## Now You're Cooking! Imperial Recipes

## **Eating Healthy Foods**



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## **Instructors Explanation**

#### Suggested Uses:

#### Using Now You're Cooking! Imperial Recipes:

The recipes in this cookbook are provided in two forms - written and pictorial. The written recipe is immediately followed by its picture recipe. In the written recipe amounts are given in both metric and imperial measures. In the pictorial recipe, the amounts in this Cookbook are given in **imperial measures**. If you are wanting metric measures see **Now You're Cooking!** Metric Recipes for the same pictorial recipes but in metric measures.

- Laminate the recipe pages and have the learners check off each step with a washable marker as it is completed.
- Photocopy the recipes, cut the steps apart, and put them, in order, on a ring. The learners can turn over the paper as they have completed a step.
- Enlarge the recipes on a photocopier for learners who are visually impaired.
- Once a recipe has been made, take a photograph of it to attach it to the written recipe. Learners who have communication difficulties may find photos helpful when selecting menus.

When selecting recipes, find out what learners want to be able to cook. Consider their food preferences, how much they like to cook, and what kind of cooking facilities they have.

Some learners will be able to use the written recipes while others may need to use the pictures. In some cases, a learner may benefit from using the written recipe and having the picture recipe as a reminder.

In all cases, some instruction will need to be given. Start by talking the learners through the recipe step by step. This may be all of the teaching some learners will require.

Next, demonstrate each step of the recipe, help make it and then be available when the learners try to make it on their own. It may be necessary to help some learners make the same recipe several times before they are able to make it without help.

The learner must be able to work safely in the kitcken. Use these recipes to demonstrate safe food handling, proper use of equipment such as knives, kitchen safety including fire prevention, and methods of food preparation. Refer to the *Food Preparation* module for activities and information on these topics.

Every recipe begins with the instruction "*wash hands*". This is included because personal hygiene and food safety are very important when learning to cook.

If a recipe makes a larger quantity than the learner will use at one time, the food should chilled right away. Leftovers should be used up within 3 days or frozen for later use. For more information about freezing food, look in the **Food Preparation** module under Food Safety.

#### Instructors Explanation continued ...

Some recipes rely on a change of colour as a test of when the food is properly cooked. This is very hard to show in the picture recipes. If the learner is using picture recipes only, explain carefully the tests for doneness especially for chicken and hamburger. These foods can cause sickness if they are not completely cooked before eating.

- chicken juices turn from pink to clear when the chicken is cooked.
- the centre of a hamburger turns from pink to brown when it is cooked.

Several recipes call for the fat to be spooned off after browning meat. Learners need a safe way to dispose of hot fat. One method is to spoon the fat into an unwanted can or jar and throw the jar or can in the garbage when the fat has cooled and solidified. Remember, **pouring fat down the drain can cause plumbing problems.** 

Foil, waxed paper, and plastic wrap are mentioned as alternatives when pot lids or covered baking dishes are not available. They are expensive and should be used only when there is no other choice. This alternative is included so that a learner who does not have a pot with a lid or covered casserole dish can still make the recipe. Where possible encourage the learners to be environmentally friendly and use a lid, plate, or other reusable cover instead of these disposable items. **Remember, foil should never be used as a cover in the microwave.** 

		-	perial Equivalents for Reference n temperatures used in Now You're Cooking!
Measures:			Weights used for some recipes:
1 mL	=	1/4 tsp	45 g = 1 1/2 oz
2 mL	=	1/2 tsp	100 g = 3 oz
5 mL	=	1 tsp	225 g = 1/2 lb
15 mL	=	1 tbsp	500 g = 1 lb
25 mL	=	2 tbsp	1 kg = 2 lb
50 mL	=	1/4 c	1.5 kg = 3 lb
75 mL	=	1/3 c	
125 mL	=	1/2 c	Oven temperatures:
150 mL	=	2/3 c	150°C = 300°F
175 mL	=	3/4 c	160°C = 325°F
250 mL	=	1 c	180°C = 350°F
1000 mL	=	4 c	$200^{\circ}C = 400^{\circ}F$
			220°C = 425°F
			230°C = 450°F

#### **Common Metric to Imperial Equivalents:**

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## Porridge

#### Serves 2

Food Needed			Equipment Needed
1 cup 1/2 cup	water quick cooking milk	250 mL s oatmeal 125 mL	measuring cup pot with lid wooden spoon timer

Wash hands.

Measure water and add to pot.

Place pot on burner and turn the burner to high.

Bring the water to a boil.

Measure oatmeal and add to pot.

Stir with wooden spoon.

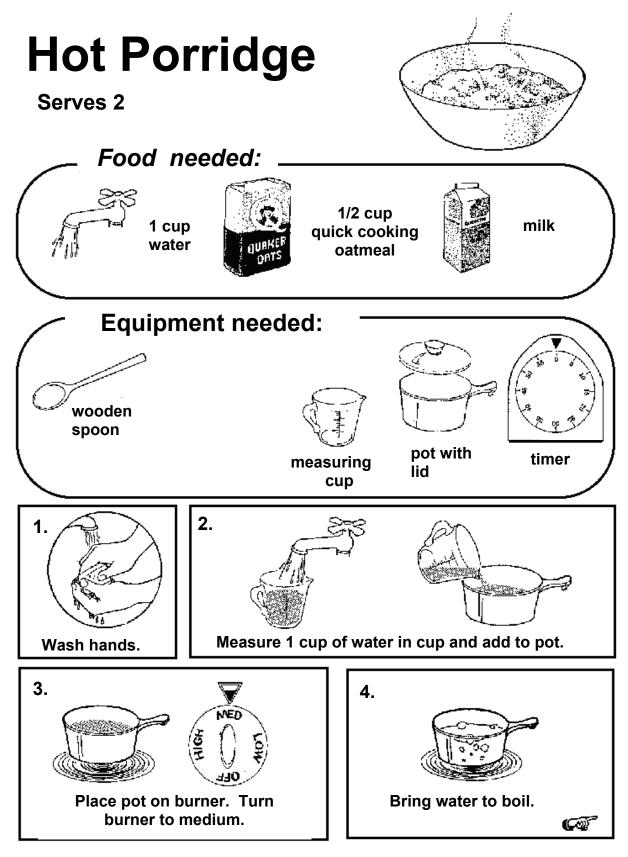
Turn burner to low and simmer for 5 minutes.

Turn burner off. Cover pot with the lid and remove from burner.

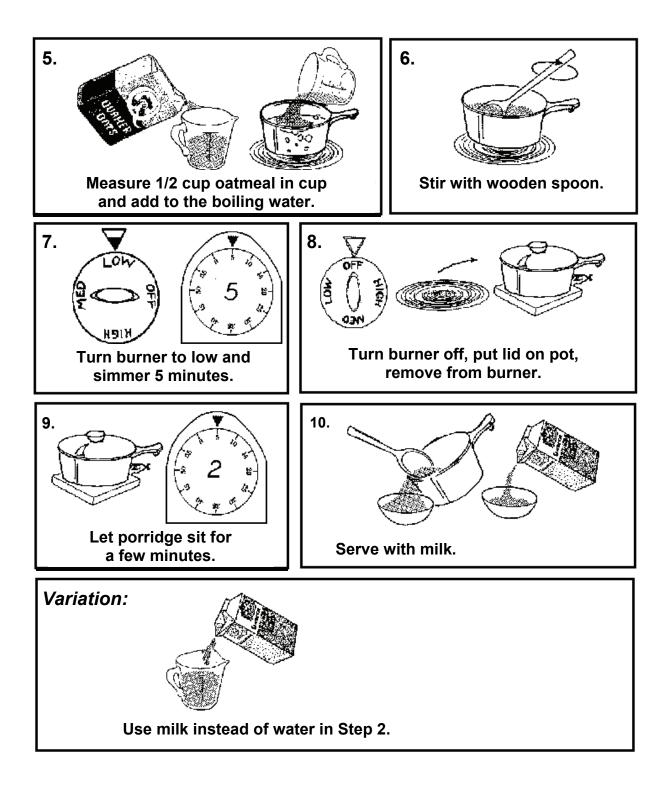
Let porridge sit for a few minutes.

Serve with milk.

Variation: Use milk instead of water.



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## Fried Egg

#### Serves 1

Food Need	led		Equipment Needed
1 1 tsp	egg margarine	1 5 mL	measuring spoons frying pan small bowl lifter timer

Wash hands.

Measure margarine and add to frying pan.

Place frying pan on burner and turn burner to medium.

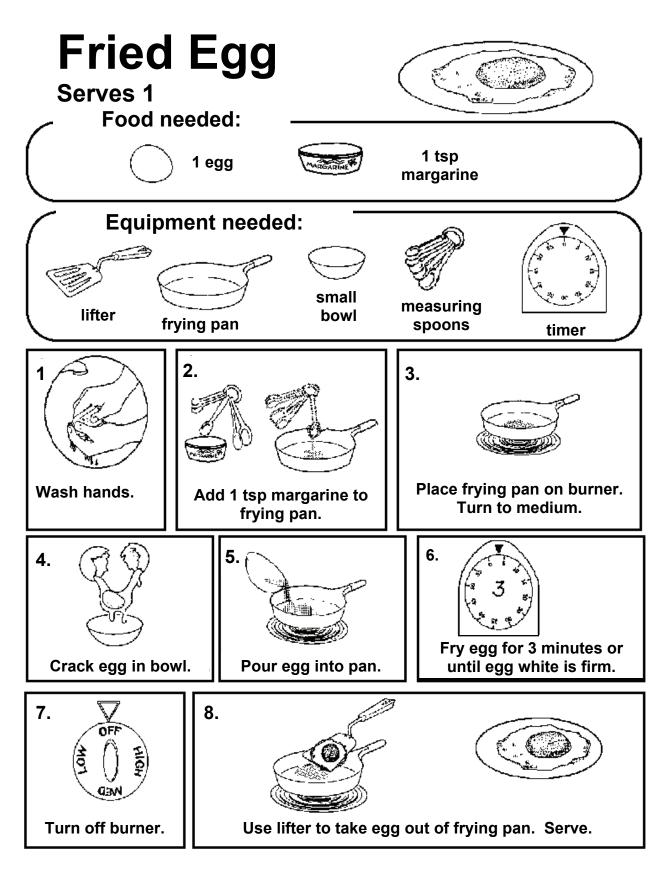
Crack egg into a small bowl.

Pour egg into frying pan.

Cook for 3 minutes or until the egg white is firm.

Turn burner off.

Use lifter to take egg out of pan.



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## **French Toast**

#### Serves 1

Food Neede	d		Equipment Needed
1 2 slices 2 tbsp 1 tsp	egg bread milk margarine	1 2 slices 25 mL 5 mL	large bowl measuring spoons fork frying pan lifter timer

Wash hands.

Crack the egg into the bowl.

Measure milk and add to the bowl.

Mix with the fork.

Set frying pan on the burner and turn the burner to medium.

Add margarine to the pan.

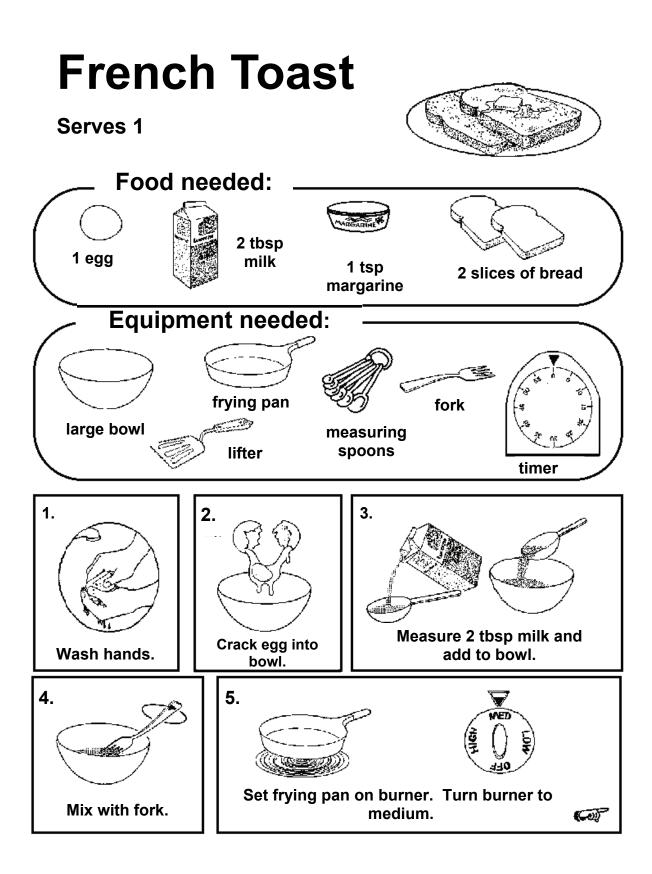
Dip the bread 1 slice at at time into the egg mixture to coat it on both sides.

Place the coated bread in the frying pan.

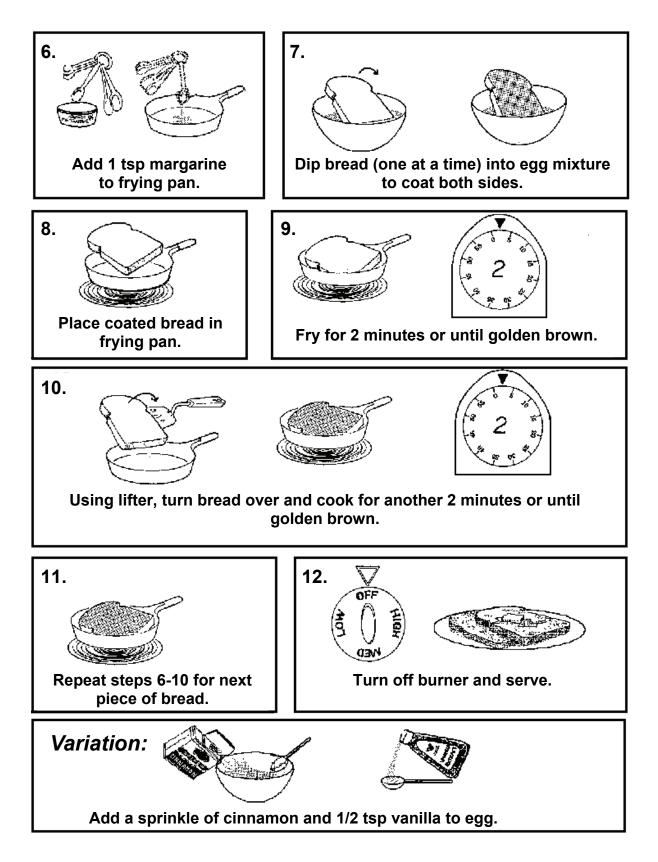
Cook for about 2 minutes or until golden brown.

Using the lifter, turn the bread over and cook for 2 minutes longer or until golden brown. Turn burner off and serve.

Variation: Add a sprinkle of cinnamon and 1/2 tsp (2 mL) vanilla to egg mixture.



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## Pancakes

#### Serves 2

Food Needed			Equipment Needed
1/2 cup 1/2 cup 1 1 tsp	pancake mix milk egg cooking oil	125 mL 125 mL 1 5 mL	measuring cup large bowl small bowl large spoon frying pan timer plate

Wash hands.

Measure pancake mix and add to large bowl.

Measure milk and add to bowl.

Crack egg into small bowl and add to mixture.

Stir well with a spoon.

Put frying pan on burner and turn burner to medium.

Add cooking oil to frying pan.

Using a large spoon, pour a spoonful of batter into frying pan.

Cook for about 2 minutes until bubbles appear on pancake and bottom is golden brown.

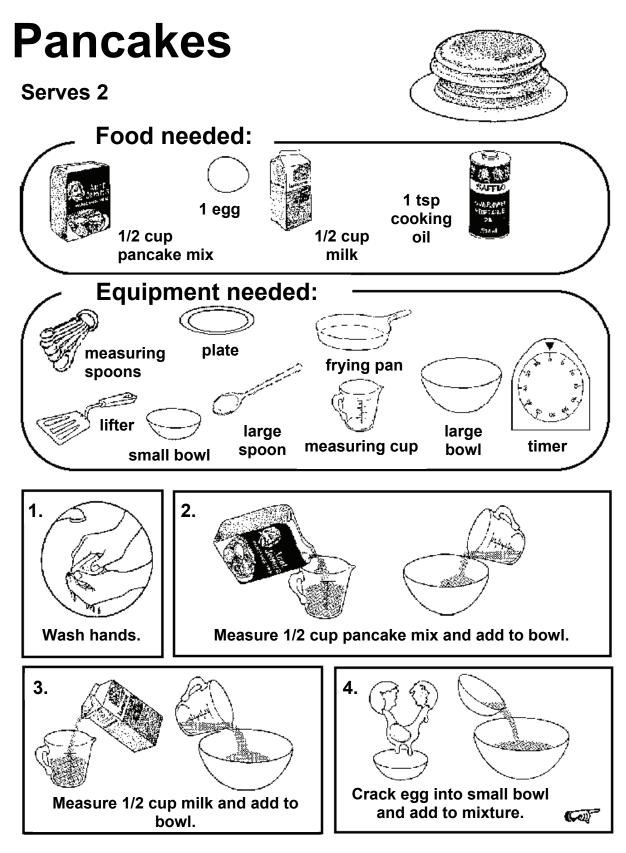
Using a lifter, turn pancake.

Cook on other side for about 2 minutes.

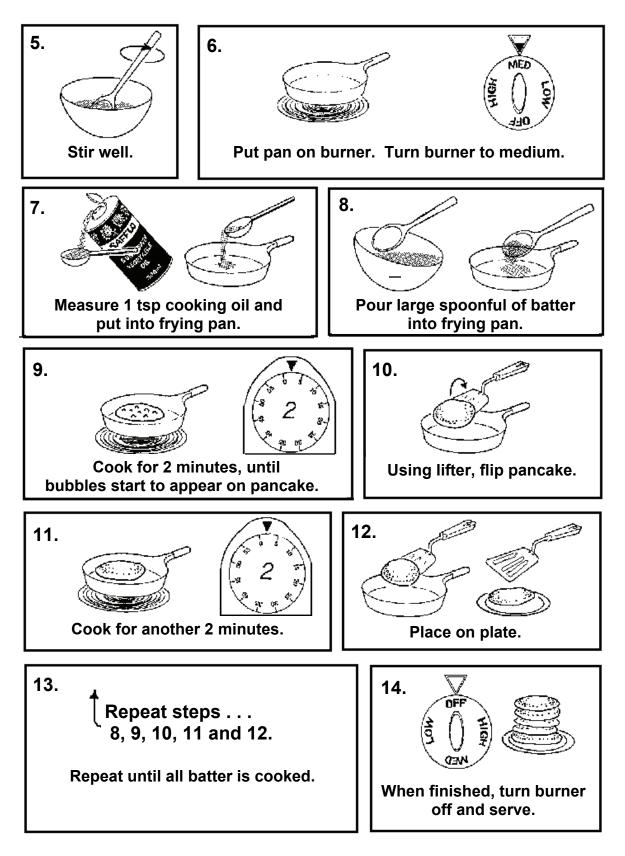
Place on plate.

Continue cooking pancakes in this way until all the batter is used.

Turn burner off. Serve pancakes.



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## **Canned Soup**

#### Serves 2

Food Needed			Equipment Needed
1 can 1 1/4 cup	soup water or milk	1 can 300 mL	can opener pot wooden spoon timer

Wash hands.

Open the can of soup and pour the contents into a pot.

Fill the empty soup can with water (or milk if it is a cream soup).

