

# **Mediterranean Plan for Two**

Sample Plan

Meals: Side dishes are in ITALICS	Ingredients:	Instructions:
Meal 1 One Dish Dinner  Baked Spaghetti and Meatballs  Prep Cook Total 10m 50m 1h	3/4 lb ground beef 1/3 cup Italian breadcrumbs 1 large egg 1/4 tsp garlic powder 1 (24-oz) jar marinara sauce 1/2 tsp Italian seasoning 6 oz spaghetti, broken in half 1/2 (8-oz) ball fresh mozzarella cheese, sliced 1/4 cup fresh basil leaves	Preheat oven to 400°F. Mix together beef, breadcrumbs, egg, garlic powder, and ½ cup water in a bowl using your hands; shape into 1-inch balls. Cook meatballs, in batches, in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat 5 minutes or just until browned. Lightly grease an 8-inch baking dish. Whisk together marinara, ½ cup water, and Italian seasoning in dish. Add uncooked spaghetti, stirring to coat. Top with meatballs, and cover. Bake 40 to 50 minutes or until pasta is done. Uncover and top with cheese. Bake 4 to 5 minutes or until cheese is melted and beginning to brown. Top with basil.
Meal 2 Super Fast  Flounder "Scallopine"  Garlicky Swiss Chard and Pasta with Basil  Prep Cook Total	1/4 cup whole wheat panko breadcrumbs 2 tsp Italian seasoning 3/4 lb flounder fillets (or other flaky, white fish) 1 Tbsp lemon juice 2 Tbsp olive oil 1/2 cup low-sodium chicken broth 1/4 cup dry white wine (or use broth) 1 Tbsp drained capers 2 Tbsp butter	Combine panko and Italian seasoning; brush fish with lemon juice, and sprinkle lightly with salt and pepper. Dredge fish in panko mixture. Heat oil in a greased large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Cook fish 2 to 3 minutes per side or until done. Remove from skillet, and keep warm. Add broth, wine, capers and butter to skillet. Cook just until butter melts. Spoon sauce over fish.
15m 10m 25m	6 oz spaghetti (or use angel hair pasta) 2 Tbsp chopped fresh basil 2 Tbsp olive oil 1 clove garlic, minced 1 lb Swiss chard, trimmed and coarsely chopped 1/4 cup low-sodium chicken broth 2 tsp lemon juice	Cook pasta according to package directions; drain and stir in basil. Season to taste.  Meanwhile, heat oil in a large Dutch oven over medium heat; add garlic and Swiss chard. Cook 3 minutes or until wilted; add broth and salt and pepper to taste. Cook 5 minutes longer or until chard is tender. Stir in lemon juice before serving.
Meal 3 Quick Prep Slow Cooker  Chicken Cacciatore  Steamed Garlic Cauliflower  Prep Cook Total 15m 8h 8h 15m	3/4 lb boneless, skinless chicken thighs 1/2 small red onion, chopped 1 red or green bell pepper, thinly sliced 1 (14.5-oz) can fire-roasted diced tomatoes, drained 2 cloves garlic, minced 3/4 tsp crushed red pepper 1/2 cup low-sodium chicken broth 1 (12-oz) pkg cauliflower florets 2 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil 1/2 tsp garlic powder 1/4 tsp onion powder	Sprinkle chicken thighs lightly with salt and pepper. Place in a 3-quart slow cooker coated with cooking spray. Top with onion, bell pepper, tomatoes, garlic, red pepper and broth. Cover and cook on LOW 6 to 8 hours.  Steam cauliflower according to package directions. Transfer to a large bowl. Add oil, garlic powder, onion powder, and salt and pepper to taste; toss until blended.







