

We're excited for Wednesday's corned beef and cabbage, which we look forward to all year! Get an early start on it, if you have the time, since braises are always better the next day.

PREP AHEAD

To make your week easier, check through this prep list on Sunday to get ahead of the game.

 Make Monday's soup, or at least prep your veggies.
 Make the corned beef. Cool it and refrigerate it in the cooking liquid.



MONDAY
Minestrone Soup



TUESDAY
Fontina and Blackberry
Grilled Cheese Sandwiches



WEDNESDAY
Corned Beef with
Winter Vegetables



THURSDAY
Bucatini alla Carbonara



FRIDAY
Greek Salad





Vegetable soup is the best because it comes together so quickly. This version uses pancetta and chicken broth for some extra richness, but you can make it fully vegetarian, if you prefer. Make sure to check that your Parmesan is vegetarian, too!

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 oz pancetta, chopped
- 11/2 cups chopped green cabbage
 - 1 cup chopped yellow onion
 - 1 cup sliced carrot
 - 1/3 cup chopped celery
 - 2 garlic cloves, minced
 - 2 quarts chicken broth
 - 1/2 cup peeled, medium-dice potatoes
 - 1 piece Parmesan rind (about 3 inches square)
 - 3/4 cup elbow macaroni, cooked and drained
 - 1/2 cup peeled, seeded, and chopped plum tomatoes
 - 3/4 cup canned chickpeas
 - 1/3 cup prepared pesto
 - 1/2 tsp salt
 - 1/4 tsp ground black pepper
 - Grated Parmesan, as needed

- 1. Heat the oil in a soup pot over medium heat. Add the pancetta and cook until the fat renders and the pancetta begins to brown, 3 to 5 minutes.
- 2. Add the cabbage, onion, carrot, celery, and garlic and cook until the onions are translucent, 6 to 8 minutes.
- 3. Add the broth, potatoes, and cheese rind and bring to a simmer. Cook until the vegetables are tender, about 30 minutes; do not overcook.
- 4. When the vegetables are tender, add the macaroni, tomatoes, chickpeas, and kidney beans. Cook until heated through.
- 5. Remove and discard the cheese rind, and stir in the pesto, salt, and pepper.
- 6. Serve immediately, topped with grated cheese.





Blackberries are tough to find, and considering they aren't exactly in season all over the country right now, you can substitute raspberries, sliced apples, or even jam!

- 1 pint blackberries
- 1 tbsp chopped thyme
- 8 slices whole grain bread
- 1 lb fontina cheese, shredded
- 1 tbsp butter, plus more as needed

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350°F. In a medium bowl, combine the blackberries and thyme. Use a fork to lightly mash the berries so that no whole berries remain.
- 2. Lay 4 slices of bread on your work surface and top each slice with about a quarter of the shredded cheese. Spoon dollops of the mashed blackberries of the cheese (you may not use it all), and then sprinkle the remaining cheese over the blackberries. Place the remaining slices of bread on over the cheese and press lightly.
- 3. Heat 1 tablespoon of the butter in a skillet over medium heat. Working in batches, if needed, add the sandwiches and cook until the bread is browned and the cheese is beginning to melt, about 3 minutes. Flip the sandwiches, adding more butter, if needed, and cook until the second side is browned and the cheese has melted. If the bread has browned before the cheese is melted, transfer the sandwiches to a baking sheet and place in the oven until the cheese is fully melted. Serve right away.





Like all braises, corned beef is even tastier the next day, so make it ahead of time, if you like. If it's your thing, splurge on some high-quality whole grain mustard to serve with the meat.

- 5 lb corned beef brisket, trimmed
- 11/2 qt no-salt-added beef stock or cold water
 - 7 new potatoes, halved
 - 1 small head green cabbage, cut into wedges
 - 7 baby turnips, peeled
 - 15 baby carrots, peeled
 - 1/2 lb pearl onions, blanched and peeled
 - Salt. as needed
 - Freshly ground black pepper, as needed

- 1. Split the brisket along the natural seam into two pieces.
- 2. Put the meat in a deep pot and add enough stock or water to cover the meat. Bring to a simmer, skimming as necessary. Reduce the heat to establish a slow simmer, cover, and continue simmering until the meat is nearly fork-tender, about 2 1/2 hours.
- 3. Add the potatoes, cabbage, turnips, carrots, and onions to the corned beef and continue to simmer until the vegetables are tender and flavorful and the corned beef is fork-tender, 35 to 45 minutes. Season with salt and pepper as needed throughout the cooking time.
- 4. Remove the corned beef from the cooking liquid and carve into slices. Serve immediately with the vegetables.