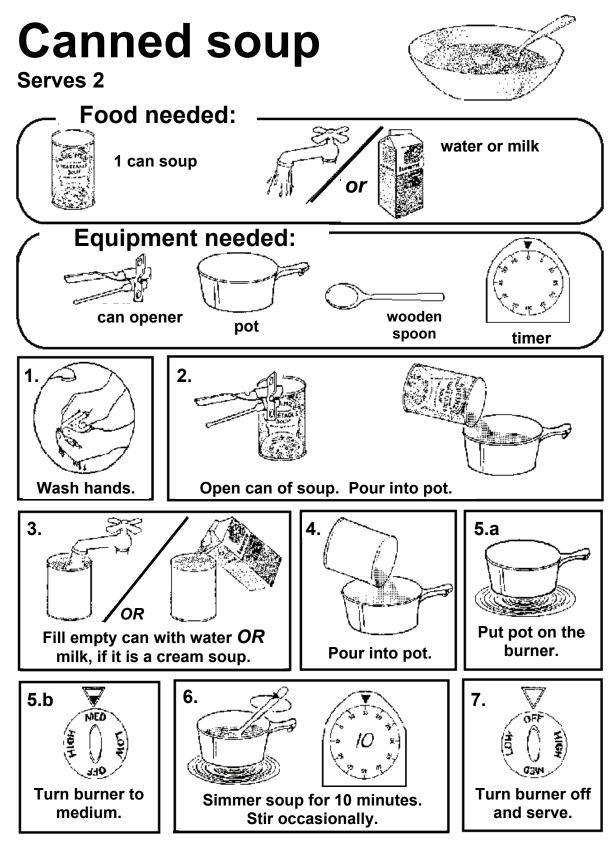
Pour water or milk into the pot.

Place pot on burner and turn burner to medium.

Simmer the soup for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Turn burner off and serve soup.

You can heat canned soup in the microwave. Mix it in a large microwave safe dish and microwave on high power 4 - 6 minutes, stirring every minute.



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## **Grilled Cheese Sandwich**

#### Serves 1

Food Needed			<b>Equipment Needed</b>
2 slices 1 slice 2 tsp	bread cheese margarine	2 slices 1 slice 10 mL	cookie sheet knife lifter oven mitts timer

Wash hands.

Place cheese slice on one slice of bread.

Place other slice of bread on top of cheese.

Spread half of the margarine on the top slice of bread.

Place sandwich on cookie sheet margarine side up.

Place oven rack to second highest notch. Turn oven to broil.

Place cookie sheet in oven.

Broil sandwich for 1 minute or until golden brown.

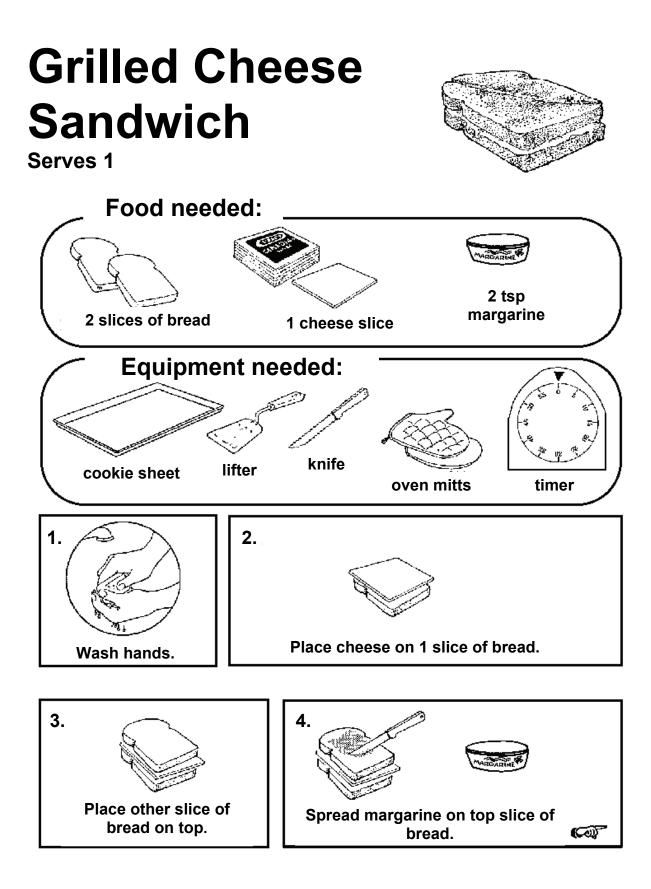
Take sandwich out of oven.

Turn sandwich over and spread remaining margarine on other side.

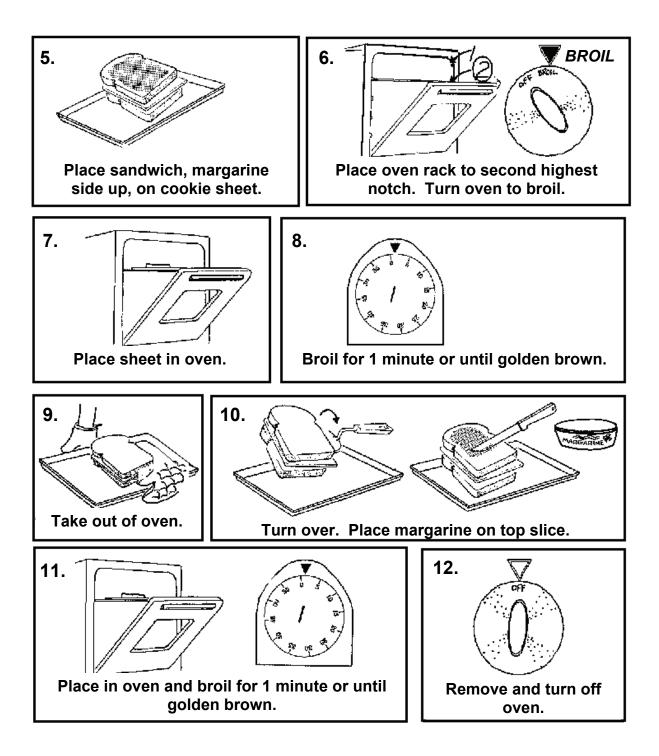
Place in oven and broil for 1 minute or until golden brown. Broiling should take only about 2 minutes in total.

Turn oven off.

Variation: Place a thin slice of onion or tomato on top of the cheese before broiling.



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### Mini Pizza

#### Serves 1

Food Needed	d		Equipment Needed
1 2 tbsp 1 1 1/2 oz	English muffin tomato sauce slice of ham mozzarella cheese oregano	1 25 mL 1 45 g	knife cookie sheet can opener measuring spoons cutting board grater timer oven mitts

Wash hands.

Turn oven to 450°F (230°C)

Cut English muffin in half and place on the cookie sheet.

Open tomato sauce with a can opener.

Measure the tomato sauce and spread on the English muffin halves.

Chop the ham into chunks and spread on top of the tomato sauce.

Sprinkle with oregano.

Grate and measure the mozzarella cheese and spread over the English muffin halves.

Place cookie sheet in oven and bake for 15 minutes.

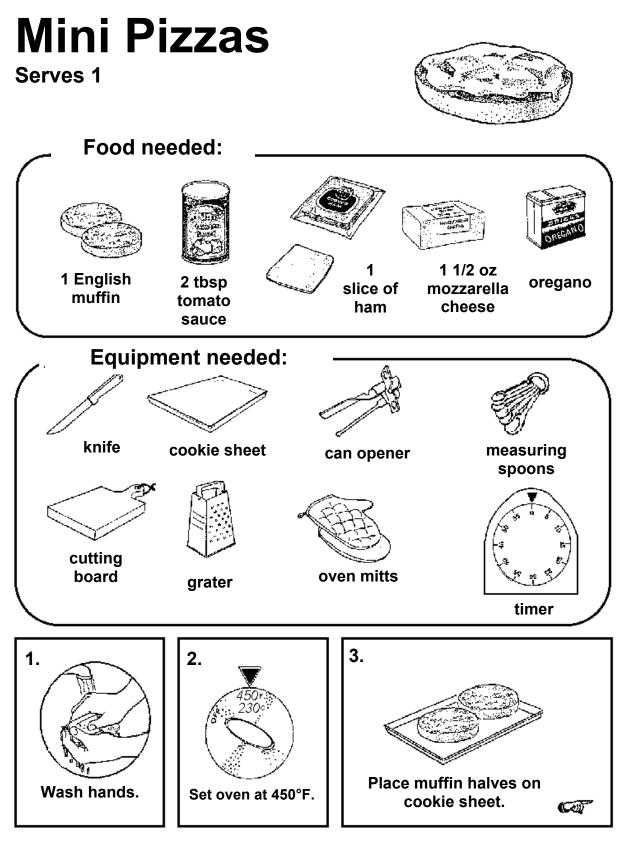
Turn oven off and remove cookie sheet from oven.

Serve pizza.

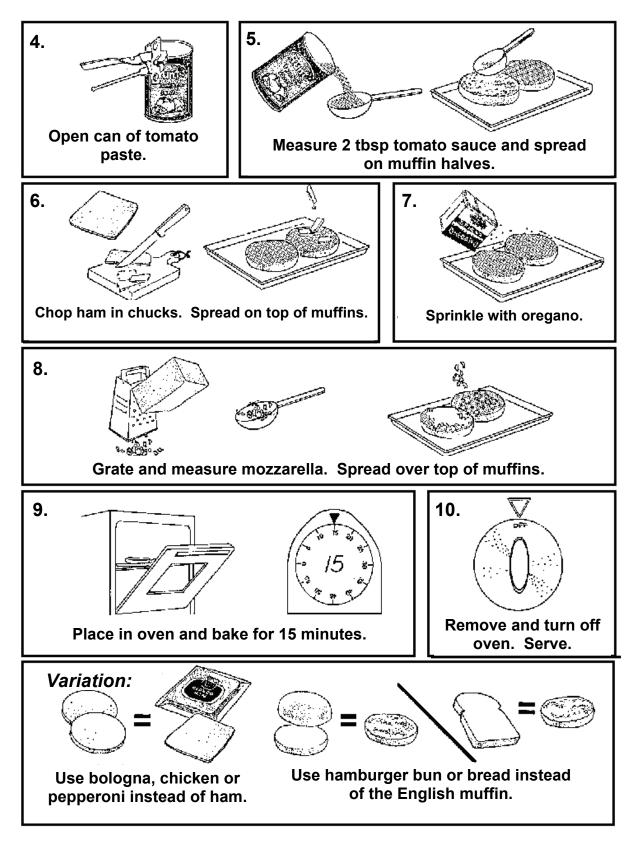
For variation: Use bologna, pepperoni or chicken instead of the ham.

Use a hamburger bun, bread or bagel instead of the English muffin.

**Try this with:** Green Pepper Strips Fruit Yogurt



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## Whitefish Soup

#### Serves 6

Watch carefully. When water begins to bubble, turn burner to low and cover pot.

Simmer for 20 minutes.

Take the fish out of the water with lifter and put on a plate. Set pot of water aside for later. Take the fish off the bones and throw away the bones.

Cut the fish into small pieces and set aside.

Peel 4 medium potatoes. Wash them, cut them into small pieces, and place them in the pot with the water from cooking the fish.

Peel and chop the onion and add it to the pot.

Place the pot on the burner and turn the burner to high.

Watch carefully. When the water begins to bubble, turn burner to low and cover pot. Simmer 15 minutes.

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Measure flour and add to small bowl.

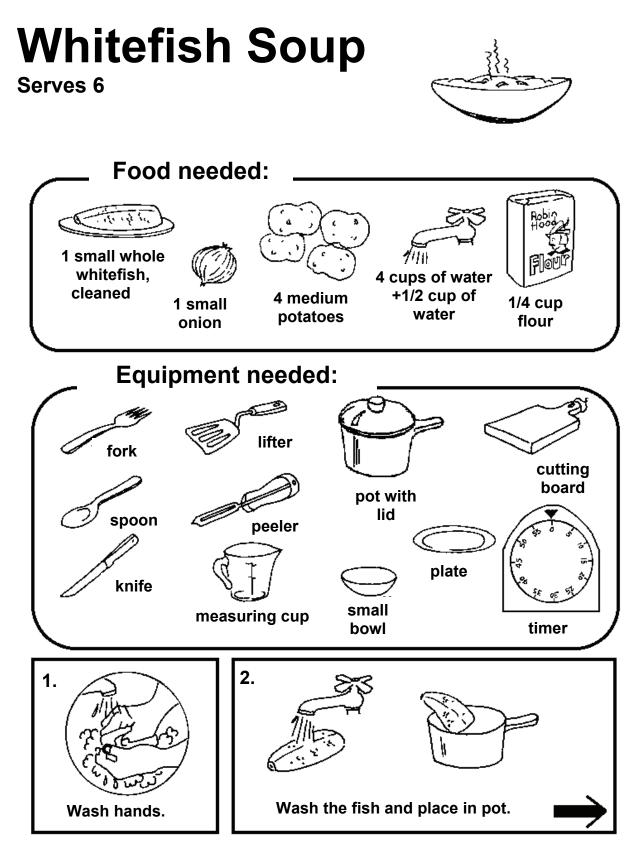
Measure water and add to bowl.

Stir flour and water together until well mixed. Add flour mixture to pot and continue to cook on low for 5 minutes. Soup will thicken.

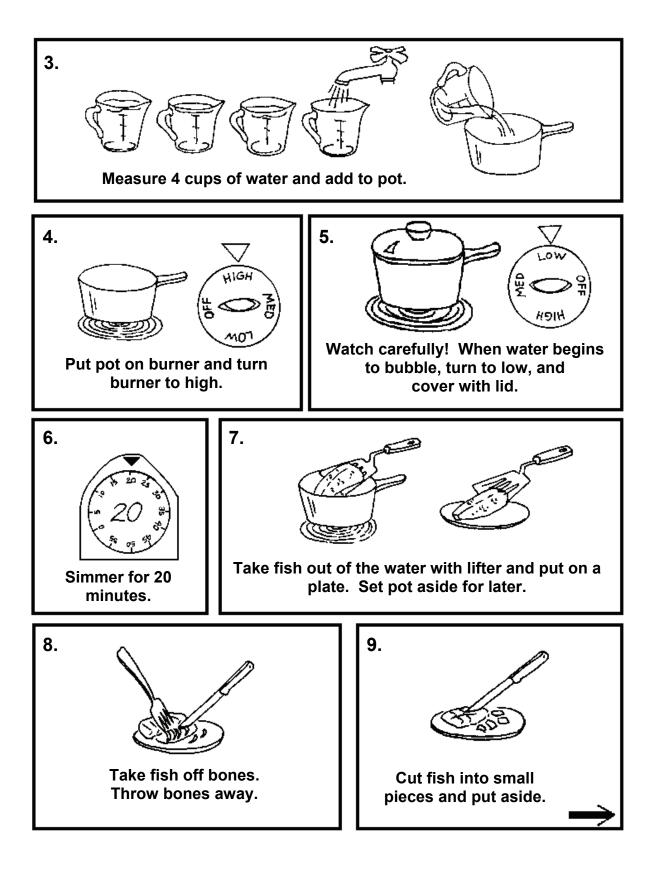
Put the fish into the pot and cook 5 minutes more.

Turn burner off and serve.

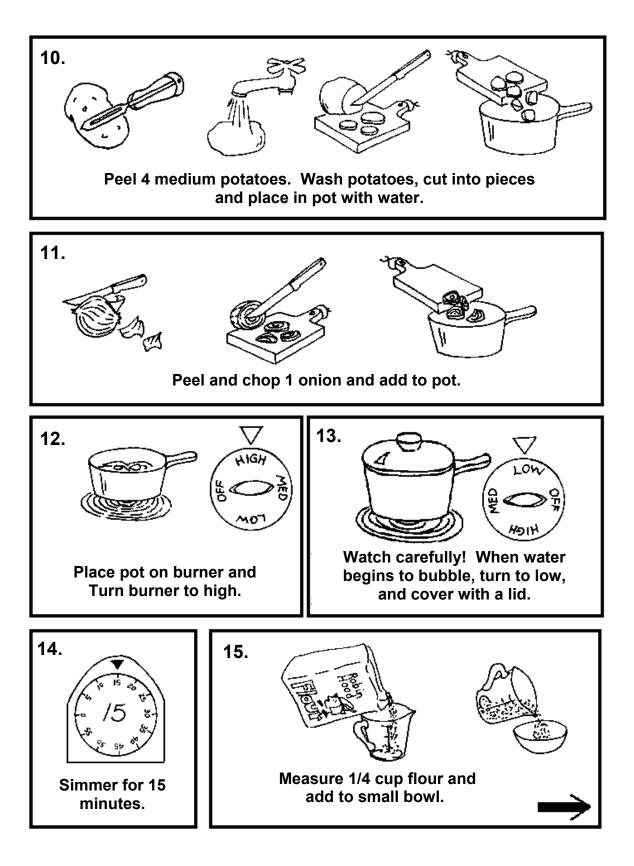
If you start with a whole fish, leave on the head, tail and skin until after it is cooked. Remove them and throw them away when you take off the bones. This gives a better flavour and also more nutritional value.



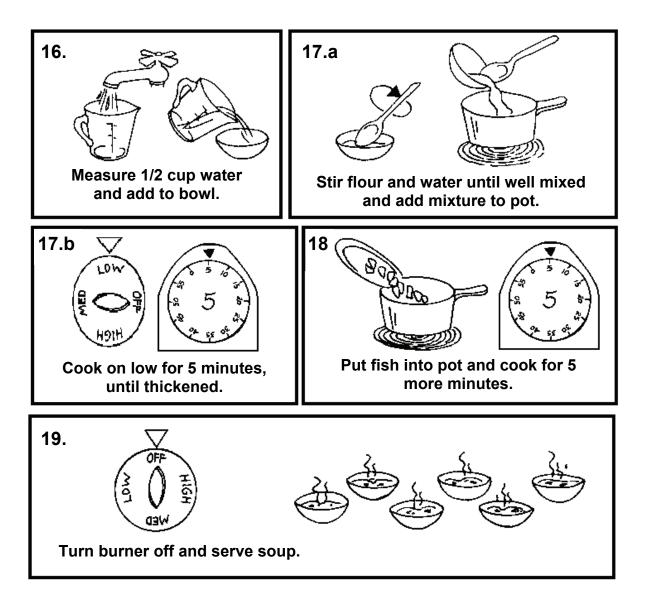
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## **Roast Chicken**

#### Serves 5

Food Needed			Equipment Needed
3 lb	whole frying chicken	1.5 kg	roasting pan with rack timer oven mitts knife

Wash hands.

Rinse the chicken inside and out under running water and pat dry with paper towel.
Place chicken on a rack in a small roasting pan.
Wash hands.
Set oven to 325° F (160° C).
Put roasting pan in oven and cook, uncovered 1 hour and 30 minutes.
Remove roasting pan from oven. Cut into the chicken leg. If the juices are clear, the chicken is cooked.
If the juices are pink, return the chicken to the oven for 15 minutes.

Remove chicken from oven and test again.

If the juices are clear, the chicken is cooked. Turn off oven.

Let the chicken sit for about 15 minutes and then cut in pieces and serve.

### Variation: Lemon Garlic Chicken

Extra Food Needed	Extra Equipment Needed
1lemon11 or 2garlic cloves1 or 2	cutting board

Cut lemon into 8 pieces.

Cut garlic clove(s) into 4 pieces.

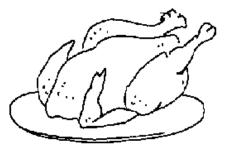
Put cut up garlic and lemon inside washed chicken.

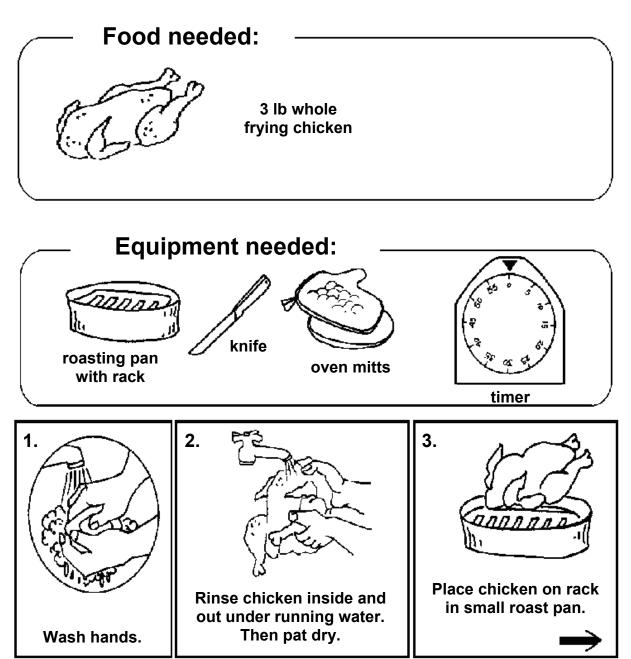
Cook the same way as roast chicken.