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Orzo and Grilled Vegetables with Parmesan  Avocado Halves with Lime Juice  Prep Cook Total 20m 10m 30m	1 6 oz whole wheat orzo 1/4 cup olive oil 2 Tbsp balsamic vinegar 1 large zucchini, halved lengthwise 1 red bell pepper, quartered 1 small eggplant, cut lengthwise into 4 pieces 1 onion, cut into 1/2-inch-thick slices 1 portobello mushroom cap, cleaned 1/3 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese  1 avocado, halved, pitted, and peeled 1/4 tsp salt 2 tsp lime juice	Cook orzo according to package directions. Preheat grill to medium-high heat. Whisk together oil, vinegar, and ¼ tsp each salt and pepper. Combine half of vinaigrette, zucchini and bell pepper in a large bowl; toss well. Brush eggplant, onion, and mushroom with remaining vinaigrette. Place vegetables on a greased grill rack. Grill 3 minutes per side or until tender and browned. Coarsely chop vegetables. Combine vegetables and orzo in a large serving bowl; sprinkle with cheese just before serving.  **Arrange avocado halves, cut sides up, on a plate. Sprinkle with salt; drizzle with lime juice.**	
Meal 5 Meatless Meal  Tuscan White Bean Soup  Cantaloupe and Mixed Greens Salad  Prep Cook Total 20m 20m 40m	2 Tbsp olive oil 1 onion, chopped 2 carrots, chopped 1 tsp fresh or dried rosemary 1 (15.5-oz) can cannellini beans, drained and rinsed 1 (48-oz) carton vegetable broth 1 Tbsp fresh lemon juice ½ (5-oz) pkg baby spinach ½ cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese ½ (5-oz) pkg mixed baby greens 1 cup cubed cantaloupe ½ small red onion, thinly sliced ¼ cup crumbled feta cheese 2 tsp white wine vinegar 1 tsp honey 1 tsp Dijon mustard 2 Tbsp olive oil	Heat oil in a Dutch oven over medium heat; add onion, carrots and rosemary. Sauté 8 minutes or until tender. Stir in beans, broth, lemon juice, and ½ tsp each salt and pepper. Bring to a boil; reduce heat, and simmer 5 minutes; add spinach, and simmer 2 minutes. Sprinkle each serving with cheese.  Combine greens, cantaloupe, onion and feta cheese in a serving bowl. Whisk together vinegar, remaining ingredients, and ¼ tsp each salt and pepper. Drizzle dressing over salad; toss to coat.	
Stovetop Turkey Lasagna  Lemon-Garlic Broccoli Rabe  Prep Cook Total 10m 25m 35m	1 Tbsp olive oil 2 cloves garlic, minced 3/4 lb ground turkey 6 oz whole-grain lasagna noodles, broken into pieces 1 (14.5-oz) can whole tomatoes, undrained and chopped 1 (8-oz) can tomato sauce 2 tsp dried basil 1/2 (15-oz) carton part-skim ricotta cheese 1/2 (8-oz) ball fresh mozzarella cheese, sliced 1/4 lb broccoli rabe, trimmed 1 Tbsp olive oil 1 clove garlic, minced 1/4 tsp crushed red pepper 2 tsp lemon juice	Heat oil in a large Dutch oven over mediumhigh heat; add garlic, turkey, and ½ tsp each salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, 8 to 10 minutes or until turkey is no longer pink. Place lasagna noodles over meat mixture; top with tomatoes, tomato sauce, basil, and ¼ cup water. Bring to a boil; cover, reduce heat, and simmer, stirring occasionally, 15 minutes or until noodles are tender. Dollop ricotta cheese over mixture, stirring slightly; top with mozzarella cheese. Cover and let stand 2 minutes or until cheese is melted.  Bring a pot of water to a boil; add broccoli rabe. Cook 2 minutes; drain and plunge into an ice-water bath. Drain; dry on paper towels. Heat oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat; add garlic and red pepper. Sauté 1 minute; add broccoli rabe. Cook 3 to 4 minutes or until tender. Stir in lemon juice and ¼ tsp salt.	



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	2 (4-oz) cod fillets (or use any lean white fish)	Rinse fish; pat dry. Coat both sides of fish with cooking spray, and sprinkle with chili powder and ¼ tsp salt. Cook fish in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat 3 minutes per side or until fish flakes with a fork. Meanwhile, bring beans, peppers, ¼ cup water, capers and garlic to a boil in a medium saucepan over medium-high heat. Boil 1 minute or until thoroughly heated. Remove from heat, and stir in spinach. Spoon bean mixture into 2 shallow bowls; top each serving with 1 fish fillet and 1 tsp oil.  Cook bulgur according to package directions; toss with basil and ¼ tsp salt. Steam broccoli according to package directions. Drizzle with oil, and sprinkle with ¼ tsp salt.



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Meal	✓	Grocery Items to Purchase
		Produce
1,2,7		1 (1-oz) pkg fresh basil
2		1 lb Swiss chard
2,5,6		4 lemons
3		1 (12-oz) pkg cauliflower florets
4		1 lime
4		1 portobello mushroom
4		1 avocado
4		1 small eggplant
4		1 large zucchini
3,4		2 red bell peppers
4,5		2 onions
5		½ (5-oz) pkg mixed baby greens
5		2 carrots
5		1 small cantaloupe
3,5		1 small red onion
5,7		1 (5-oz) pkg baby spinach
6		3⁄4 lb broccoli rabe
7		1 (12-oz) pkg broccoli florets
		Meat & Seafood
1		3/4 lb ground beef
2		3/4 lb flounder fillets
3		3/4 lb boneless, skinless chicken thighs
6		3/4 lb ground turkey
7		2 (4-oz) cod fillets
		Refrigerated
1,6		1 (8-oz) ball fresh mozzarella cheese
4,5		1 (4-oz) wedge Parmesan cheese
5		1/2 (4-oz) pkg crumbled feta cheese
6		1/2 (15-oz) carton part-skim ricotta cheese
		Canned & Packaged
1		1 (24-oz) jar marinara sauce
1,2		1 (16-oz) pkg spaghetti
2,3		1 (14.5-oz) can low-sodium chicken broth
3		1 (14.5-oz) can fire-roasted diced tomatoes
4		1 (16-oz) pkg whole wheat orzo
5		1 (15.5-oz) can cannellini beans
5		1 (48-oz) carton vegetable broth
6		1 (14.5-oz) can whole tomatoes
6		1 (16-oz) pkg whole-grain lasagna noodles
6		1 (8-oz) can tomato sauce
7		1 (15-oz) can navy beans
7		1 (16-oz) pkg bulgur wheat
7		1 (10-oz) jar roasted red bell peppers
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	Necessary Staples
M	eal 1
½ 1	tsp Italian seasoning tsp garlic powder large egg cup Italian breadcrumbs
M	eal 2
2 ½ br 4 ½ br	tsp Italian seasoning Tbsp butter cup dry white wine (or use oth) Tbsp olive oil clove garlic cup whole wheat panko eadcrumbs Tbsp drained capers
M	eal 3
1/4	tsp garlic powder tsp onion powder tsp crushed red pepper

# 2 cloves garlic Meal 4

1/4 cup olive oil

2 Tbsp balsamic vinegar

2 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil

### Meal 5

- 4 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 2 tsp white wine vinegar
- 1 tsp honey
- 1 tsp fresh or dried rosemary

#### Meal 6

2 Tbsp olive oil

2 tsp dried basil

1/8 tsp crushed red pepper

3 cloves garlic

### Meal 7

5 tsp extra virgin olive oil

1/4 tsp chili powder

2 cloves garlic

2 Tbsp capers