

# 12 Simple Ways to Increase Fruits, Vegetables and Beans/Legumes at Meals



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Use canned vegetables including tomatoes, beans, mushrooms or beets and add into your favorite dishes.

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Take convenience items (such as soups or frozen meals) and add in additional vegetables to boost the nutrition.

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Replace half your meat with beans.

- ▶ Use black beans, kidney beans or lentils instead of beef or other ground meat.
- ▶ Use chickpeas or navy/white beans instead of chicken.

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Add veggies to your eggs at breakfast.

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Add fruit to your hot or cold cereal.

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Create smoothies with fruits and veggies.

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Use a dip (plain Greek yogurt can be savory or sweet!) to encourage fruits and veggies as snacks for young children.

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Make pizzas using whole grain English muffins or pita bread.

- ▶ Add sauce, cheese and cut up veggies for toppings.

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Sauté onions and peppers and add to almost any casserole dish.

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Add veggies such as onions, carrots, tomatoes and spinach to your pasta sauce.

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Make a stir fry with your vegetables.

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Add veggies like tomatoes, lettuce, spinach and cucumbers to your sandwich and replace mayonnaise with hummus or avocado.



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