Wash counters and cutting boards that were in contact with raw chicken in hot soapy water and rinse with a bleach solution. (1 tsp bleach to 4 cups water or 5 mL bleach to 1 Litre (4—250 mL cups) of water). This will prevent contamination of other foods and prevent illness.

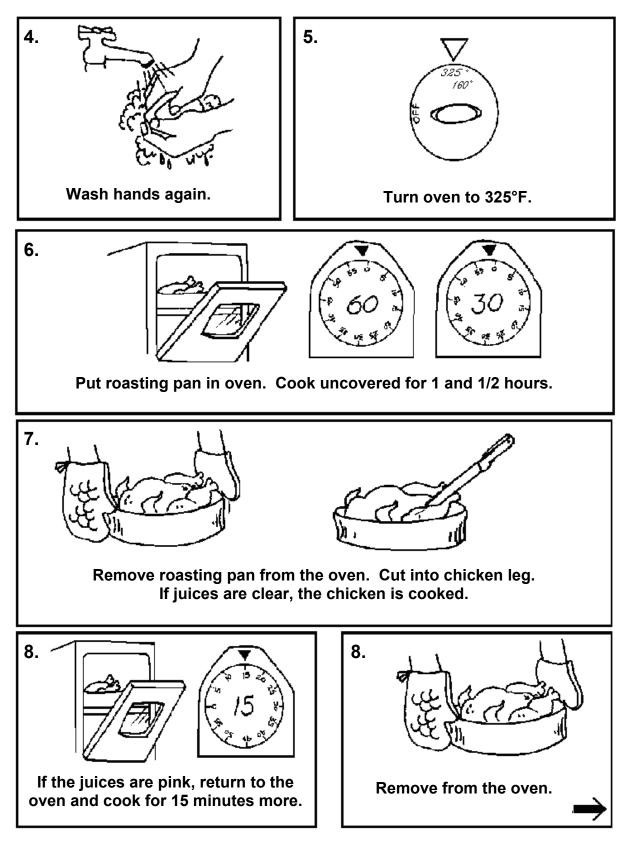
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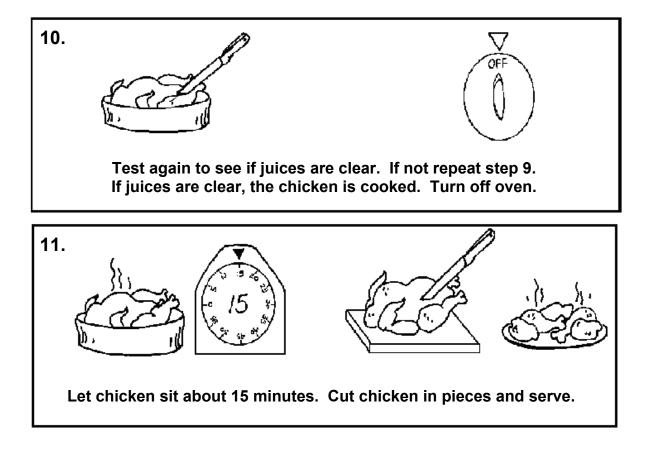




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## **Beef Pot Roast**

#### Serves 8

Food Needed		Equipment Needed	
3 lb 1 cup	Blade roast (boneless) Water	1.5 kg 250 mL	roasting pan with lid or foil to cover measuring cup timer oven mitts knife

Wash hands. Place roast in roasting pan. Measure 1 cup (250 mL) of water and add to roasting pan. Cover pan with lid or foil. Place pan in oven. Turn oven to 325° F (160° C) and bake for 3 hours. Remove pan from oven. Turn oven off. Let roast sit 15 minutes. Slice and serve.

Variation: Add vegetables such as carrots, onions, potatoes, parsnips or rutabaga for the last hour of cooking. Canned or frozen vegetables may also be added for the last half hour.

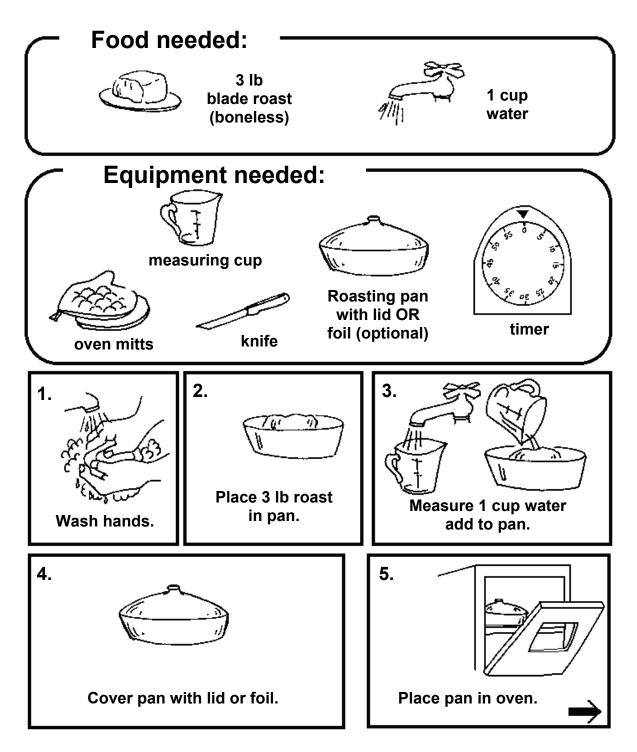
You can make Beef Pot Roast on top of the stove. Use a heavy pot instead of a roasting pan. Bring the liquid to a boil and then turn burner to low. Simmer for 3 hours.

Slice left over roast beef and use in sandwiches or salads.

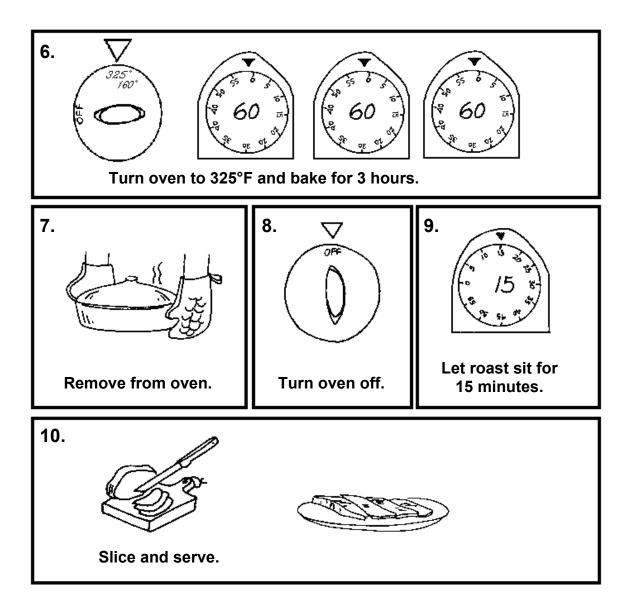
# Beef Pot Roast

Serves 8





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## **Pork Stew With Apples**

#### Serves 4

Food Neede	ed		Equipment Needed
1 lb	pork stew	500 g	cutting board
1 tbsp	oil	15 mL	knife
2 tbsp	flour	25 mL	measuring spoons
1 cup	apple juice	250 mL	heavy pot with lid or foil to cover.
1	small onion	1	spoon
2	apples	2	measuring cup
1/2 tsp	thyme	2 mL	timer

Wash hands.

Trim fat from pork stew and cut into cubes.

Measure oil and add to pot.

Place pot on burner. Turn burner to medium high.

Add pork to pot.

Stir the pork while it browns.

Measure flour and add to pot.

Measure the apple juice and add to the pot.

Stir well.

Peel and chop onion and add onion to pot.

Cover pot and turn burner to low.

Simmer 20 minutes.

Wash apples, core, and cut in quarters.

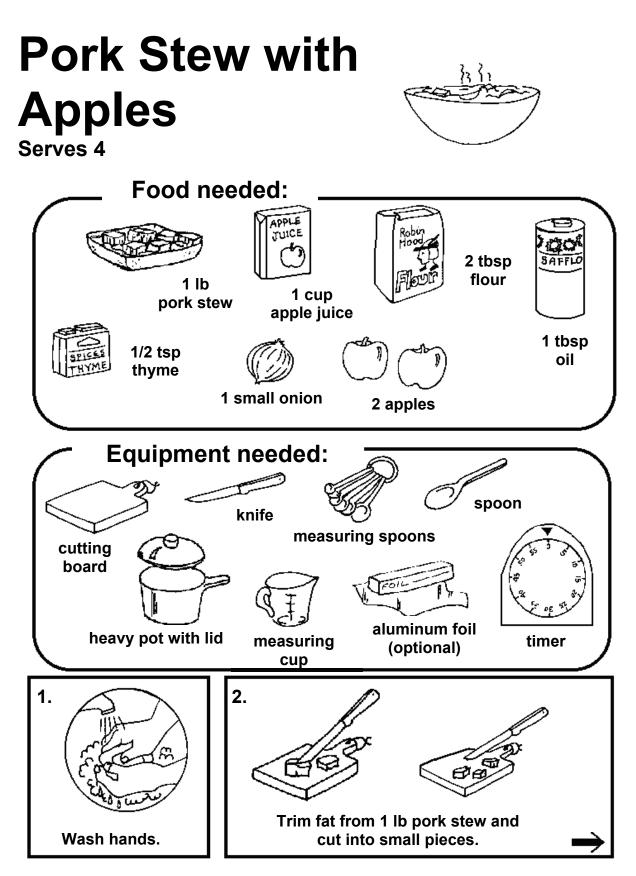
Add quartered apples to pot.

Measure thyme and add to pot.

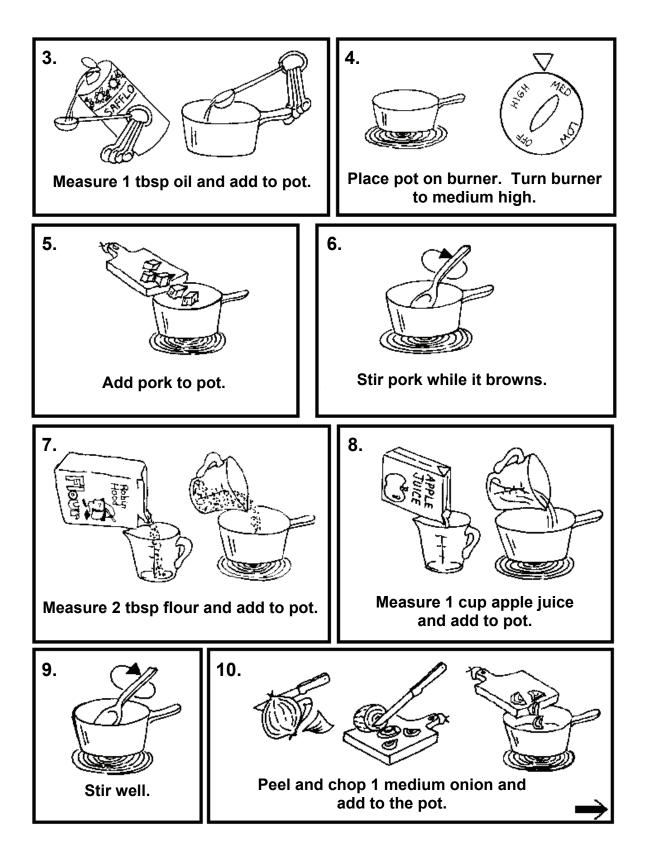
Simmer 15 minutes more.

Turn burner off and serve.

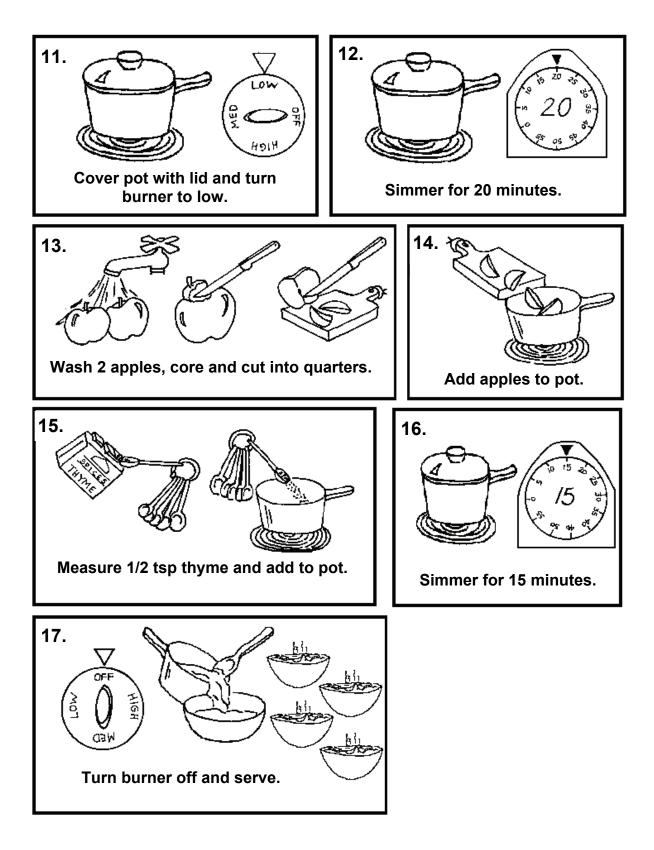
#### Try this with: Green beans Boiled Rice Vanilla Pudding



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## Hamburger

#### Serves 1

Food Needed			<b>Equipment Needed</b>	
3 oz 1	ground beef hamburger bun	100 g 1	frying pan lifter timer knife	

Wash hands.

Shape the ground beef into a flat round pattie with your hands.

Place frying pan on the burner. Turn the burner to medium.

Place the pattie in the frying pan and brown for 10 minutes.

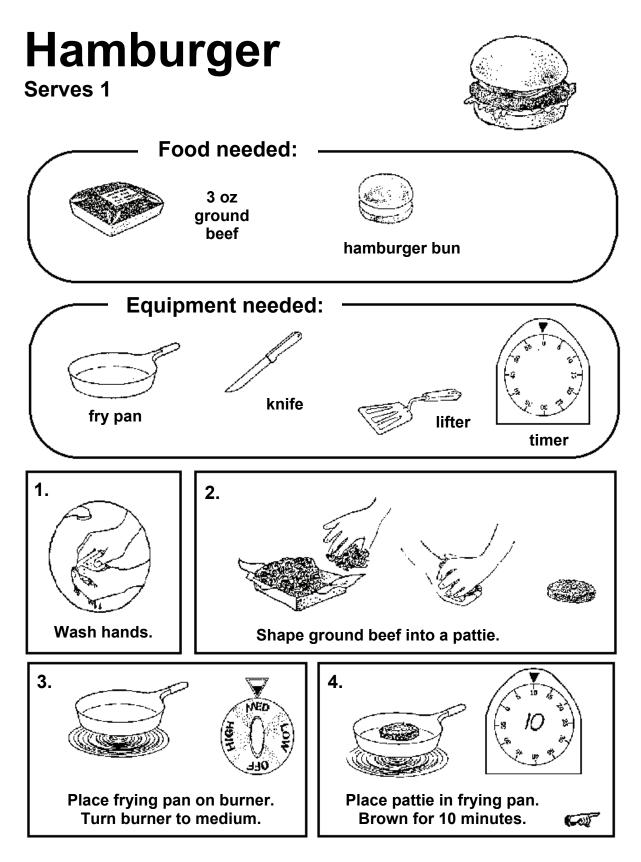
Using the lifter, turn the pattie over. Brown for 10 minutes more.

Cut into the hamburger with a knife. If it is still pink inside, continue to cook for a few more minutes. When the inside of the hamburger is no longer pink, it is cooked. Turn the burner off.

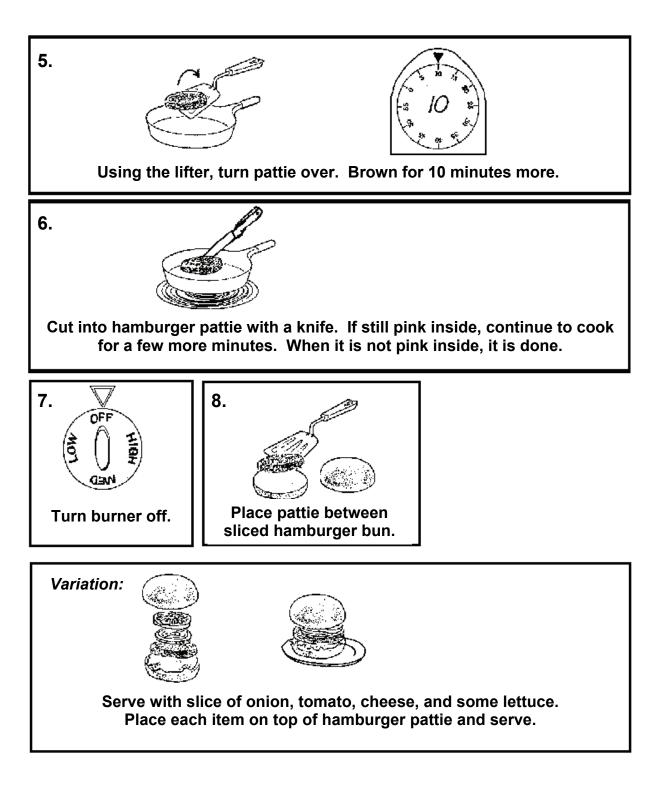
Place the pattie in the hamburger bun.

For variation: Serve with a slice of onion, a slice of tomato, cheese slice and some lettuce.

Try this with:	<b>Oven French Fries</b>
	Tossed Salad
	Banana Milkshake



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## **Macaroni and Cheese**

#### Serves 2 - 3

Food Needed			Equipment Needed
4 cups 1 cup 1 cup 1/2 cup	water macaroni grated cheese milk	1 Litre (4-250 mL) 250 mL 250 mL 125 mL	measuring cup pot timer grater colander wooden spoon

Wash hands.

Measure water and add to pot.

Place the pot on the burner and turn the burner to high.

When the water starts to boil, measure the macaroni and add to the pot. Stir.

Turn burner to low cook for 7 minutes.

Turn burner to off.

Put the colander into a clean sink and pour the macaroni into the colander. Let water drain out. Pour the macaroni back into the pot.

Grate and measure the cheese. Add the cheese to the macaroni.

Measure the milk and add to the pot. Mix well.

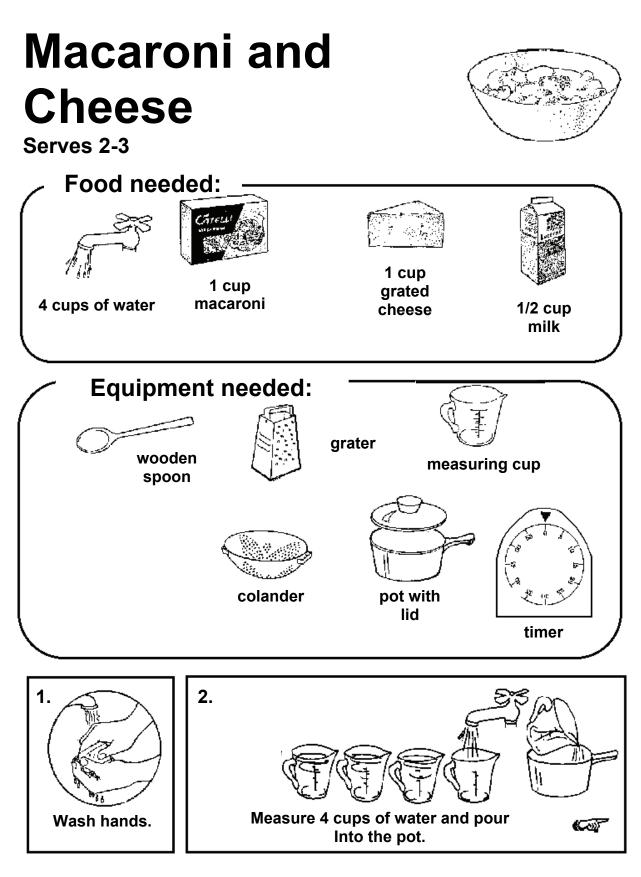
Put the pot back on the burner.

