# **DETOX WEEKEND**

# Follow our 3 or 5 day plan to cleanse and revitilise

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Welcome to our weekend detox programme. This 3 or 5 day plan is perfect for anyone wishing to kick start a healthier, more energised body. Designed to be undertaken over the weekend we have also provided an option to extend the programme for a further 2 days if wished.

Over the weekend we will also be providing webinars and a cookery demonstration to explain the science of biotransformation or detoxification and how we can optimise our nutrition to support healthy detox.

This online detox programme is not designed to be a long term diet but simply a weekend of eating cleansing nourishing soups, salads and smoothies to reset the body. There are no magic bullets for a healthier body but eating nourishing simple food is a great start.

Everyone's busy; and sometimes this means we lose focus on our own health and wellbeing. Setting aside a weekend and following a structured simple meal plan is an ideal way to rebalance and get back on track.

The recipes are vegan and gluten free. It also includes the addition of protein powder in the smoothies. You can use whatever type of protein powder you wish - vegan or whey. We recommend you have both vanilla and chocolate flavours Throughout the weekend we encourage you to drink plenty of water and herbal teas. Green tea, Redbush are also ideal anti-oxidant rich warming options. You can also use dandelion or chicory coffee. We do recommend you avoid regular tea and coffee.

Aim for at least 2 litres water daily. If you are particularly active then you may need to increase this to 3-4 litres. This can include herbal teas and homemade juices too.

We have included a couple of suggestions for juices which can be useful as a snack but as many people do not have juicers these are optional. You can snack on vegetables sticks if hungry e.g celery, cucumber but this is optional. The calories for each day are around 1100kcal - if you wish to go lower like the Fasting Mimicking diet you can swap the evening for a smoothie instead.

We also recommend you practice time restricted eating. Aim for at least 12-14 hours without any food overnight. Ideally finish your evening meal by 7pm – this allows the body time to digest before bedtime. You can still drink include herbal teas, coconut water, dandelion coffee, water etc in the evening.

If possible choose organic produce. Peel off the skin or remove the outer layer of leaves of some produce (e.g., lettuce, cabbage). Remove surface pesticide residues, waxes, fungicides, and fertilizers by soaking the food a solution of water with sea salt, apple cider vinegar, bicarbonate of soda etc.

### Importance of Exercise and Sleep

Ideally during the weekend keep active. Aim for at least 30 minutes of exercise daily but if you are usually very active and have a routine there is no reason why you cannot undertake your usual exercise programme. Make sleep a priority aim for 7-8 hours each night.

### Skin brushing and Epsom salt bathing

Ideal to help with detox. Dry skin brushing in the morning before a shower can help improve lymph flow while an Epsom Salt bath at night can support healthy sleep and replenish magnesium.

### **Cold Showers**

There are many benefits of having a cold shower in the morning. Even if you only manage a couple of minutes! Start off with a warm shower then gradually reduce the temperature. This is not suggest rapid immersion into cold water. You need to build up exposure gradually. It can boost circulation, help with fat burning, reduces inflammation, improve sleep.

*Please note that this plan is not designed for anyone who is pregnant or breast feeding* 

### The Plan

### Thursday: Preparation Day

Make sure you have all the ingredients you need for the weekend.

Prepare the soups and keep in the fridge (they can also be frozen). There are 3 different recipes but if you prefer you can have one for the whole weekend.

Have a selection of vegetables in the fridge for snacking if needed (e.g cucumber slices, cherry tomatoes, celery sticks, carrot sticks)

The coleslaw can prepared today ready for tomorrow if wished.

You can also make up the Green Goddess dressing which will keep in the fridge for 5 days.

Remember to join us for our live webinars each day at 2pm

#### Friday

First thing: warm lemon water (juice of ½ lemon in hot water)

Breakfast: Matcha Green Tea Smoothie

Lunch: Creamy Butternut Squash Soup, side salad

**Snack:** Green Lemon Cleanser Juice / Miso Soup / Bone Broth / Vegetable sticks

Dinner: Apple, Carrot, Fennel Coleslaw plus a bowl of mixed salad greens

Evening or Afternoon Smoothie: Mint Chocolate Chip Protein Shake

#### Saturday

First thing: warm lemon water (juice of ½ lemon in hot water)

Breakfast: Protein Pina Colada

**Lunch:** Leftover Apple, Carrot, Fennel Coleslaw plus a bowl of mixed salad greens

**Snack:** Anti-inflammatory Juice / Miso Soup / Bone Broth / Vegetable sticks

Dinner: Broccoli Tahini Soup, Side salad

Evening or Afternoon Smoothie: Strawberry Ginger Blend

#### Sunday

First thing: warm lemon water (juice of ½ lemon in hot water)