You might have all of these ingredients on hand already (pancetta freezes so well!), so feel free to make this with any noodle-shaped pasta you have in the cabinet. Add some crushed pepper flakes with a little spice, if you like.

INGREDIENTS:

- Kosher salt, as needed
 - 1 lb dried bucatini
- 1 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
 - 5 oz diced pancetta
 - 2 large eggs
 - 2 egg yolks
- 1/2 cup grated Pecorino Romano
 - 1 tsp ground black pepper

- 1. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil over high heat. Add the bucatini and stir to submerge and separate the strands. Cook, uncovered, until the pasta is just tender (al dente), 10 to 12 minutes (check the cooking time for your pasta).
- 2. While the bucatini is cooking, heat a large sauté pan over medium heat. Add the oil and the pancetta. Cook, stirring to cook the pancetta evenly, until it is just starting to crisp, about 2 minutes. There should be about 2 tablespoons of rendered fat and oil in the pan. Set aside.
- 3. Blend together the whole eggs, egg yolks, cheese, and pepper in a medium bowl with a whisk or fork until well combined.
- 4. Drain the bucatini in a colander. Shake well to remove any water clinging to the pasta. Pour the drained pasta into the pan with the pancetta.
- 5. Add the egg mixture and stir the bucatini together with the egg mixture and the pancetta. The heat from the pasta should be enough to cook the eggs, but if necessary, you can cook the sauce very gently over low heat. Stop as soon as the sauce clings well; if you cook it any longer, the eggs will scramble.

SERVES 4 TO 6





Grain-stuffed grape leaves help make this salad feel hearty, though you can add grilled chicken or shrimp, if you like. Look for stuffed grape leaves at the olive bar or stop by your local Mediterranean restaurant and take some to-go.

- 2 tbsp fresh lemon juice
- 2 tsp balsamic vinegar
- 1 tbsp chopped parsley
- 1/2 tsp salt, plus to taste
- 1/8 tsp ground black pepper, plus more as needed
 - 3 tbsp canola oil
- 2 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- 9 cups romaine hearts, rinsed, dried, and torn into bite-sized pieces
 - 1 cup Greek olives, pitted, cut in half lengthwise
 - 2 cups peeled, thinly sliced seedless cucumber
 - 2 cups halved cherry tomatoes
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced yellow pepper
 - 1 cup thinly sliced red onion
 - 2 cups crumbled feta
- 16 prepared stuffed grape leaves

- 1. Combine the lemon juice, vinegar, parsley, salt, and pepper and stir until the salt is dissolved. Combine the canola and olive oil and add the mixture to the lemon juice and vinegar in a stream, whisking constantly, until the oil is blended into the dressing. Season the dressing with additional salt and pepper if needed to taste.
- 2. Place the romaine into the salad bowl. Add the olives, cucumbers, cherry tomatoes, pepper, and red onion. Toss the salad ingredients together with the vinaigrette until evenly coated.
- 3. Top with the feta and garnish with the stuffed grape leaves.



DINNER SHOPPING LIST

PROTEIN

- □ 1 oz pancetta
- ☐ 5 lb corned beef

DAIRY

- □ 1 lb fontina cheese
- ☐ 2 cups crumbled feta
- ☐ 1/2 cup
 - Pecorino Romano
- □ 1/4 cup
 - grated Parmesan
- ☐ 1 piece Parmesan rind
- ☐ 2 tbsp butter
- ☐ 4 eggs

PANTRY

- □ 1/2 cup olive oil
- □ 1/4 cup canola oil
- ☐ 2 tsp balsamic vinegar
- ☐ 1 cup Greek olives
- ☐ 16 prepared stuffed grape leaves
- ☐ 2 quarts chicken broth
- □ 11/2 quarts low-sodium beef broth
- ☐ 3/4 cups elbow macaroni
- □ 1 lb dried bucatini
- ☐ 8 slices whole grain bread
- \square 1 (15 oz) can chickpeas
- \square 1/3 cup prepared pesto
- ☐ Kosher salt
- ☐ Ground black pepper

PRODUCE

- ☐ 2 yellow onions
- ☐ 1 red onion
- □ 1/2 lb pearl onions
- ☐ 2 carrots
- ☐ 15 baby carrots
- ☐ 1 head celery
- ☐ 1 head garlic
- ☐ 1 yellow bell pepper
- ☐ 1 seedless cucumber
- ☐ 1 pint cherry tomatoes
- ☐ 3 hearts of romaine
- ☐ 2 heads green cabbage
- ☐ 2 Yukon Gold potatoes
- ☐ 7 new potatoes
- ☐ 7 baby turnips
- ☐ 2 plum tomatoes
- □ 1 pint blackberries
- ☐ 2 lemons
- □ 1 bunch parsley