Turn the burner to low and simmer the mixture for about 5 minutes.

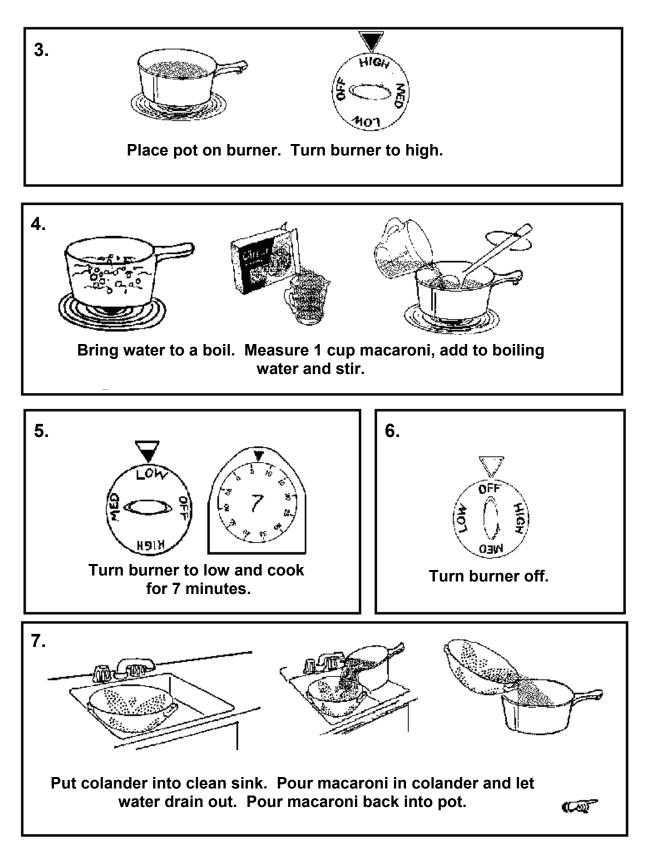
Turn the burner off and serve.

For variation: Add a can of tuna or salmon to the macaroni when you add the cheese.

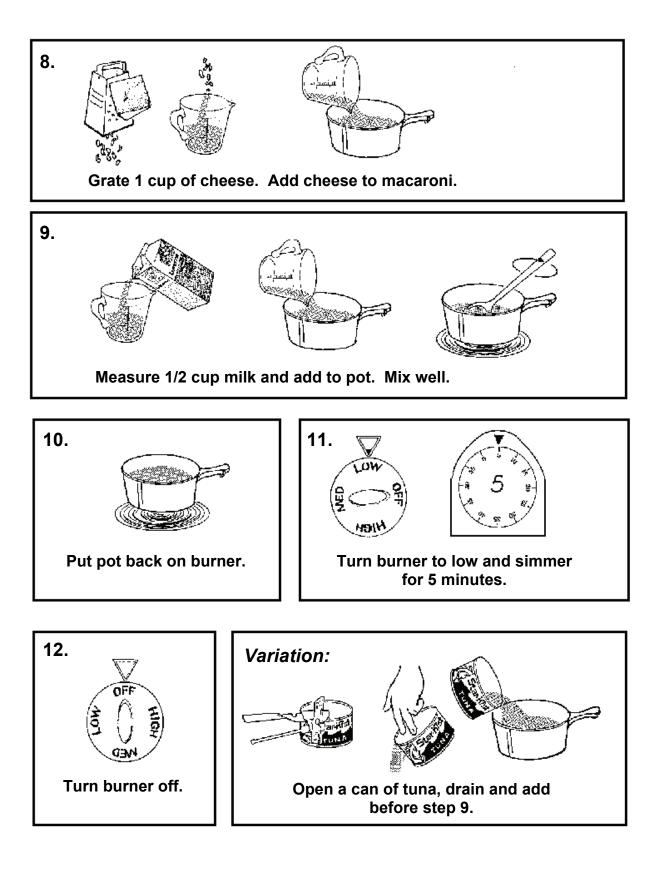
Try this with: Broccoli Fruit Cocktail Glass of Milk



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## **Spaghetti and Meat Sauce**

#### Serves 1

Food Needed			Equipment Needed
3 ounces 1/2 cup 4 cups handful	ground beef spaghetti sauce water spaghetti	100 g 125 mL 4—250 ml cups handful	frying pan wooden spoon oven mitts spoon measuring cup pot colander timer

Wash hands.

Place frying pan on burner. Add ground beef to frying pan.

Turn burner to medium and cook for 15 minutes or until it is brown.

Tilt the pan and spoon out the fat.

Measure the spaghetti sauce and add to the meat.

Simmer for 20 minutes.

Turn burner off.

Measure water and pour into pot.

Place pot on burner and turn burner to high.

When the water starts to bubble, add a handful of spaghetti and stir.

Cook for 10 minutes.

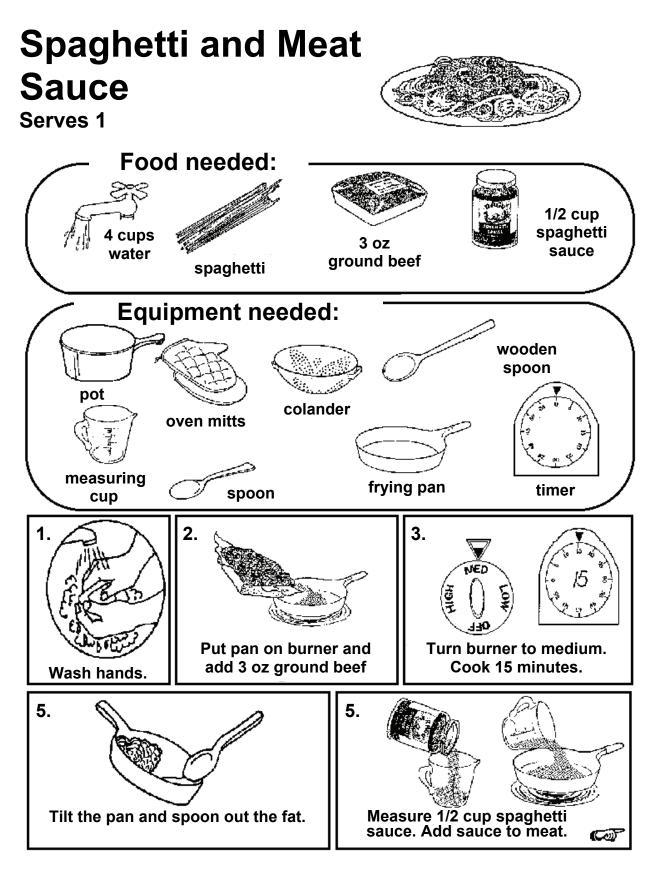
Turn burner off.

Place colander in a clean sink. Pour the spaghetti into the colander and let the water drain.

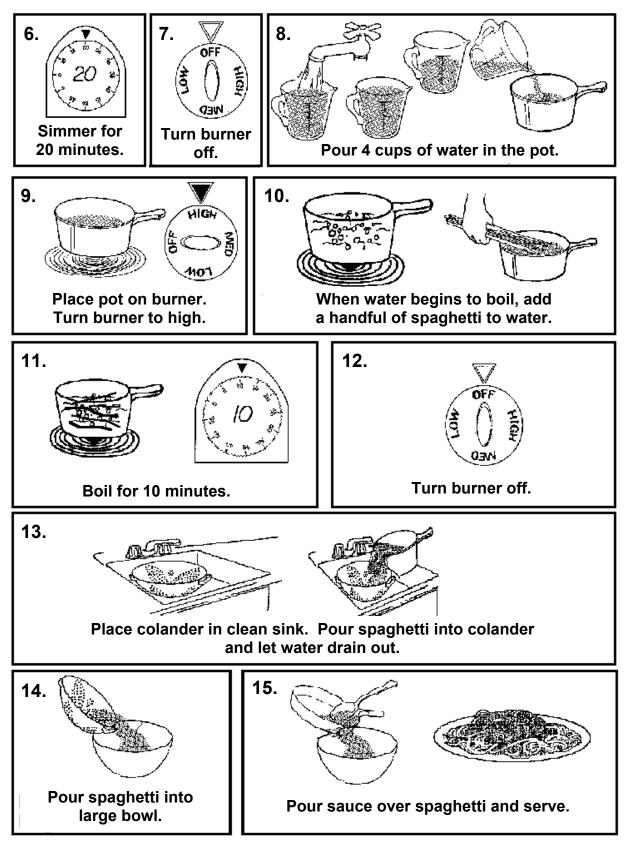
Pour the spaghetti into a large bowl.

Pour the sauce over the spaghetti.

Try this with:	Tossed Green Salad
	Dinner Rolls
	Apple
	Glass of Milk



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## **Spanish Rice**

#### Serves 2

Food Needed			Equipment Needed
1 1/2 lb 1/3 cup 8 oz can 1/2 cup	medium onion green pepper ground beef long grain rice tomato sauce hot water	1 1 225 g 75 mL 213 mL 125 mL	cutting board knife frying pan measuring cup wooden spoon spoon can opener timer

Wash hands.

Add ground beef to frying pan.

Peel and chop onion.

Wash and chop the green pepper.

Add onions and green pepper to the frying pan.

Set frying pan on burner.

Turn burner to medium.

Stir and cook until the meat is brown - about 15 minutes.

Tilt the pan and spoon out the fat.

Measure the rice and add to frying pan.

Open tomato sauce with can opener.

Add tomato sauce to frying pan.

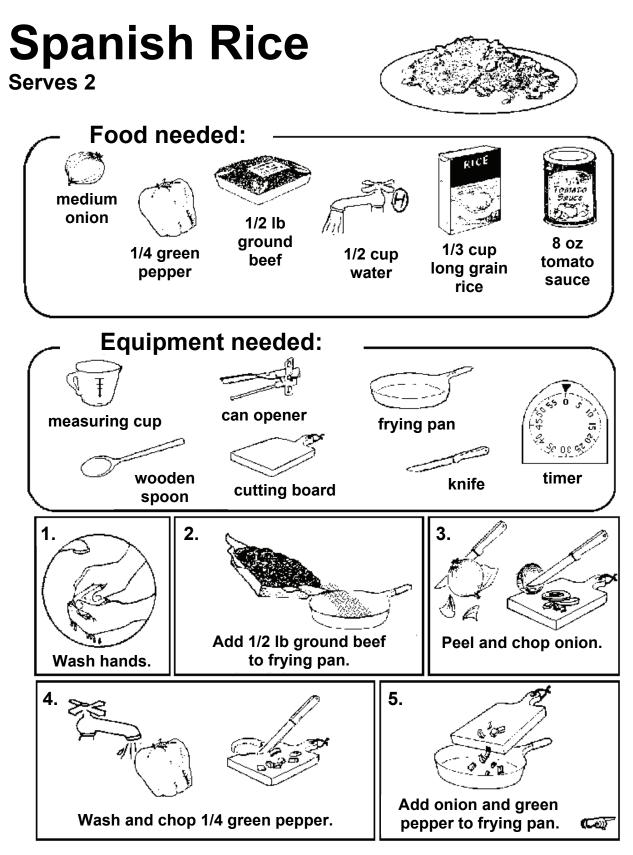
Measure hot water and add to the frying pan.

Stir.

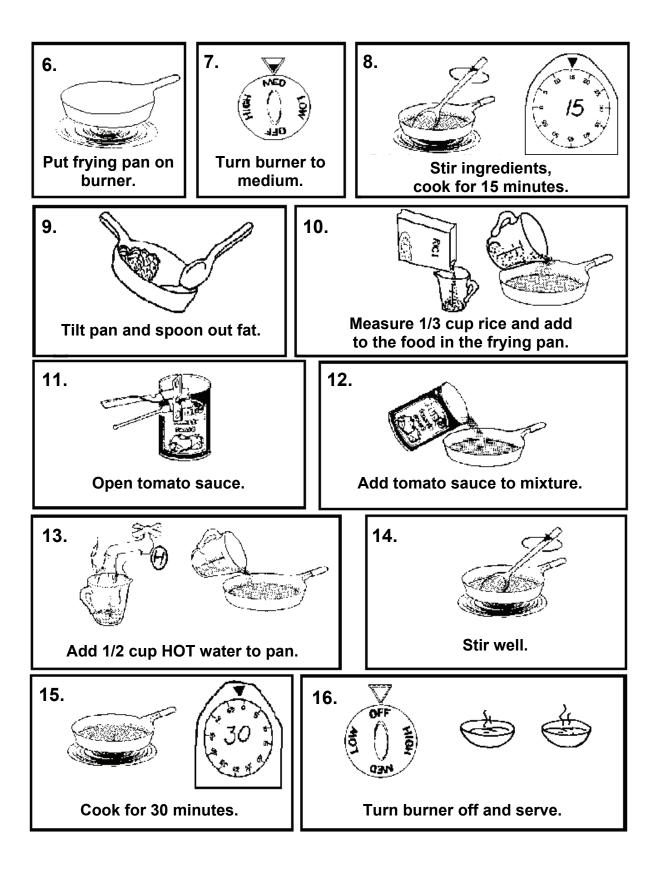
Cook for 30 minutes.

Turn burner off and serve.

Try this with:	Tossed Salad
	Glass of Milk
	Banana



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## Chili Con Carne

#### Serves 6

Food Needed			Equipment Needed
1 lb 1 14 oz can 14 oz can 1 tsp	ground beef small onion kidney beans tomatoes chili powder	500 g 1 398 mL can 398 mL can 5 mL	knife cutting board frying pan wooden spoon spoon can opener measuring spoons timer

Wash hands.

Place frying pan on burner and turn burner to medium.

Add ground beef to frying pan.

Peel onion and chop into small pieces on the cutting board.

Add the onion to the frying pan.

Stir and cook until the meat is brown - about 15 minutes.

Tilt the pan and spoon out the fat.

Open the tomatoes with can opener.

Open the kidney beans with the can opener.

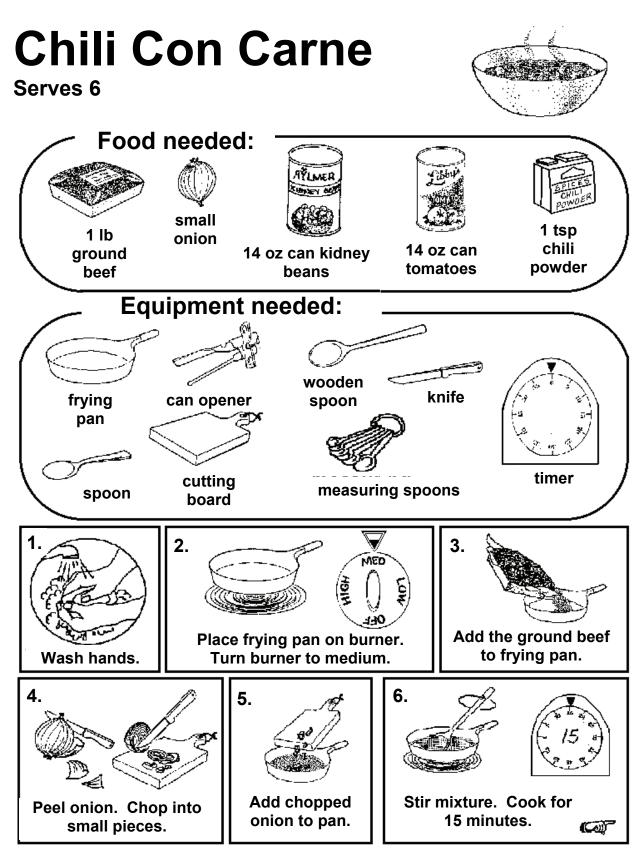
Add canned tomatoes and kidney beans to the frying pan.

Measure the chili powder and add to the frying pan.

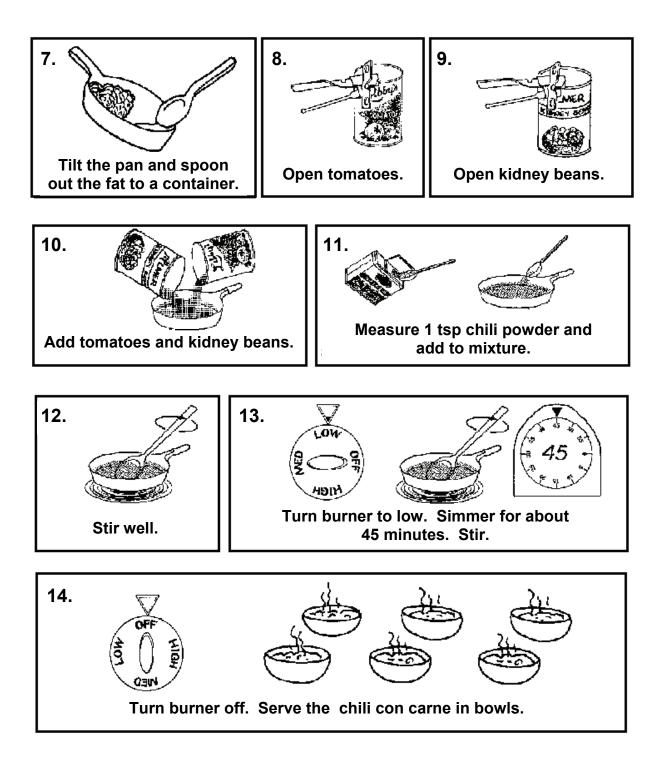
Stir well.

Turn burner to low and simmer for about 45 minutes. Stir occasionally while simmering. Turn burner off and serve the chili con carne in bowls.

Try this with: Toast Orange and Banana Salad Glass of Milk



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## Lentil Stew with Barley

#### Serves 6

Food Needed			<b>Equipment Needed</b>
2 1 2 6 cups 3/4 cup 28 oz can 3/4 cup 1 tbsp 1/2 tsp	large celery stal medium onion small carrots water lentils tomatoes barley chili powder garlic powder	ks 2 1 2 6—250 mL cups 175 mL 796 mL can 175 mL 15 mL 2 mL	vegetable brush cutting board knife large pot with lid measuring cup strainer wooden spoon timer can opener measuring spoons

Wash hands.

Wash and chop 2 large celery stalks. Add to pot.

Peel and chop 1 onion and add to pot.

Wash 2 carrots. Cut off the tops, chop them into small pieces and add to the pot.

Measure water and add to pot.

Measure lentils and place in strainer.

Rinse the lentils under running water and add lentils to pot.

Place the pot on the burner and turn burner to high.

Stir ingredients to mix.

Watch carefully until the mixture starts to bubble.

Turn burner to low.

Cover the pot and cook for 20 minutes.

Open the can of tomatoes with the can opener and add tomatoes to pot.

Measure the barley and add to pot.

Measure chili powder and add to pot.

Measure garlic powder and add to pot.

Stir. Simmer for 1 hour. Turn burner off.