Breakfast: Mocha Almond Smoothie

Lunch: Creamy Butternut Squash Soup, side salad

**Snack:** Anti-inflammatory Juice / Miso Soup / Bone Broth / Vegetable sticks

Dinner: Vegan Mexican Taco Bowl

Evening or Afternoon Smoothie: Protein Pina Colada

#### Monday

First thing: warm lemon water (juice of ½ lemon in hot water)

Breakfast: Mint Chocolate Chip Protein Shake

Lunch: Vegan Mexican Taco Bowl

Snack: Green Cleanser Juice / Miso Soup / Bone Broth / Vegetable sticks

Dinner: Broccoli Tahini Soup, side salad

Evening or Afternoon Smoothie: Pineapple and Coriander Smoothie

#### Tuesday

First thing: warm lemon water (juice of ½ lemon in hot water)

Breakfast: Mocha Almond Smoothie.

Lunch: Brown Rice, Turmeric and Veggie Soup

**Snack:** Anti-inflammatory Juice / Miso Soup / Bone Broth / Vegetable sticks

Dinner: Detox Salad with Green Goddess Dressing

Evening or Afternoon Smoothie: Strawberry Ginger Blend

#### RECIPES

Optional Juices: These can be <mark>used as</mark> a snack through the day. Alternatively drink miso soup, bone broth or herbal teas.

#### Lemon Green Cleanser

Serves 2

lemon, peeled
 small romaine lettuce (or bag of spinach)
 Small handful of fresh parsley
 apples
 stalks celery
 cucumber

Juice all the ingredients together then stir before serving. Store in the fridge for 1 day.

Anti-inflammatory Golden Blend

Serves 2

5 carrots 2 lemons, peeled ½ cucumber 2 celery stalks 1 apple 1/4 fresh pineapple / 250g 1cm piece fresh ginger Simply juice the ingredients then stir well before serving.

#### Smoothies

#### Matcha Green Smoothie

Serves 1

1tsp matcha green tea powder
Handful of kale or spinach leaves
1tsp vanilla extract, optional
250ml almond milk or coconut milk
1 scoop 30g vanilla protein powder
1 small banana (for a creamier texture try cutting up and freezing before using)

Place all the ingredients in a blender and process. Best drunk immediately.

Nutritionals per serving Calories 219kcal, Fat 2.9g, Carbohydrates 23.6g of which sugars 18.1g, protein 22.8g

#### Mint Chocolate Chip Protein Shake

Serves 1

scoop vanilla or chocolate protein powder
 250ml almond milk or coconut milk
 3-4 fresh mint leaves
 Handful of baby spinach
 tbsp cocoa powder to taste
 1tbsp raw cacao nibs or dairy free chocolate chips
 A little stevia or xylitol to sweeten if needed
 Ice cubes – optional

Place all the ingredients in a blender and process. Best drunk immediately.

Nutritionals per serving Calories 180kcal, Fat 5.6g, Carbohydrates 8.3g of which sugars 2.8g, Protein 22.9g

# Strawberry Ginger Blend

Serves 1

150g frozen or fresh strawberries (or other berries)
½ banana
3-4 inch piece of fresh ginger root grated
½ juice of 1 lemon
1 scoop vanilla protein powder (30g)
300ml almond milk

Simply place all the ingredients in a blender and process until smooth

Nutrition per serving: 212kcal, Fat 2g, Carbohydrates 20.6g, Protein 24.6g

#### Pineapple and Coriander Smoothie

If you don't like coriander you can replace this for spirulina or chlorella powder (1tsp)

#### Serves 1

Handful of coriander leaves (or use ½ tsp chlorella and spirulina powder) Handful of spinach leaves 200ml light coconut milk or almond milk 100g frozen or fresh pineapple chunks ½ banana 1tsp ground flaxseed Scoop protein powder (30g) Pinch of turmeric Pinch of black pepper

Blend until smooth and creamy.

Nutrition per serving: 379kcal, Fat 18.7g, Carbohydrates 25.4g, Protein 25.5g

#### **Mocha Almond Smoothie**

Serves 1

1 scoop chocolate protein powder 1tbsp raw cacao powder or cocoa powder Pinch of ground cinnamon 2tsp / 10g almond nut butter Pinch of xylitol or stevia to taste 100ml warm or cold dandelion coffee or green tea 150ml almond milk

Place all the ingredients in a blender and process until smooth and creamy. Best drunk immediately.

Nutritionals per serving Calories 206kcal, Fat 9.3g, Carbohydrates 4.6g of which sugars 0.9g, Protein 25.1g

#### **Protein Pina Colada**

Serves 1

60g frozen or fresh mango 60g frozen or fresh pineapple 150ml coconut water 100ml coconut milk 1 scoop vanilla protein powder Pinch of stevia or xylitol to sweeten 6 leaves fresh mint

Place all the ingredients in a blender and process until smooth and creamy. Best drunk immediately.

