Sliced Apples Prep Cook Total 15m 20m 35m	1 (11-oz) can refrigerated pizza dough 2 Tbsp ketchup 2 Tbsp mustard Reserved beef mixture (from Cheesy Ground Beef Sandwiches recipe) 6 slices fully cooked bacon, chopped 1 (8-oz) pkg shredded Cheddar cheese 1 (8-oz) bag shredded lettuce 1/4 cup dill pickle chips 1/2 cup halved grape tomatoes 2 Tbsp Ranch salad dressing 1 Gala apple, cored and sliced	Preheat oven to 400°F; spray a large baking sheet with cooking spray. Unroll pizza crust on pan; bake 5 minutes. Combine ketchup and mustard; spread over crust. Divide beef mixture over crust, leaving a 1-inch border; sprinkle with bacon and cheese. Bake 10 to 12 minutes until crust is browned and cheese is melted. Top with lettuce, pickles, and tomatoes; drizzle with Ranch dressing. Serve apple slices with pizza.	
Meal 5 Slow Cooker Savory Beef Brisket and Onions		Sprinkle brisket with salt and pepper. Place half of onions in a 4-quart slow cooker. Top with brisket and remaining onions. Sprinkle with garlic. Add broth, Worcestershire sauce, and soy sauce. Cover and cook on LOW 10 to 12 hours or until brisket is very tender. (Shred 1½ cups brisket for Brisket, Roasted Corn, and Avocado Salad recipe.) Slice remaining brisket, and serve with onions. Note: Cook the brisket overnight in the slow cooker. Refrigerate during the day, then skim congealed fat from cooker, and reheat brisket on HIGH for 30 minutes or until thoroughly heated.	
Sour Cream Mashed Potatoes and Green Beans Prep Cook Total 20m 10h 10m 10h 30m	1 lb small red potatoes, quartered ¼ cup sour cream 3 Tbsp butter 2 cups frozen green beans		
		Bring potatoes and water to cover to a boil in a large saucepan over medium-high heat; reduce heat, and simmer 10 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Drain; return to pan. Mash potatoes to desired consistency with sour cream and butter; season to taste. Cook green beans according to package directions; season to taste.	
Chicken Philly Cheesesteak Sandwiches Mixed Greens and Apple Salad	1 green bell pepper, sliced ½ sweet onion, sliced 2 cloves garlic, minced 1 cup chicken broth ½ (1-oz) packet dry Italian seasoning mix 2 to 3 hoagie rolls 4 to 6 slices provolone cheese	Place chicken in a 4-quart slow cooker; top with green pepper, onion, garlic and chicken broth. Sprinkle with dry Italian seasoning mix. Cover and cook on LOW 8 hours. Shred chicken in slow cooker and mix well. Split hoagie rolls and place 2 slices cheese on one side of each roll. Broil, 1 to 2 minutes, until lightly browned and cheese has melted. Top with chicken mixture and serve.	
Prep Cook Total 20m 6h 6h 20m	 1/2 (10-oz) pkg mixed salad greens 1 Gala apple, diced 1 cup sliced celery 3 Tbsp olive oil 2 Tbsp balsamic vinegar 1/4 tsp garlic salt 	Combine salad, apples, and celery in a large bowl. Whisk together olive oil, vinegar and garlic salt; drizzle over salad, and toss to combine.	



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Meal 7	Crowd-Pleaser	2 cups frozen corn 1 Tbsp olive oil	Preheat oven to 400°F. Toss together corn and oil on a rimmed baking sheet; spread in a	
Brisket, Roasted Corn, and Avocado Salad Tortilla Chips		1 (10-oz) pkg chopped romaine lettuce 1 avocado, peeled, pitted, and chopped 1 (15-oz) can black beans, rinsed and drained 1½ cups halved grape tomatoes Reserved 1½ cups cooked shredded brisket (from Savory Beef Brisket and Onions recipe) ¼ cup Ranch salad dressing	single layer. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until lightly browned and tender. Cool slightly. Toss together lettuce, avocado, beans, tomatoes, and corn in a large bowl. Arrange on serving	
			plates. Heat brisket in microwave, if desired. Top salads with brisket. Drizzle with dressing.	
Prep 20m	Cook Total 20m 40m	1 (10-oz) pkg tortilla chips	Serve chips with salad.	