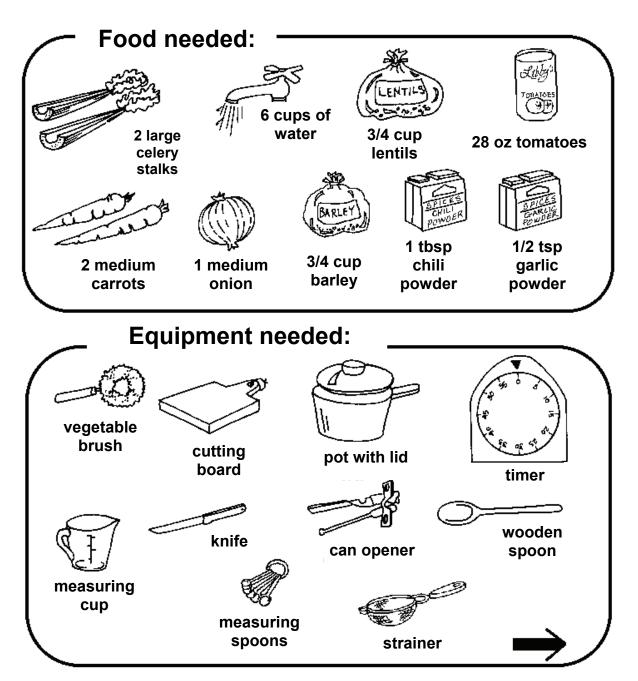
Serve in bowls.

Try this with: Crusty Rolls Celery and Carrot Sticks Fruit Yogurt

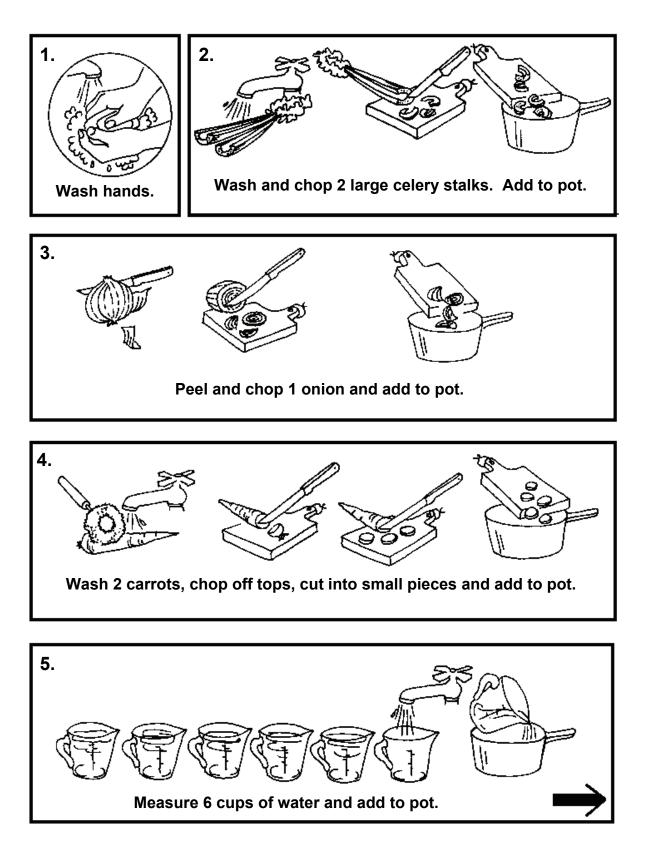
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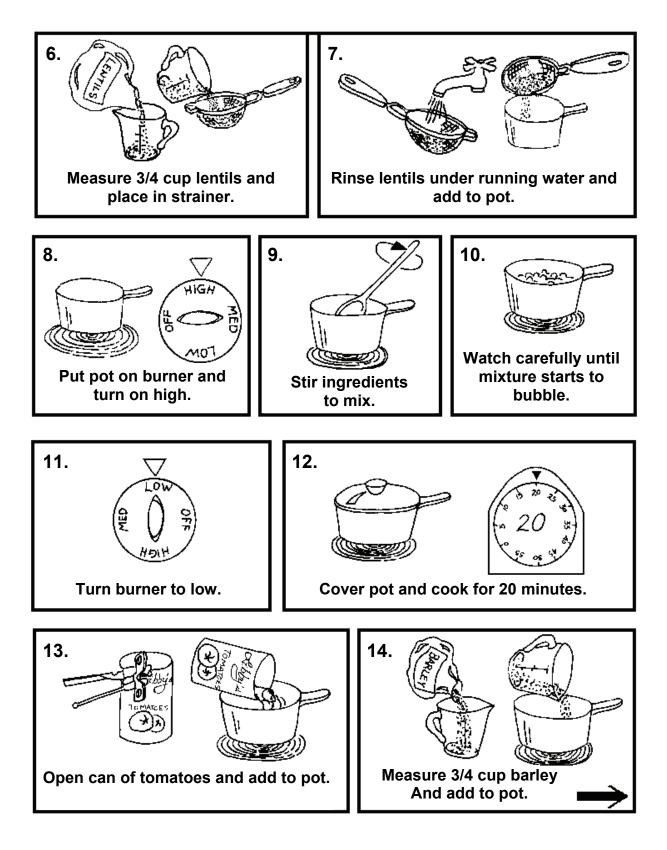




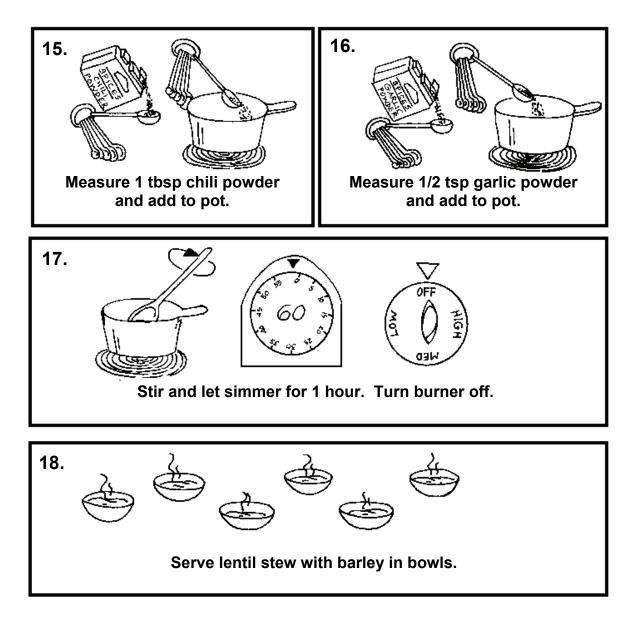
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## **Moose Meat Stew**

#### Serves 4

Food Needed			Equipment Needed
1 lb 2 tbsp 1 4 cups 1/4 tsp 3 2 1 1/4 cup 1 cup	moose stewing meat oil medium onion water thyme medium potatoes medium carrots small rutabaga flour water	500 g 25 mL 1 1 Litre (4-250 mL) 1 mL 3 2 1 50 mL 250 mL	cutting board knife heavy pot with lid measuring spoons wooden spoon measuring cup timer vegetable brush small bowl

Wash hands.

Rinse meat and pat dry.

Cut fat and gristle from moose meat and cut into pieces.

Measure oil and add to heavy pot.

Add moose meat to pot.

Place pot on burner and turn burner to medium high.

Stir the meat with the wooden spoon until it browns on all sides.

Peel and chop 1 onion. Add onions to pot.

Measure water and add to pot

Measure thyme and add to pot.

Watch carefully. When water starts to bubble turn burner to low.

Cover pot with lid and simmer for 2 hours.

Wash and scrub potatoes. Cut potatoes and add to pot.

Wash and chop 2 carrots. Add carrots to pot.

Peel rutabaga and rinse under running water.

Chop rutabaga and add to pot.

Simmer one more hour.

Measure flour and add to small bowl.

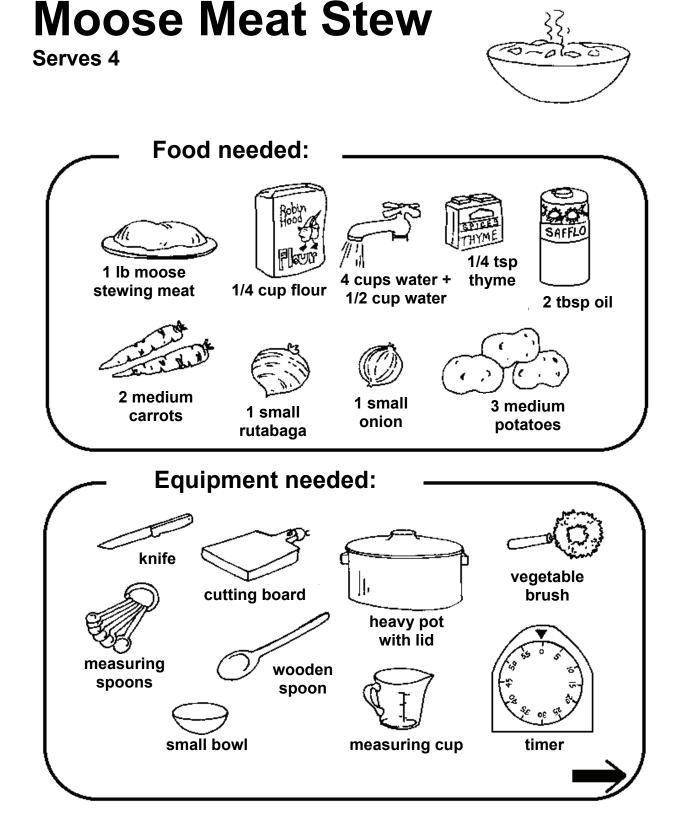
Measure water and add to flour in bowl.

Mix the flour and water together and add to stew.

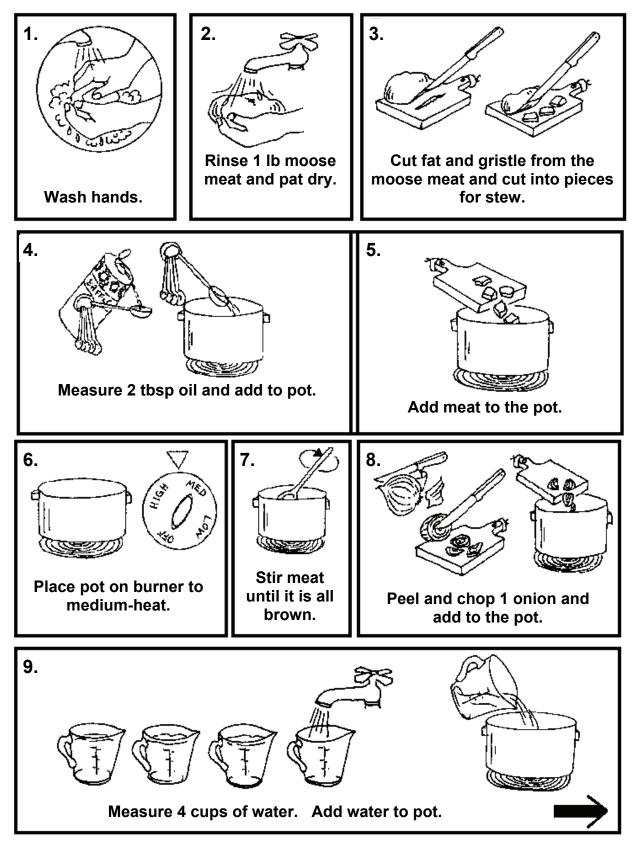
Stir and cook for 5 minutes until the stew has thickened.

Turn off burner and serve.

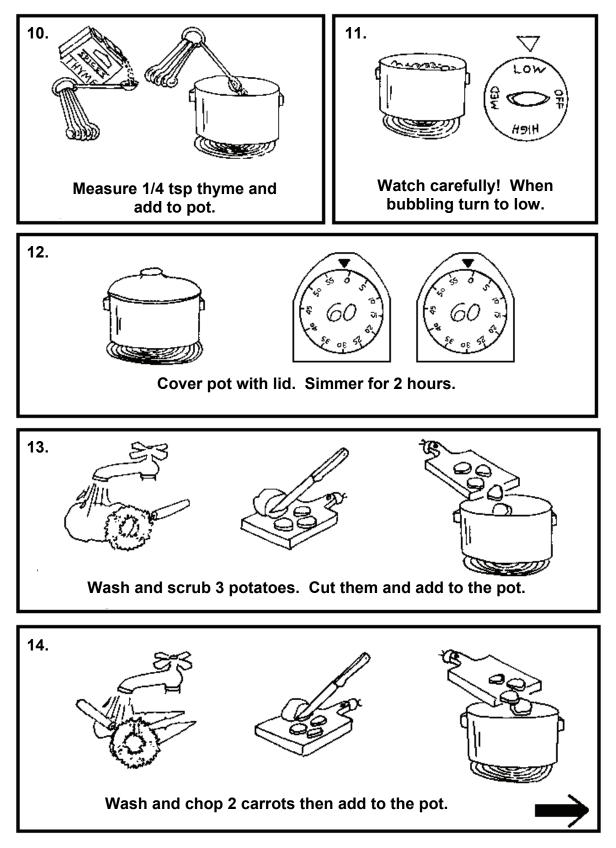
Variation: Use stewing beef instead of moose meat.



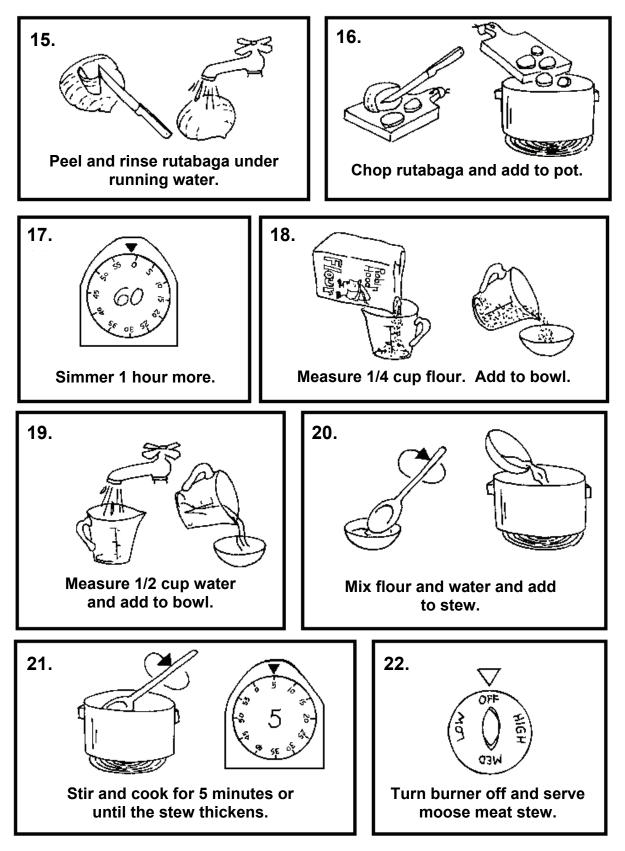
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## Lazy Day Stew

Serves 4

Food Needed			Equipment Needed
1 lb 1/4 cup 1 3 3 2 14 oz can 1/2 cup	stewing beef flour onion carrots potatoes celery stalks tomatoes water salt pepper	500 g 50 mL 1 3 2 398 ml can 125 mL	cutting board knife large covered casserole spoon peeler can opener measuring cup timer oven mitts

Wash hands.

Trim the fat from the meat and add the meat to the casserole dish.

Measure the flour and add to the casserole dish.

Stir to mix.

Peel and chop the onion.

Add the chopped onion to the casserole dish.

Peel the carrots.

Peel the potatoes.

Rinse the carrots and potatoes in running water.

Cut the carrots in pieces and add to the casserole.

Cut the potatoes in pieces, and add them to the casserole.

Wash and chop the celery. Add celery to the casserole.

Open the can of tomatoes with the can opener and add tomatoes to the casserole.

Measure the water and add it to the casserole.

Sprinkle the meat and vegetables lightly with salt and pepper and stir to mix.

Turn oven to 300°F (150°C).

Cover the casserole dish and place in oven.

Cook for 1 hour.

Use the oven mitts to remove the casserole dish from the oven.

Remove the lid and stir the stew.

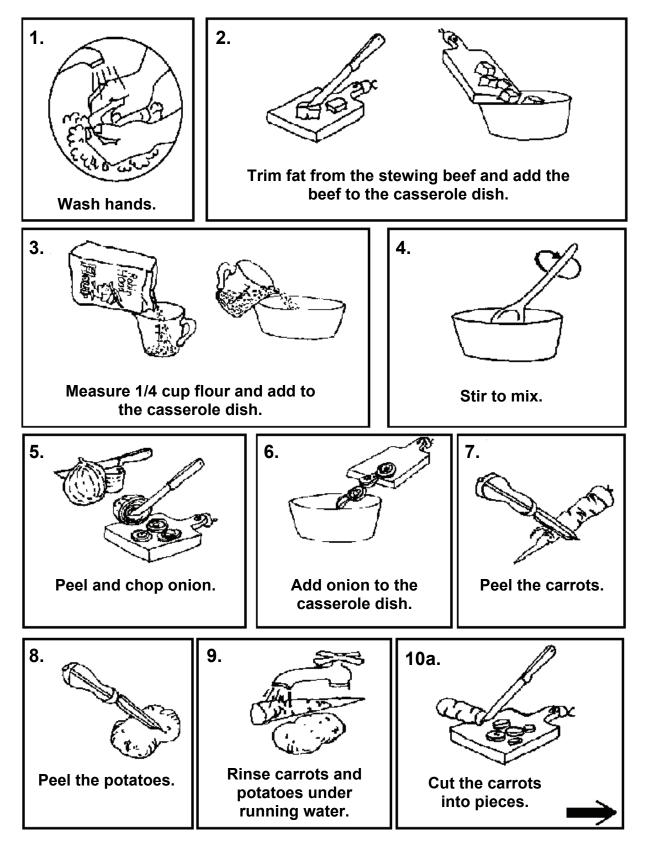
Cover the casserole dish and return to oven.

Cook 11/2 hours longer.

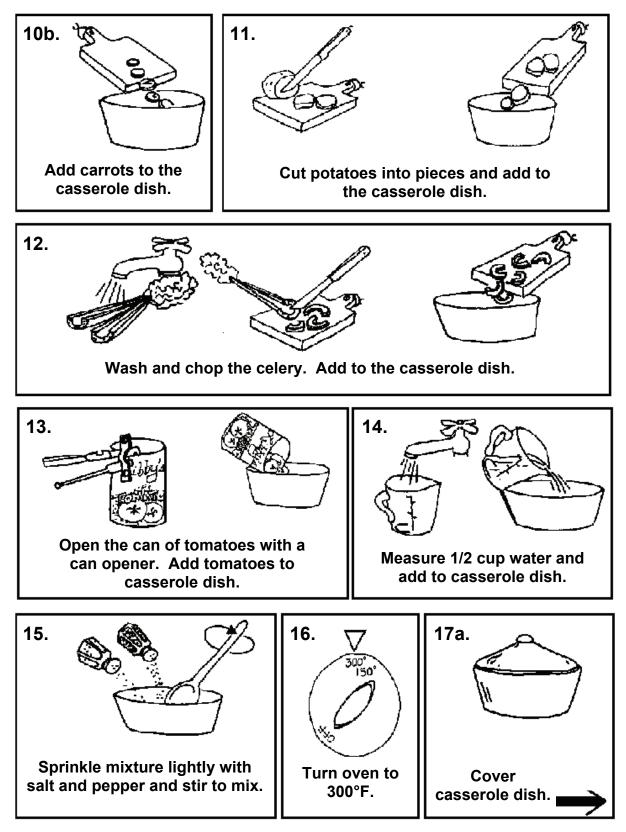
Turn off the oven. Remove casserole dish and serve.