Nutritionals per serving Calories 235kcal, Fat 3.4g, Carbohydrates 28g of which sugars 26.3g, protein 20.8g

#### Soups

#### Brown Rice, Turmeric and Veggie Soup

Makes 2 servings

1tbsp olive oil
<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> onion, finely chopped
<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> tsp grated fresh ginger
<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> tsp cumin seeds
2 garlic cloves, crushed
1 tsp ground turmeric
100g brown rice
30g red split lentils
750ml vegetable or chicken stock
Salt and black pepper to taste
2 handfuls of baby spinach
1 courgette, diced
150g frozen peas
Handful of chopped coriander leaves

- Heat the oil in a large pan. Sauté the onion, ginger, cumin and garlic and cook for a couple of minutes stirring well.
- Add the turmeric, rice and lentils and stir to coat in the oil.
- Pour over the vegetable stock and season with salt and pepper. Bring the mixture to the boil then cover and reduce the heat to a very low simmer. Cook for 20 minutes until the rice is soft. Add the spinach, courgette and peas and cook for 5 minutes.
- Spoon into bowls and scatter over with coriander leaves.

Nutrition per serving Calories 358kcal, Fat 7.5g, Carbohydrates 55.3g of which sugars 6.6g, Protein 13.5g

#### **Creamy Butternut Squash Soup**

Using a bag of frozen or prepared butternut squash helps save time and effort. This can be frozen

Makes 4 servings

100g cashew nuts, soaked in boiling water for 1 hour then drain
1 bag of frozen or prepared fresh butternut squash (400g)
1 tbsp olive oil
1 onion, roughly chopped
2 cloves garlic, chopped
1 tsp dried thyme
600ml vegetable stock
Sea salt and black pepper
Handful of pumpkin seeds toasted to top

- Preheat the oven to 200C, Gas mark 6. Place the butternut squash in a baking tray and drizzle over a little olive oil. Toss to coat. Bake in the oven for 15 minutes until it turns golden.
- In a large casserole or pan heat the olive oil and sauté the onion, garlic and thyme. Cook over a low heat for 5 minutes until softened, Add the cooked squash, cashew nuts and vegetable stock. Simmer for 10 minutes.
- Place in a blender and process until smooth. Return to the pan and reheat. Season with salt and pepper.
- Top the soup with a few pumpkin seeds

Nutrition per serving 219kcal, Fat 14.6g, Carbohydrates 13.4g, Protein 6.7g

#### **Broccoli and Tahini Soup**

Makes 2 servings

1 tbsp Olive oil
1 small onion, chopped
2 cloves of garlic crushed
1 tsp of freshly grated ginger
pinch of chilli flakes
300g broccoli, broken into florets
1 x 400g can of full fat coconut milk
200ml vegetable stock

to top 1tbsp tahini 2tbsp Greek yogurt or coconut yogurt 1tbsp lemon juice 1tbsp water 1tbsp chopped coriander leaves

- Heat the oil in a large pan and sauté the onion, garlic and ginger for -3-4 minutes until the onion begins to soften.
- Add the chilli flakes, broccoli, coconut and vegetable stock. Bring to a simmer and cook gently for 10 minutes until the broccoli is just soft. Season to taste.
- Meanwhile mix together the tahini, yogurt, lemon juice with enough water to form a thick sauce.
- Ladle the soup into bowls and swirl in the tahini cream. Scatter over coriander leaves to serve

Nutritionals per serving Calories 359kcal, Fat 29.3g, Carbohydrates 12.3g Protein 12.3g

#### Salads Apple, Carrot, Fennel Coleslaw

A light lemon dressing coats this wonderfully refreshing salad. Fennel and apple are a great weight-loss combination: Fennel contains essential oils such as anethole which are mildly diuretic while apples are a powerful cleansing and detoxing food. Serve with a bowl of mixed salad leaves. Instead of fennel you could use ¼ white cabbage

Makes 2 servings

Storage: Will keep in the fridge for 2 days

- 1 fennel bulb (or ¼ white cabbage)
- 2 apples
- 2 carrots
- 1 small red onion, finely chopped
- 2tsp fresh thyme, chopped

#### Dressing

Juice and zest of 1 lemon 2tsp maple syrup 4tbsp balance oil, olive oil or flaxseed oil (or combination) Handful of fresh mint leaves, chopped Freshly ground black pepper

- Using a food processor slicing attachment, mandoline or sharp serrated knife cut the fennel (or cabbage), apple and carrot into thin julienne.
- Place in a large bowl and add the onion and thyme.
- Whisk all the dressing ingredients together in a bowl.
- Toss the salad with the dressing. Season with black pepper.