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Meal	✓	Grocery Items to Purchase	Price	
		Produce		
1,2,3,5,6		5 sweet onions (about 21/2 lb)	2.45	
1,3		1 (16-oz) pkg carrots		
1,3,6		1 bunch celery, need 2 cups sliced		
1,5		2 lb small red potatoes	1.98	
1,6		1 (10-oz) bag mixed salad greens	2.98	
2		1 tomato (about 8 oz)	0.96	
2,3		1 (6-oz) pkg fresh baby spinach	2.98	
4		1 (8-oz) bag shredded lettuce	1.75	
4,6		2 Gala apples (about 1 lb)	1.31	
4,7		1 pint grape tomatoes	3.68	
6		1 green bell pepper	0.78	
7		1 (10-oz) pkg chopped romaine lettuce	2.94	
7		1 avocado	2.00	
		Meat & Seafood		
1		1 lb boneless skinless chicken thighs	2.38	
1,4		1 (2.1-oz) pkg fully cooked bacon	3.66	
2,4		2 lb ground chuck	7.74	
3		1 (6-oz) pkg smoked ham	1.64	
5,7		11/2 lb beef brisket	8.99	
6		1 lb boneless, skinless chicken breasts	1.99	
		Refrigerated		
1		1 (4-oz) can refrigerated crescent rolls	1.50	
1,6		1 (6-oz) pkg sliced provolone cheese	2.47	
4		1 (8-oz) pkg shredded Cheddar cheese	2.48	
4		1 (11-oz) can refrigerated pizza dough	2.48	
5		1 (8-oz) carton sour cream, need ¼ cup	0.99	
		Frozen		
2		1 (32-oz) pkg frozen French fries, need half	2.00	
5		1 (16-oz) pkg frozen green beans, need 2 cups	0.99	
7		1 (16-oz) pkg frozen corn, need 2 cups	0.99	
		Canned & Packaged		
1,2,3,5,6		2 (32-oz) cartons chicken broth, need about 6½ cups	3.72	
2		1 (8-oz) pkg velveeta cheese	3.49	
3		1 (7.75-oz) pkg cheese-and-garlic biscuit mix	1.00	
3		1 (14.5-oz) can diced tomatoes with Italian seasoning		
3		2 (15-oz) cans great Northern beans	1.36	
6		1 (1-oz) packet dry Italian seasoning mix, need half	1.38	
7		1 (15-oz) can black beans	0.68	
7		1 (10-oz) pkg tortilla chips	2.00	
		Bakery & Deli		
2,6		1 (6-count) pkg hoagie rolls	2.50	
		Approximate Total	\$83.85	

Necessary Staples
Meal 1
1/4 cup favorite salad dressing 1/2 Tbsp poultry seasoning
Meal 2
1/2 Tbsp garlic powder Optional toppings: ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise 1/4 cup ketchup 1/2 tsp Creole seasoning 1/4 cup mayonnaise 1 Tbsp whole-grain mustard 1/2 tsp Worcestershire sauce
Meal 3
No staples for this meal
Meal 4
2 Tbsp ketchup 1/4 cup dill pickle chips 2 Tbsp mustard 2 Tbsp Ranch salad dressing Cooking spray
Meal 5
1 Tbsp Worcestershire sauce 1 Tbsp soy sauce 3 Tbsp butter 3 cloves garlic
Meal 6
2 Tbsp balsamic vinegar 3 Tbsp olive oil ¼ tsp garlic salt 2 cloves garlic
Meal 7
1 Tbsp olive oil 1/4 cup Ranch salad dressing