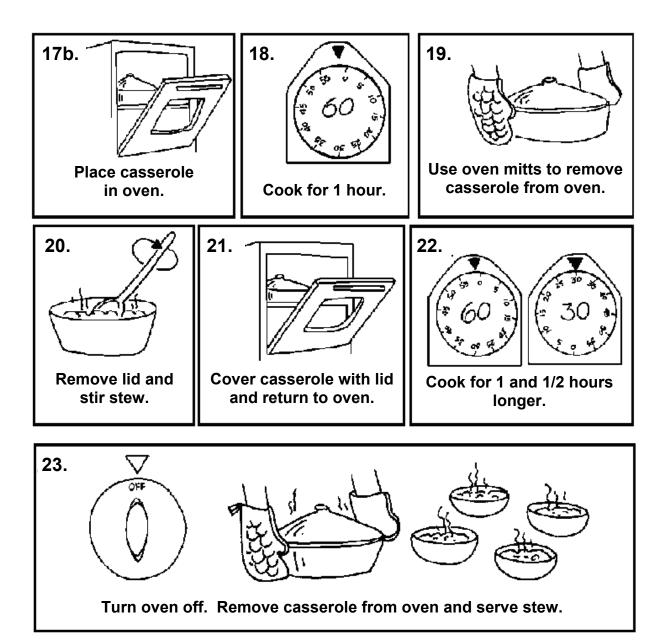
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## **Shepherd's Pie**

#### Serves 4 - 6

Food Needed		<b>Equipment Needed</b>
Sood Needed     small onion       Ib     ground beef       2 oz can     corn       6     medium potatoes       /4 cup     milk	1 500 g 341 mL can 6 50 mL	Equipment Needed         knife         cutting board         frying pan         spoon         casserole dish or baking pan         can opener         peeler         pot with lid         timer         colander         measuring cup         potato masher

Wash hands.

#### PART I - THE MEAT LAYER

Peel and chop the onion on the cutting board.Add the onions to the frying pan.Add the ground beef to the frying pan.Set the burner to medium high.Cook until the meat is brown, stirring every few minutes.Tilt the pan and spoon out the fat.Place the onion and meat in a baking pan.

### PART 2 - THE CORN LAYER

Open the can of corn with the can opener. Spread the corn on top of the meat in the baking pan.

See Part 3 on the next page . . . .

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#### PART 3 - THE POTATO TOPPING

Peel potatoes with vegetable peeler. Rinse under water.
Use the knife and cutting board to slice potatoes into pieces.
Add potatoes to the pot. Add just enough water to cover the potatoes.
Put the lid on the pot, place pot on the burner and turn the burner to high.
Watch until water begins to bubble. Turn burner to low.
Cook potatoes for 15 minutes.
Turn burner off.
Place the colander in a clean sink and pour the potatoes and water into the colander to drain.
Put potatoes back into pot.
Use a potato masher to mash the potatoes.
Spread the mashed potatoes on top of the corn in baking pan.

#### **PART 4 - THE BAKING**

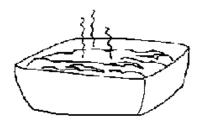
Turn the oven to 400° F or 200° C. Place the baking pan in oven for 30 minutes. Turn oven off. Remove casserole dish and serve.

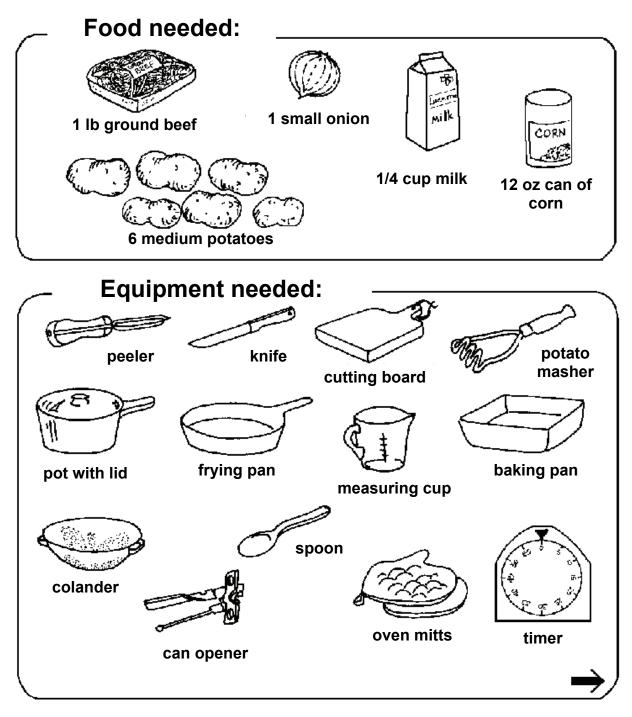
Variation: Use frozen corn, or mixed vegetables instead of canned corn.

Try this with: Sliced tomatoes Applesauce Glass of Milk

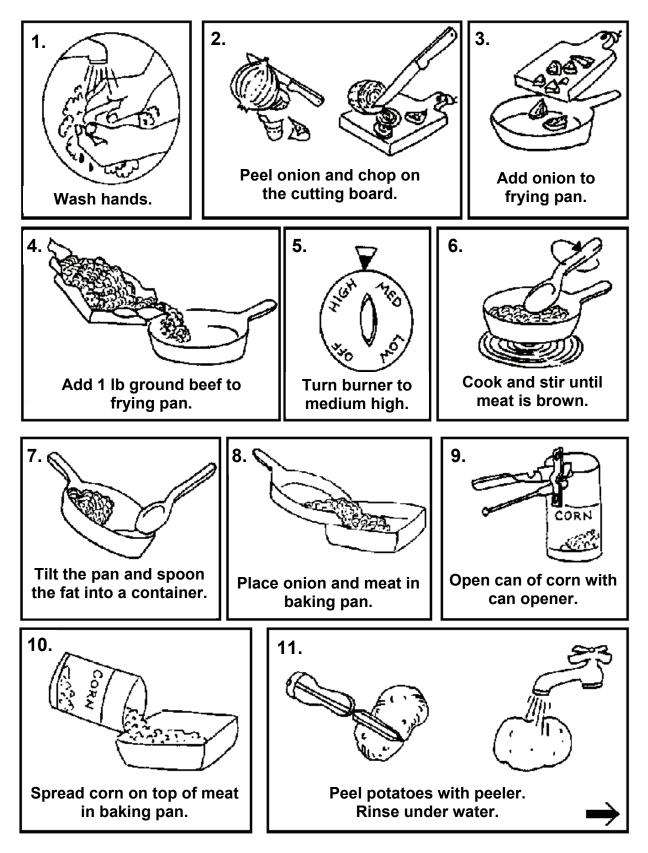
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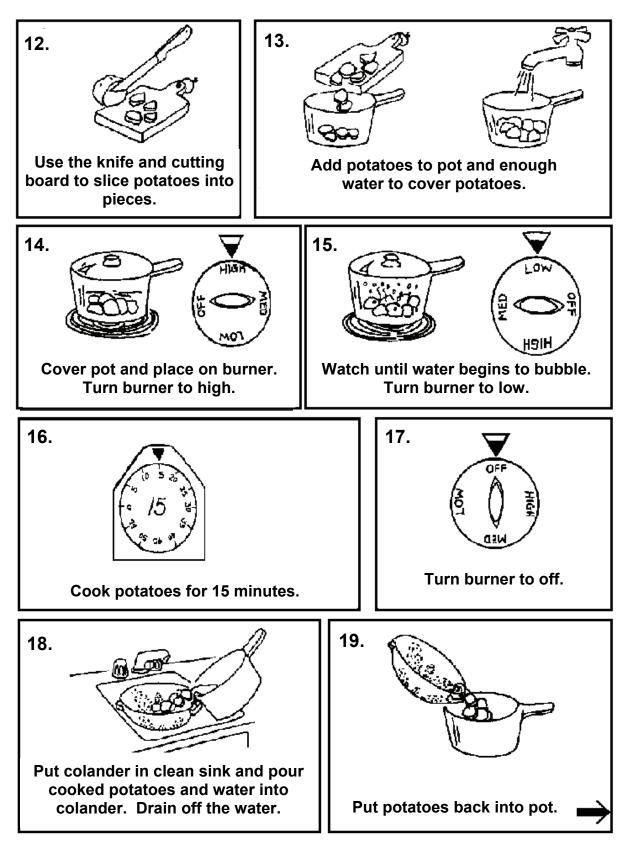




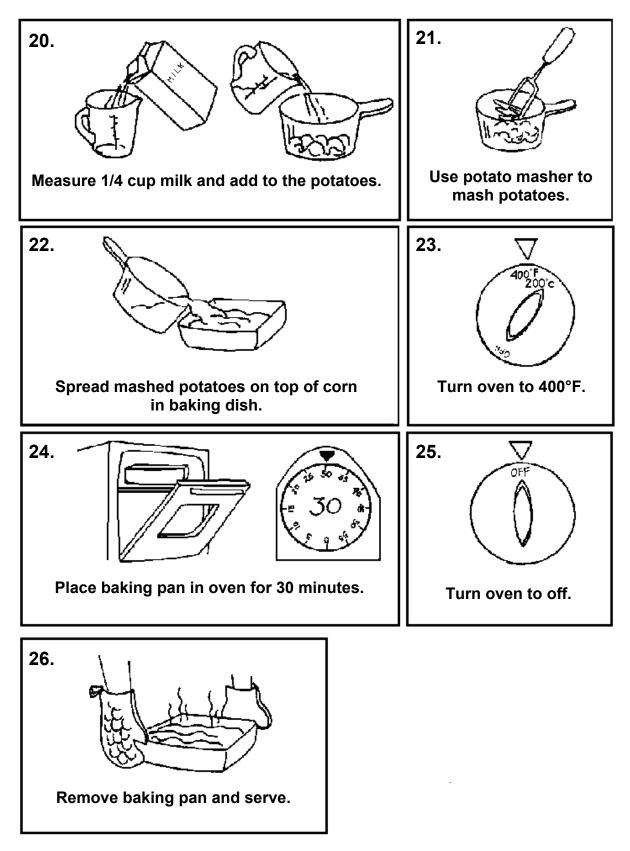
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## **Tossed Green Salad**

#### Serves 2

Food Needed			Equipment Needed
1/4 head 1 1 1/2	lettuce celery stalk green onion tomato salad dressing	1/4 head 1 1 1/2	large bowl cutting board knife 2 large spoons

Wash hands.

Rinse lettuce and celery under running water.

Tear off 1/4 head of lettuce.

Break the lettuce into small pieces and place in a bowl.

Slice celery into small pieces and add to the bowl.

Wash onion under running water, slice into small pieces and add to the bowl.

Wash the tomato and slice it in half. Cut one half into small pieces and add to the bowl.

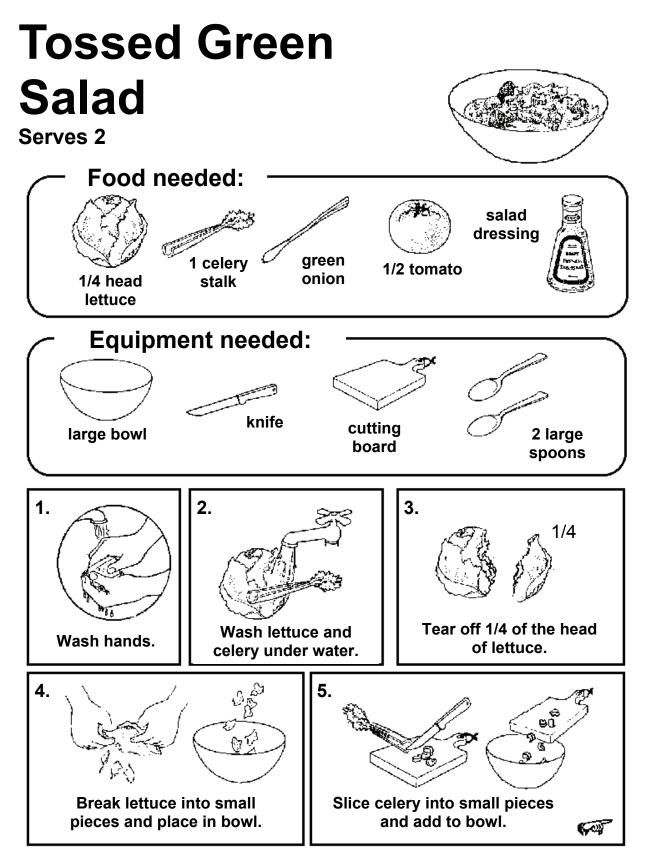
Save the other half to use another time.

Use two large spoons and mix the vegetables together.

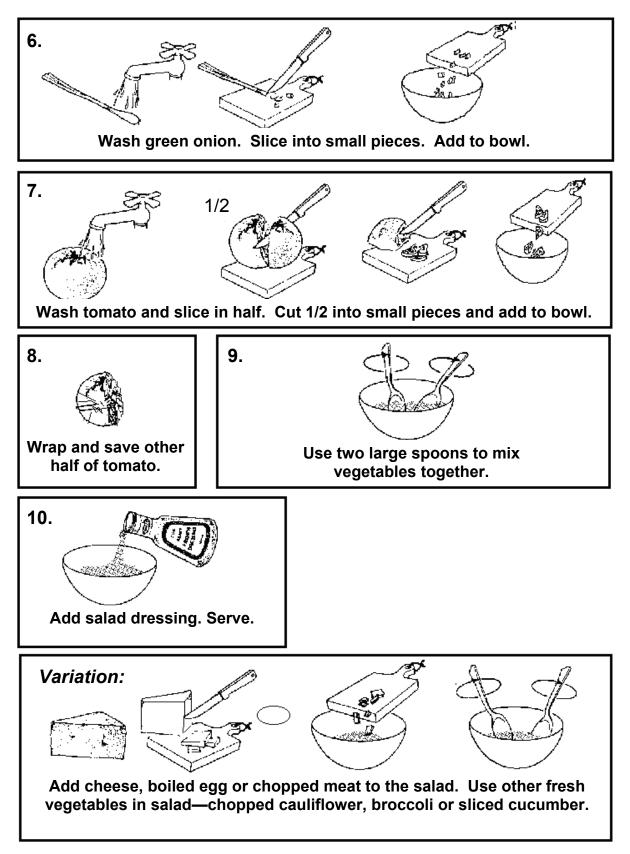
Add salad dressing just before serving.

Variations: Add cheese, boiled egg, or chopped cooked meat to the salad.

Add other fresh vegetables such as chopped cauliflower, or broccoli, or sliced cucumber.



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## **Frozen Vegetables**

#### Serves 1

Food Needed			Equipment Needed
1/2 cup 1/2 cup	frozen vegetables water	125 mL 125 mL	measuring cup pot with lid colander oven mitts timer

Wash hands.

Measure water and add to pot.

Place pot on burner and turn burner to high.

When the water starts to bubble, measure frozen vegetables and add to pot.

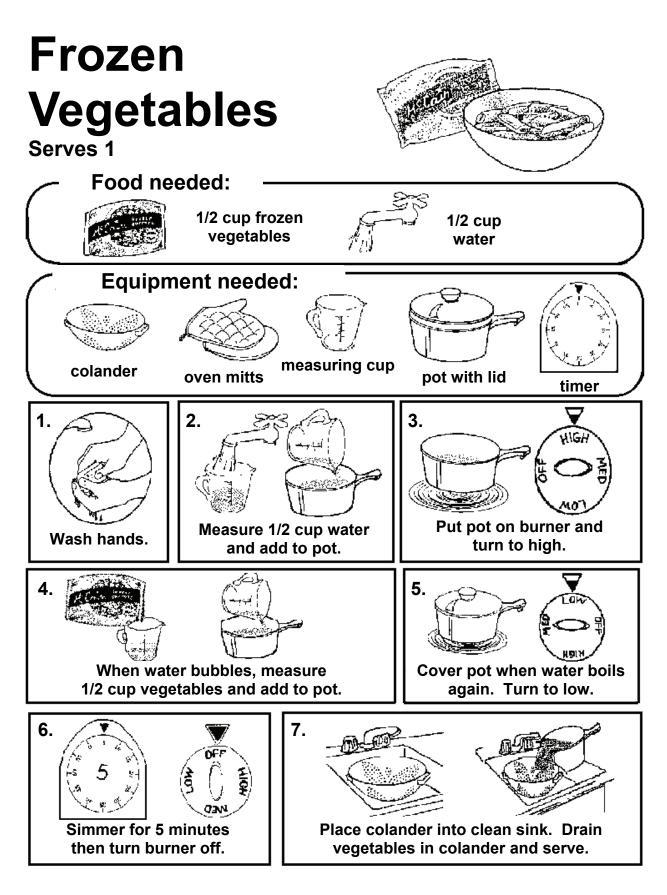
When water bubbles, turn burner to low and cover pot.

Simmer for 5 minutes. Turn burner off.

Place the colander in a clean sink and pour the vegetables and water into the colander.

Let the water drain off.

Serve.



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## **Boiled Rice**

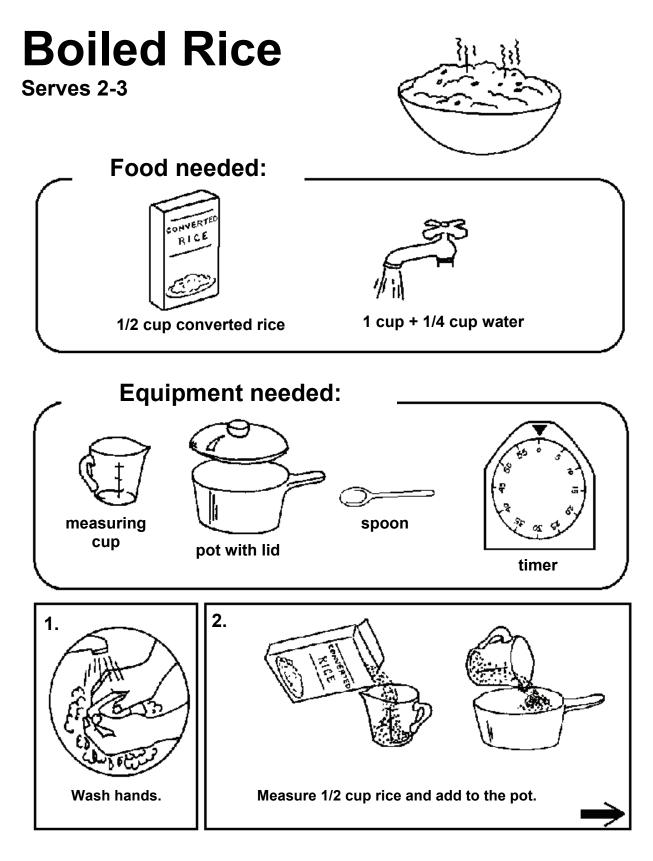
#### Serves 2-3

Food Needed			Equipment Needed
1/2 cup 1 1/4 cup	converted rice water	125 mL 1—250 mL cup + 50 mL	measuring cup pot with lid spoon timer

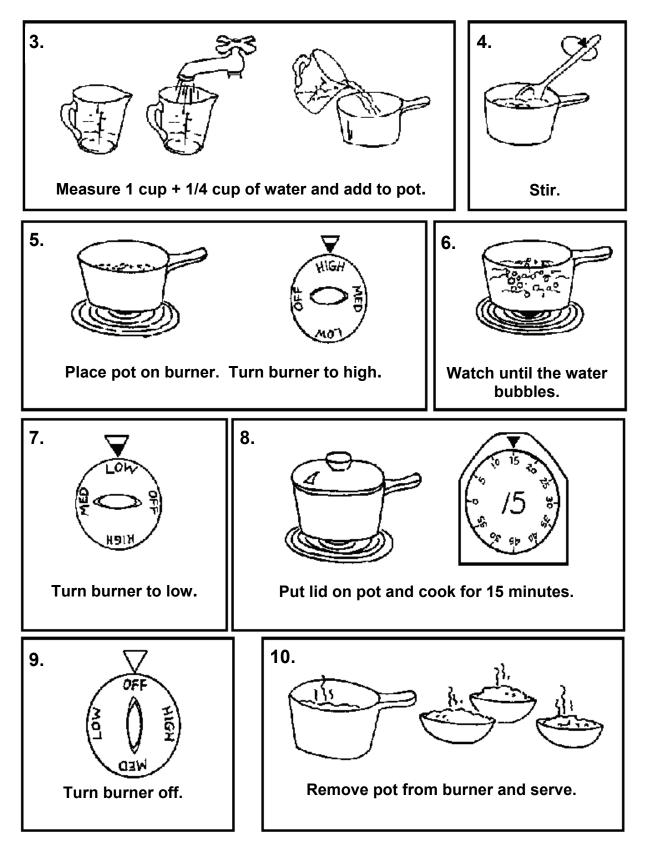
Wash hands.
Measure rice and add to pot.
Measure water and add to pot.
Stir.
Place pot on burner. Turn burner to high.
Watch carefully until the water bubbles.
Turn burner to low.
Put lid on pot and cook for 15 minutes.
Turn burner off.
Remove pot from burner and serve.