Nutrition per serving: 300kcal, Fat 19.1g, Carbohydrates 24.1g, Protein 2.6g

#### Vegan Mexican Taco Bowl

A simple to assemble vegan dish using walnuts to create a 'taco style meat' The addition of avocado and coconut yogurt provides plenty of healthy fats, protein and zinc as well as probiotics to support gut health.

Makes 4 servings

#### Vegan taco meat

120g walnuts, soaked for 1 hour then drained
8 sundried tomatoes, drained and chopped
1tsp onion powder
½ tsp garlic salt
1tsp smoked paprika
1 tsp cumin powder

#### Salad

 Cos or Romaine lettuce shredded Handful of rocket or watercress
 ripe avocado cut into dice
 celery stalks, thinly sliced
 Handfuls of cooked sweetcorn
 red pepper chopped

#### **Broccoli / Cauliflower Rice**

1 small head of broccoli or cauliflower 400g 1tbsp olive oil salt and pepper to taste

- In a food processor pulse all the ingredients for the taco meat until combined and the walnuts are finely chopped. Leave the walnuts slightly chunky for the texture.
- Make up the broccoli rice. Place the broccoli florets in a food processor and process to form fine rice. Heat the oil in a large frying pan and sauté the broccoli rice for a couple of minutes to soften slightly. Season to taste.
- Divide the lettuce leaves between four bowls. Scatter over the vegetables and divide the broccoli rice and taco meat between the bowls. Drizzle with the supercharged dressing.

Nutrition per serving (without dressing) 374kcal, Fat 31.3g, Carbohydrates 7.3g, Protein 11.6g

#### **Green Goddess Dressing**

This will keep in the fridge for 1 week.

1 garlic clove crushed 200g coconut yogurt 1 tbsp apple cider vinegar Juice of ½ lemon 2tbsp omega blend oil / flaxseed oil / olive oil large handful packed fresh basil leaves large handful fresh parsley handful of fresh tarragon handful of fresh chives ½ tsp sea salt 1 tsp maple syrup / xylitol to sweeten if needed

• Make up the dressing by simply placing all the ingredients in a blender and processing until smooth.

Nutrition per 1tbsp 27kcal, Fat 2.5g, Carbohydrates 0.9g, Protein 0.2g

#### **Detox Salad**

Vary the protein in the salad according to taste.

Serves 2

1 head butter or romaine lettuce, shredded
1/2 cucumber thinly sliced
1 head of broccoli, lightly steamed
1 small avocado, sliced or diced
2 stalks celery, sliced
1 spring onion, sliced
Protein option - 2-3 hard boiled eggs, diced, 1 can chickpeas or 200g cooked chicken
2-3tbsp Green Goddess Dressing (see above)

- Simply mix all the ingredients in a bowl and toss in 2-3 tbsp of the green goddess dressing.
- Serve immediately.

Nutrition per serving (with 2 hard boiled eggs) 274kcal, Fat 17.9g, Carbohydrates 8.4g, Protein 14.9g

# Shopping List

Below is what you will need if you are following the whole five days. Please note as we make use of leftovers if you are cooking the same food for other family members you may need to increase recipes. This does not include ingredients for the juices or vegetable sticks which are optional

### Vegetables

Fresh chives Fresh Coriander large pack 1 courgette 2 cucumbers 1 fennel hulb Bag of spinach Fresh tarragon 2 carrots 3 romaine (or other) lettuce Bunch spring onions 2 heads of celery 6 cherry tomatoes 400g butternut squash chunks (fresh or frozen) !50g frozen peas Garlic bulb Fresh root ginger 2 heads broccoli Fresh mint Fresh parsley Fresh sprig thyme 3 white onions 1 red onion Fresh basil leaves 1 red pepper 2 avocados Bag of rocket or mixed greens

#### Fruits

300g strawberries (fresh or frozen)3 bananas5 lemons2 apples120g frozen (or fresh) mango160g frozen (or fresh) pineapple

### Baking

15g chocolate chips Vanilla extract Matcha green tea powder Chocolate protein powder Vanilla protein powder Cocoa powder Dandelion coffee Ground flaxseed 100g cashew nuts 100g walnuts Maple syrup / Stevia / Xylitol

### **Chilled and Dairy Alternatives**

300ml coconut water 1650ml almond milk or other milk alternative 500ml coconut milk 225g coconut yogurt 2-3 eggs or other protein of choice (detox salad)

### **Store Cupboard**

lar sun dried tomatoes 1 can coconut milk Miso soup (optional) Olive oil Flaxseed oil or omega blend oil Apple cider vinegar Almond nut butter Tahini 2 vegetable stock cubes Garlic salt Cumin seeds Onion powder Smoked paprika Dried thyme Chilli flakes Ground turmeric Ground cinnamon Cumin powder Can sweetcorn Sea salt and pepper 100g brown rice 30g red split lentils