Veggie-Friendly Comfort Foods 🔐



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Most of us need 2 to 3 cups of vegetables each day. Sure, eating salad helps, but adding vegetables to comfort foods boosts intake too.



Pasta Primavera

- Swap half the spaghetti with spiralized zucchini or carrots
- These vegetable "noodles" are available fresh and frozen at most major grocery stores

Shepherd's Pie

- **Substitute riced cauliflower** in place of mashed potatoes
- Don't want to fully swap out your spuds? **Steam frozen** cauliflower and use it to replace half the potatoes – whip cooked cauliflower directly into the potatoes





Layered Lasagna

Alternate lasagna sheets with grilled zucchini or egaplant (or forgo the pasta entirely)

Taco Tuesday

- Mix ground meat with chopped peppers, onions, and mushrooms – sauté together with seasonings
- Top with shredded lettuce or cabbage, fresh tomato, and cilantro for a vegetable-centered taco night





Stír-Fry Dishes

- Frozen riced cauliflower mixes seamlessly with rice aim to replace half
- Double the amount of sautéed vegetables you would normally use – include peppers, onions, celery, peas, broccoli, carrots, or mushrooms