**Variations:** Use **brown rice**. Prepare in the same way except cook for 40 minutes after the burner is turned to low.

Use **instant rice** when you are in a hurry. Add the instant rice to the same amount of boiling water, cover. Let stand 5 minutes and serve.



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## **Baked Rice**

#### Serves 6

Food Nee	ded	Equipment Needed	
1 cup 2 1/2 cups	converted rice water	250 mL 2—250 mL+ 125 mL	measuring cup baking dish with lid (or foil to cover)
1 tbsp	margarine	15 mL	measuring spoons
1	small onion	1	knife
1	celery stalk	1	cutting board spoon timer oven mitts

#### Wash hands.

Measure rice and add to baking dish.

Measure water and add to baking dish.

Measure margarine and add to baking dish.

Peel and chop 1 onion.

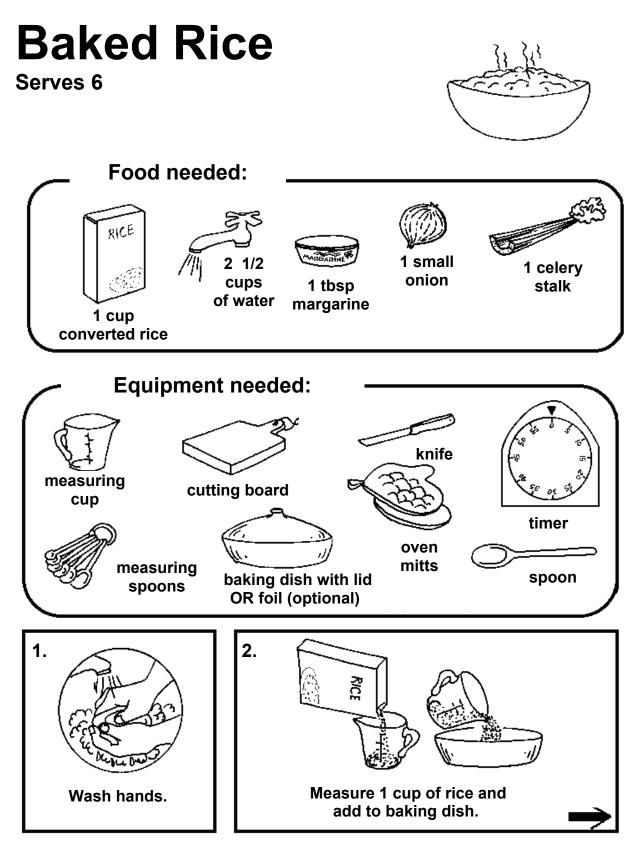
Add onion to baking dish.

Wash and chop 1 stalk of celery and add celery to baking dish. Stir well.

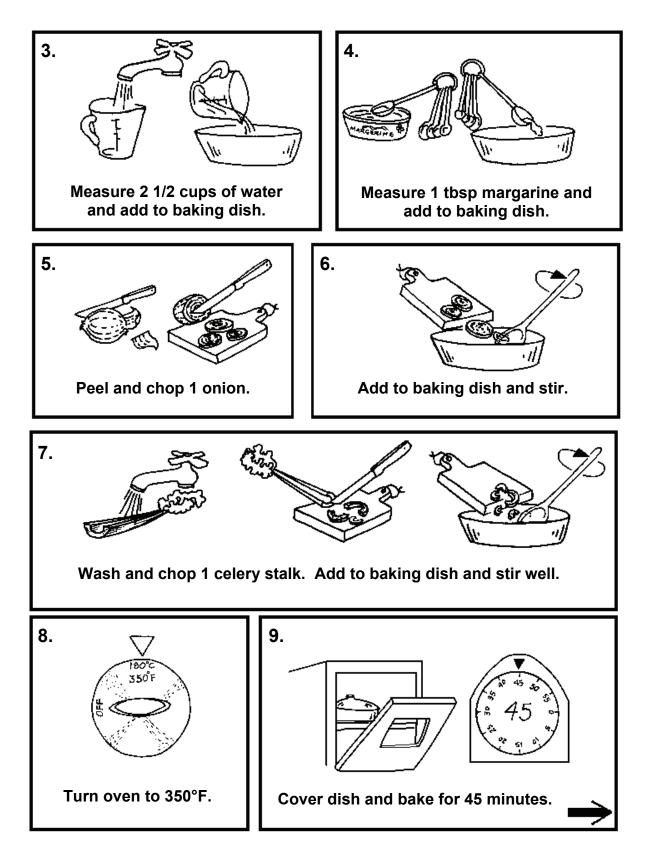
Set oven to 350°F (180°C).

Cover dish and bake for 45 minutes.

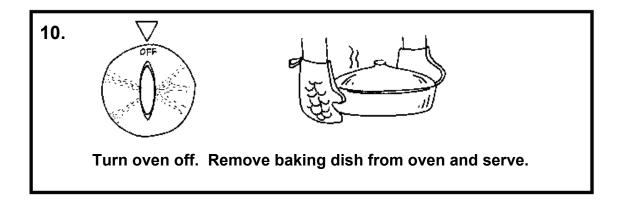
Turn oven off. Remove baking dish from oven and serve.



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## **Oven French Fries**

#### Serves 4

Fo	Food Needed		Equipment Needed
4 2 tbsp	medium potatoes oil paprika (optional)	4 25 mL	vegetable brush knife cutting board bowl measuring spoons spoon cookie sheet timer oven mitts lifter

Wash hands.

Turn oven to 450°F (230°C).

Scrub potatoes under running water with a vegetable brush.

Cut out any eyes or green spots.

Slice into 1/2 inch (1 cm) thick strips. Add to bowl.

Measure oil and add to bowl.

Sprinkle potatoes with paprika and stir well.

Spread potatoes on cookie sheet.

Bake in oven for 15 minutes.

Using oven mitts, remove cookie sheet from oven.

Turn potatoes over using a lifter.

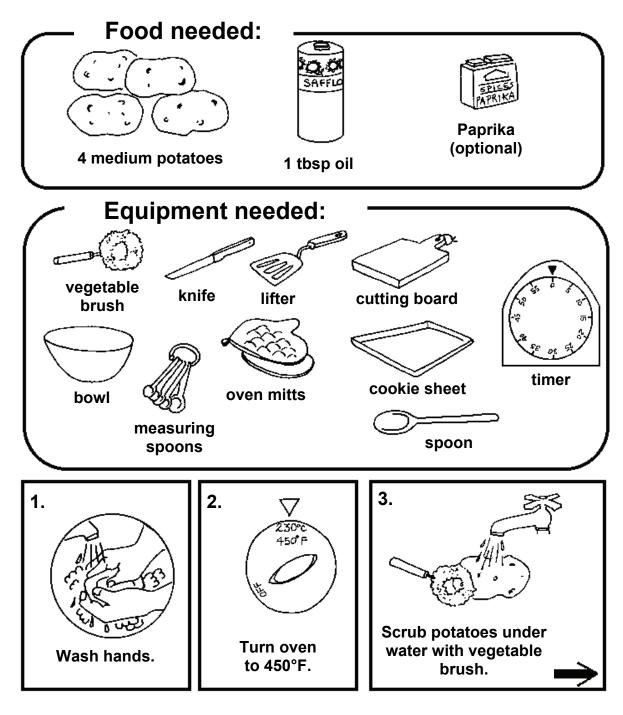
Return cookie sheet to oven and bake 15 minutes more. Turn oven off.

Remove cookie sheet from oven and serve French Fries.

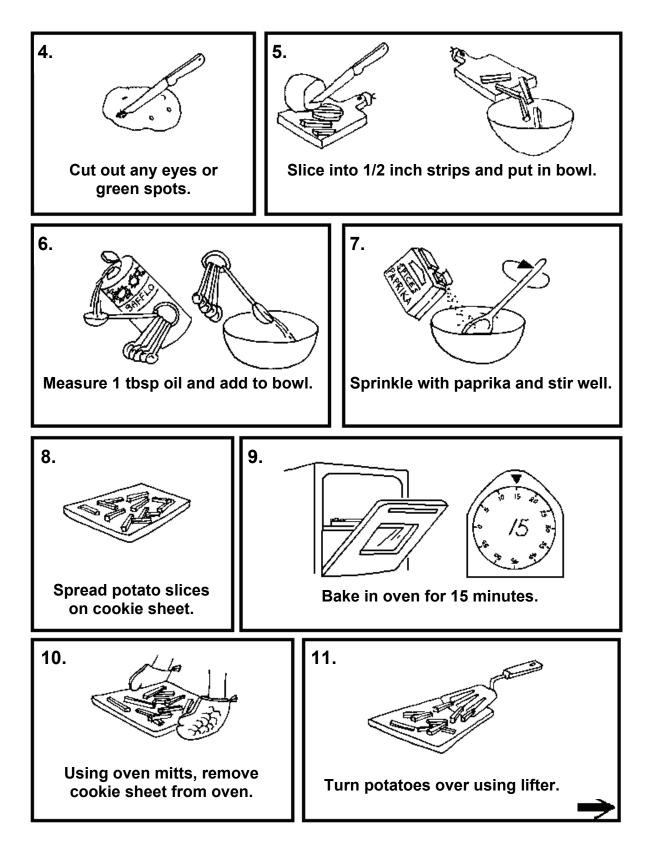
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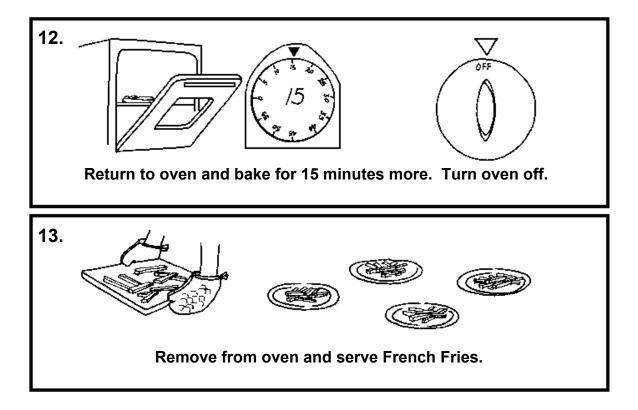
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### Bannock

#### Serves 6

Food Needed			Equipment Needed	
1 cup 1/2 cup 2 tsp 2 tbsp 2 tbsp 1/2 cup	flour oatmeal baking powder powdered milk margarine water margarine to gree	250 mL 125 mL 10 mL 25 mL 25 mL 125 mL case pan	measuring cup mixing bowl measuring spoons spoon small baking pan timer oven mitts	

Wash hands.

Measure flour and add to bowl.

Measure oatmeal and add to bowl.

Measure baking powder and add to bowl.

Measure powdered milk and add to bowl.

Stir to mix.

Measure margarine and blend into flour mixture until it looks crumbly.

Measure the water and add to the bowl.

Stir until evenly blended.

Grease the baking pan with margarine.

Pour mixture into baking pan.

Set oven to  $400^{\circ}$ F ( $200^{\circ}$ C).

Put pan in oven and bake for 15 minutes.

Turn oven off.

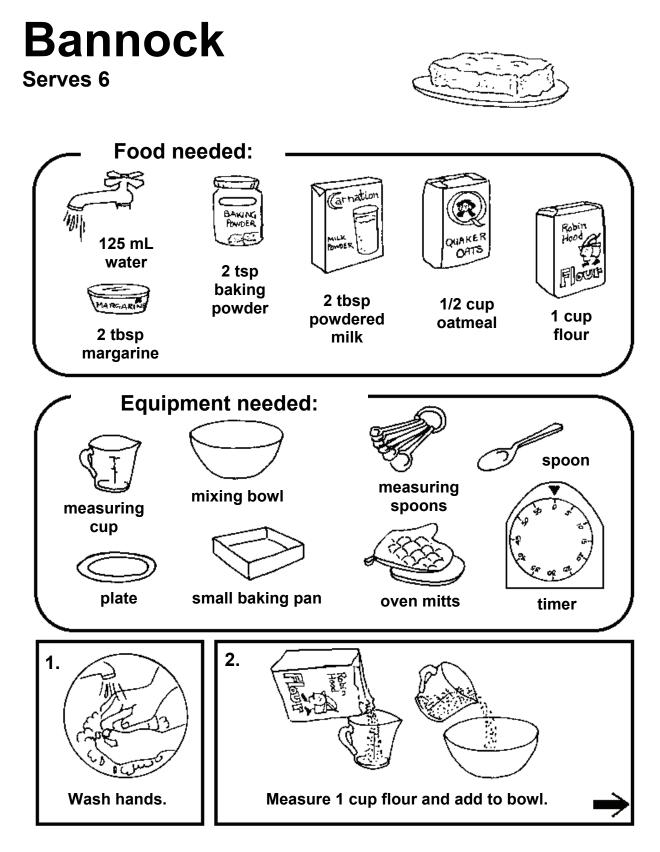
Use oven mitts to remove pan from oven. Let sit 5 minutes.

Turn out on a plate, let cool, cut and serve.

Note: If you have no powdered milk, use milk instead of water.

Variation: Add 1/2 cup (125 mL) raisins with the other ingredients.

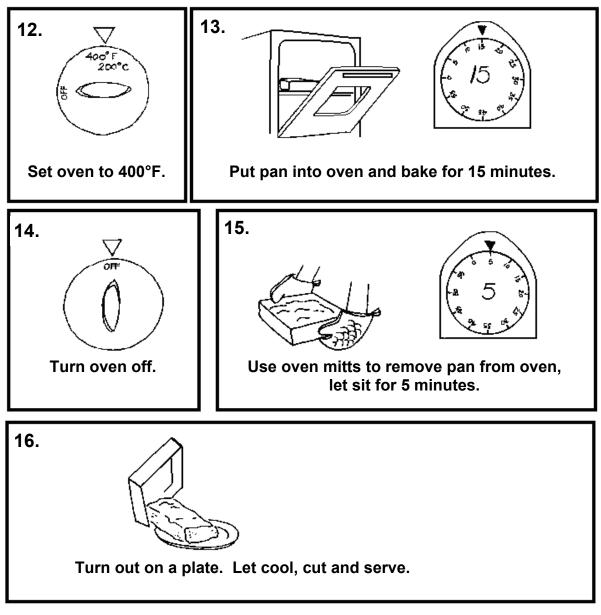
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Note: If you have no powdered milk, use milk instead of water.

Variation: Add 1/2 cup or 125 mL raisins with the other ingredients.

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## **Orange and Banana Salad**

Serves 2

Food Needed			Equipment Needed	
1 1 2 tbsp	orange banana orange juice	1 1 25 mL	cutting board knife large bowl measuring spoons spoon	

Wash hands.

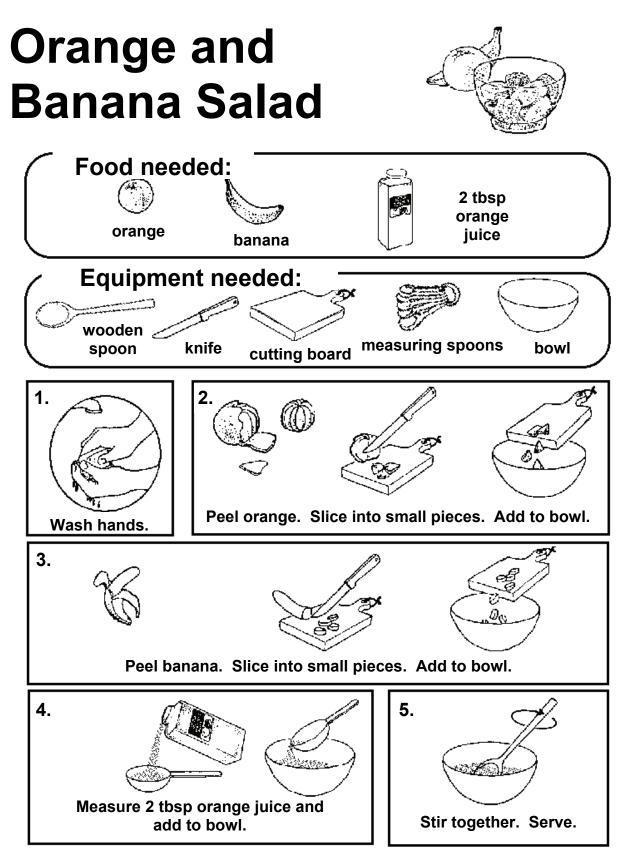
Peel orange and slice into small pieces. Add to bowl.

Peel banana and slice into small pieces. Add to bowl.

Measure orange juice and add to fruit.

Stir together and serve.

**Variation:** Add other fruit such as chopped apple, grapes, shredded coconut, or canned pineapple.



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## **Easy Rice Pudding**

Serves 4

Food Needed			Equipment Needed	
3 cups 1/3 cup 1/4 cup 1/2 tsp 1 tsp 1 tbsp 1/3 cup	milk rice sugar nutmeg vanilla margarine raisins	3—250 mL cups 75 mL 50 mL 2 mL 5 mL 15 mL 75 mL	measuring cup large baking dish measuring spoons spoon timer oven mitts	

Wash hands.

Turn oven to  $300^{\circ}$ F (150° C).

Measure the milk and add to the baking dish.

Measure the rice and add to the baking dish.

Measure the sugar and add to the baking dish.

Measure the nutmeg and add to the baking dish.

Measure the vanilla and add to the baking dish.

Measure the margarine and add to the baking dish.

Measure the raisins and add to the baking dish.

Stir to mix.

Put baking dish in oven.

Bake for 1 1/2 hours.

Use oven mitts to remove pudding from oven. Stir.

Return pudding to oven and bake 1 hour longer.

Turn oven off.

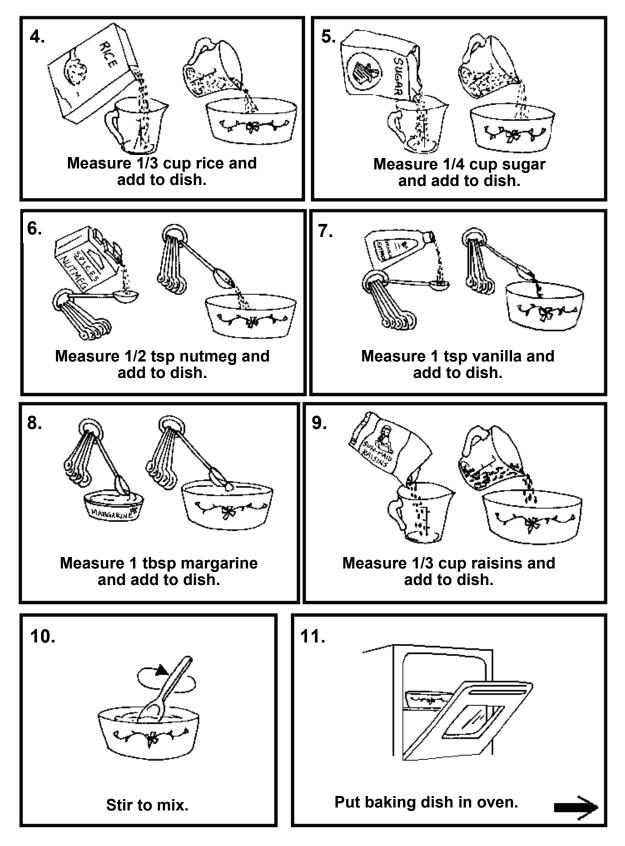
Let pudding cool for a few minutes and serve.

Cook Lazy Day Stew in the oven at the same time. This will save energy.

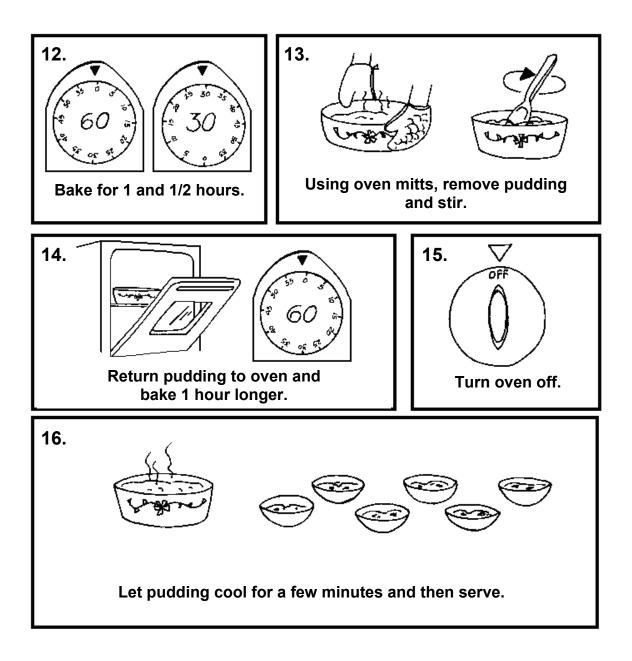
Try this with: Lazy Day Stew Tossed Green Salad Bannock

#### **Easy Rice** Pudding Serves 4 Food needed: SUGAR RICE 1/3 cup 1/2 tsp mill raisins nutmeg 1/4 cup 3 cups 1/3 cup sugar ARGARINE 1 tsp milk rice vanilla 1 tbsp margarine **Equipment needed:** measuring spoons oven mitts measuring timer spoon large baking cup dish 2. 3. 1. ;00°F |50°c Turn oven to Measure 3 cups of milk. Wash hands. 300°F. Add to baking dish.

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## **Oatmeal Cookies**

#### Makes 1 dozen

Food Needed			Equipment Needed	
2 tbsp 1/4 cup 1/4 cup 1 1/4 tsp 1/4 cup 1/4 tsp 2/3 cup 1 tsp	margarine white sugar brown sugar egg vanilla flour baking soda oatmeal margarine	25 mL 50 mL 50 mL 1 1mL 50 mL 1 mL 150 mL 5 mL	measuring spoons measuring cup large bowl spoon cookie sheet timer oven mitts lifter	

Wash hands.

Turn oven on to 350° F (180°C).

Measure shortening and place in large bowl.

Measure white sugar and add to large bowl.

Beat with spoon until well mixed.

Measure brown sugar and add to large bowl.

Beat well with spoon.

Crack the egg into a small bowl. Pour egg into sugar mixture.

Measure vanilla and add to the large bowl.

Beat with the spoon until well mixed.

Measure the flour and add to the bowl.

Measure the baking soda and add to the bowl. Mix well.

Measure oatmeal and add to the bowl. Mix well.

Use margarine to grease the cookie sheet.

Spoon cookie dough on cookie sheet in 12 spoonfuls making sure they are evenly spaced.

Put cookie sheet in oven. Bake for 12 minutes.

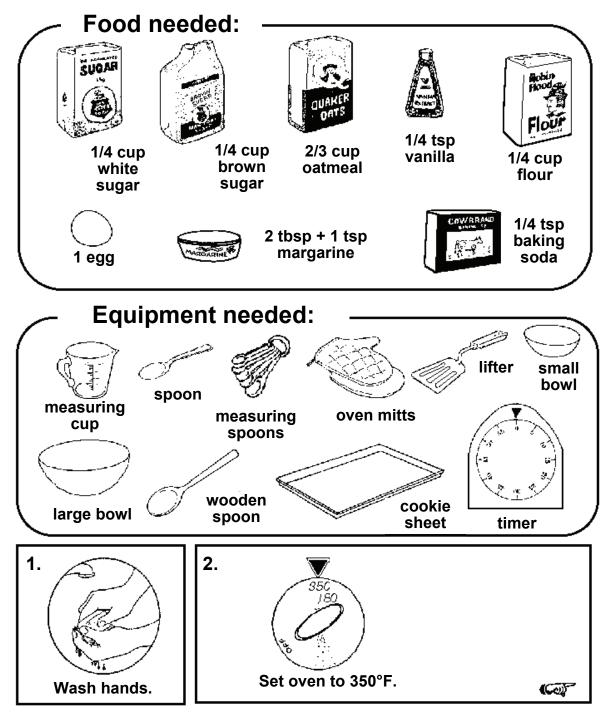
Take the cookies out of the oven using oven mitts. Turn oven off.

Let the cookies cool for about 2 minutes.

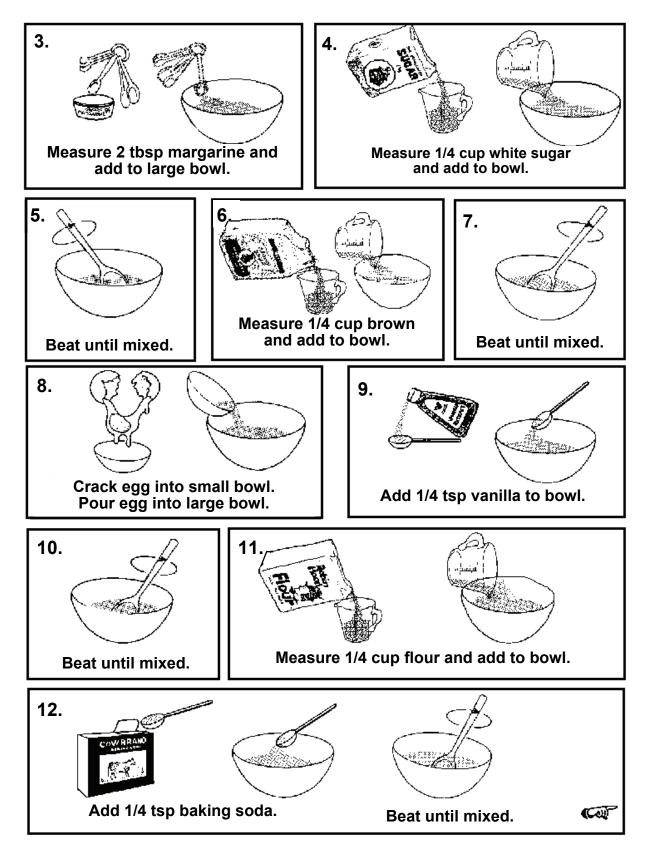
Use the lifter to take them off the cookie sheet.

Variation: Add 1/4 cup (50 mL) nuts, raisins or other dried fruit to the batter.

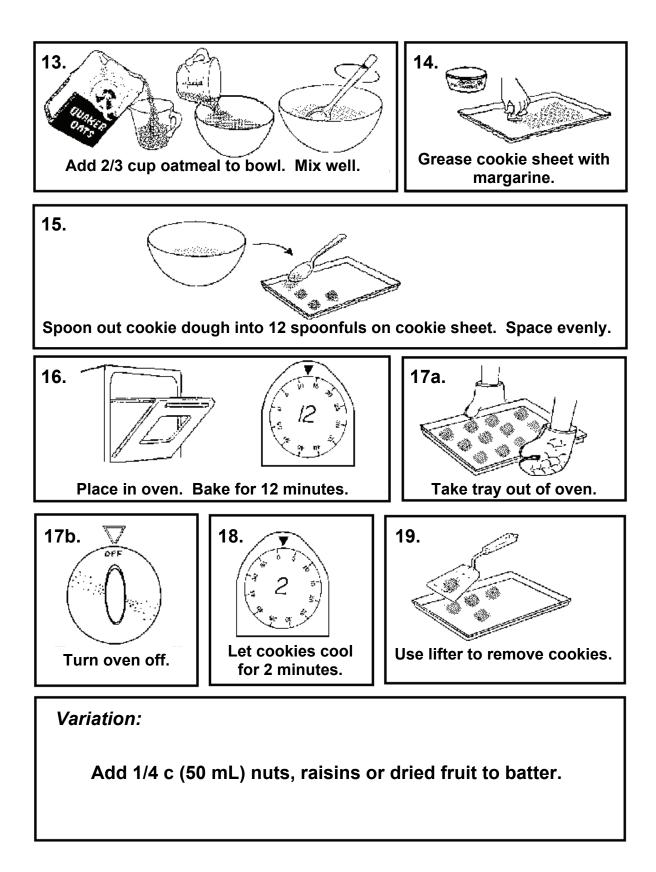




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## **Bran Muffins**

#### Makes 1 dozen

Food Needed			Equipment Needed
1 cup	flour	250 mL	measuring cups
1 tsp	baking soda	5 mL	2 large bowls
1 tsp	salt	5 mL	measuring spoons
2 cups	cooking bran	2—250 mL cups	spoon
1/2 cup	raisins	125 mL	fork
1	egg	1	spoon
1 cup	milk	250 mL	muffin tins
1/3 cup	molasses	75 mL	timer
1/4 cup		50 mL	oven mitts
1/4 cup	sugar	50 mL	oven mitts
2 tbsp	cooking oil	25 mL	
2 tsp	margarine	10 mL	

Wash hands.

Turn oven to  $400^{\circ}$ F ( $200^{\circ}$ C).

Measure flour, and place in first large bowl.

Measure baking soda and add to flour.

Measure salt and add to flour mixture.

Measure bran and add to flour mixture. Stir.

Measure raisins and add to bowl. Mix.

Crack egg into small bowl and beat with a fork.

Measure milk and add to the second large bowl.

Measure molasses and add to milk.

Measure sugar and add to milk mixture.

Add the beaten egg to the milk mixture.

Measure cooking oil and add to milk mixture. Mix well.

Add the egg and molasses mixture to the flour mixture.

Mix only until all ingredients are moistened.

Use margarine to grease muffin tins.

Spoon the batter into the muffin tins so they are 2/3 full.

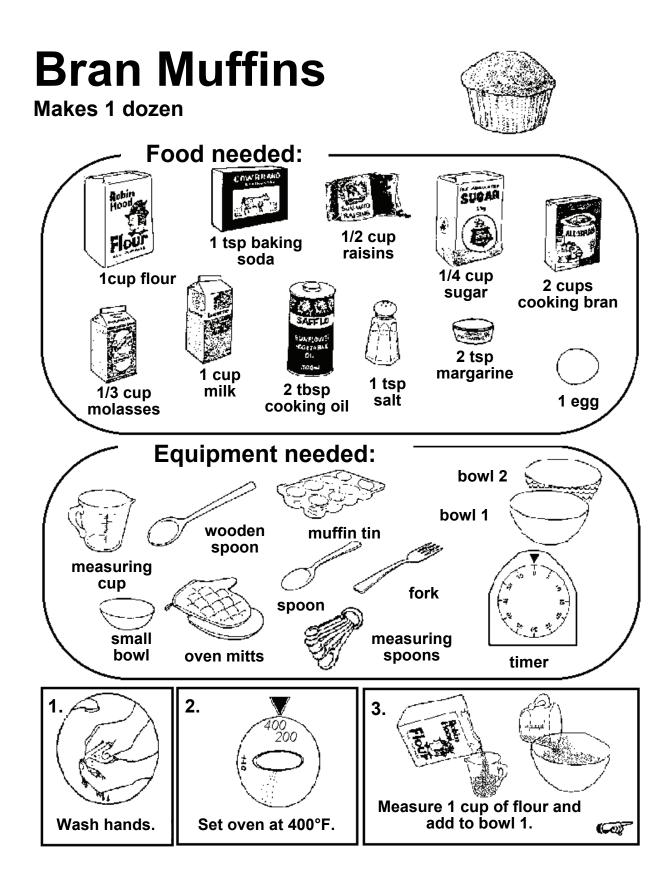
Place in the oven and bake for about 20 - 25 minutes.

Turn oven off.

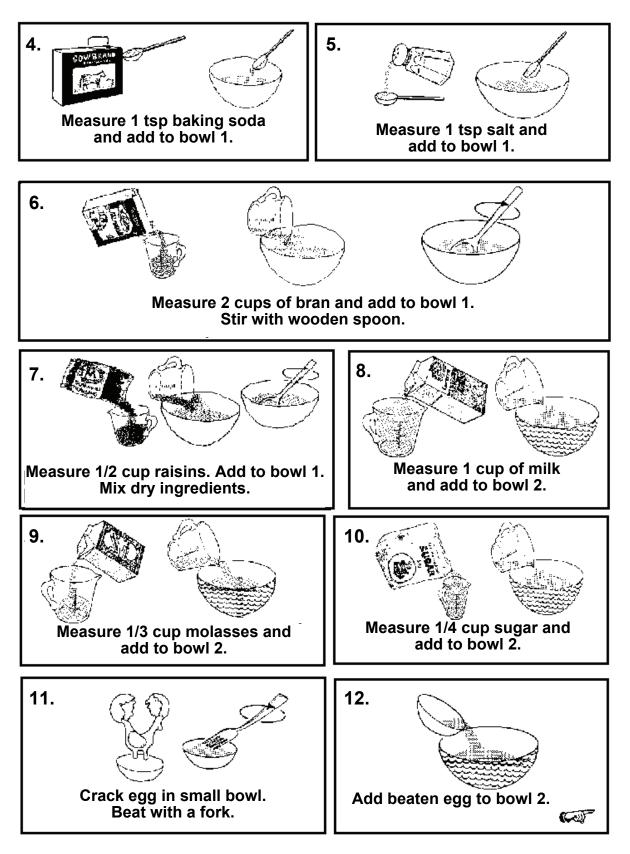
Using the oven mitts, take muffins out of the oven.

Let stand to cool for 5 minutes. Take muffins out of tins and serve.

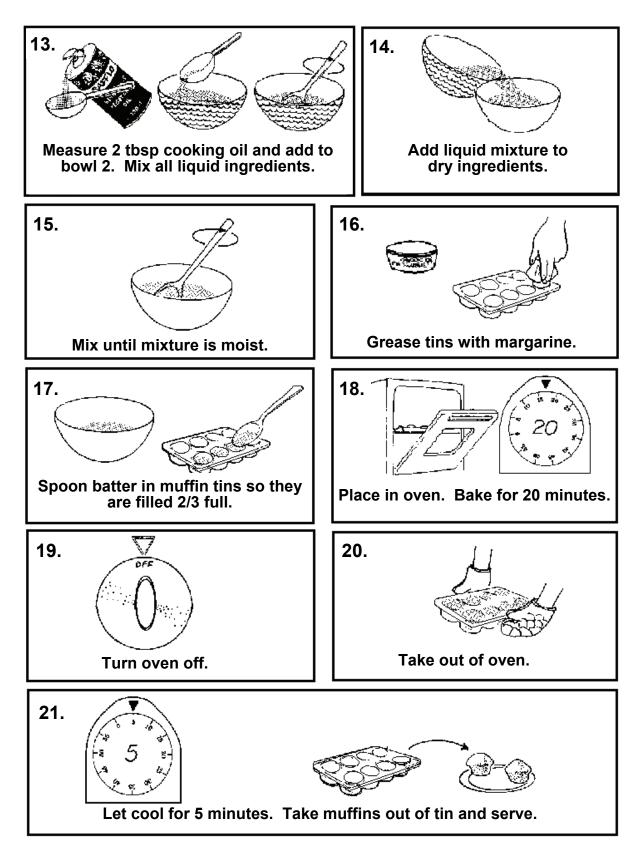
Cool leftover muffins and store in an airtight container. Use within a few days or freeze.



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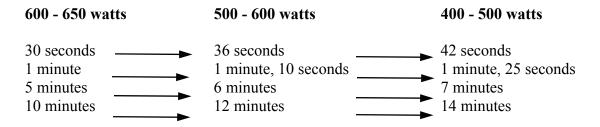
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#### **Microwave Cooking**

The following recipes have been developed for use with a 600 watt microwave oven. To use these recipes in an oven with lower wattage, more time will be needed. Follow the chart below. For example, if the recipe says to cook for 1 minute, cook 1 minute and 10 seconds in a 500 - 600 watt microwave and 1 minute and 25 seconds in a 400 - 500 watt microwave.



To find out the wattage of a microwave oven, look in the owner's manual. If this is not possible do the following test.

Pour 1 cup of water at room temperature into a 2 cup glass measure. Do not cover. Microwave on high power for 4 minutes.

If the water boils in three minutes or less, the oven wattage is probably 600 watts or more. If it boils in 3 minutes and 30 seconds, the wattage is probably 500.

If it takes 4 minutes to boil, the wattage is probably 400.

#### **Microwave Safety**

- Plug the cord into a three prong (grounded) outlet. In some cases a new outlet may be needed.
- Never operate a microwave oven if the door or the door seal is damaged in any way.
- Be careful when uncovering a dish after cooking; lift the cover so that the steam escapes away from you so that you do not get burned.
- Never use metal cookware, metal twist ties, or metal trimmed dishes in the microwave. Arcing may occur. This means small sparks may jump from one piece of metal to another. They may damage your microwave or even start a fire. Small strips of aluminum foil may be used as a shield to prevent parts of a food from overcooking, for example, the chicken wing. Foil pieces should be placed at least 1 inch apart and 1 inch away from the walls of the oven.
- Plastic margarine and yogurt containers are not recommended for the microwave.
- Never heat baby bottles or baby food jars in the microwave. They may heat unevenly and burn the baby or even explode.
- Never microwave food in narrow necked bottles or closed containers. They may crack or even explode.
- Never turn the microwave oven on if there is no food in it. It could damage the oven. If this is likely to happen, it may be a good idea to keep a cup of water in the microwave to prevent damage if it is turned on by mistake or to unplug it after each use.
- Wash the inside of the oven with a damp soapy cloth. Most spills should be very easy to wipe up. If there is food that has been cooked on, heat a cup of water in the microwave until it steams. This will soften the food and make it easier to remove.

#### **Microwave Cookware**

- Microwave cookware made especially for the microwave can be purchased. Heat resistant glass cookware such as Pyrex and Corningware is microwave safe.
- Microwaves pass right through some materials such as glass, porcelain, paper, and some plastics. This makes them good materials for microwave cookware.
- Dishes that have metal trim should not be used in the microwave.
- **To test if a dish is microwave safe:** put the dish in the microwave. Place 1/2 cup (125 ml) of cold water in an oven proof glass one cup measure. Place it beside but not touching the dish to be tested. Microwave on high 1 minute. The water should be very warm or even hot. If the container being tested is cool or only slightly warm, it is safe to use in the microwave. If it is hot, do not use in the microwave.
- Browning dishes are made for use in the microwave. They have a special coating which converts microwaves to heat and allows meat to brown. They should be used only as recommended by the manufacturer.
- Plastics especially designed for the microwave are available.
- Plastic spoons and whisks are available for use in the microwave. They are useful because they can be left in the food during cooking.
- Certain foods such as soups, sauces, and cereals need a deep container to prevent boiling over.
- Round dishes are better for the microwave than square or oblong ones. The food in the corners of square or oblong dishes tends to overcook.

#### **Microwave Cooking Techniques**

- Foods overcook quickly in the microwave. Always start with the shortest time suggested and increase, if necessary.
- Larger quantities of food take a longer time to cook in the microwave than smaller amounts.
- Usually food being cooked in the microwave should be covered. Food cooks faster and more evenly and does not spatter if it is covered. If covered with plastic wrap, it should be vented. This means that there must be a space for the air to escape, either a hole in the wrap or a spot at the edge where it is not fastened down. Waxed paper or a plate can also be used as a cover.
- Food may be wrapped in paper towels to absorb fat from it as it cooks.
- Potatoes should be arranged in a circle with the larger ones closer to the outside and smaller ones closer to the centre of the circle.
- Pierce the skins of foods cooked whole such as potatoes, squash, or apples. If this is not done, steam may build up and cause the food to burst.
- When cooking unevenly shaped foods such as a whole chicken, small strips of aluminum foil may be used as a shield to prevent parts of the food from overcooking. Place foil pieces at least 1 inch apart from each other and the walls of the microwave.
- Pierce the yoke of an egg to prevent it exploding when cooking in the microwave.
- Tender cuts of meat cook best in the microwave. For less tender cuts of meat, marinate over night in tomato juice or other acid liquid, if possible and cook at medium or medium high power.

#### **Microwave Porridge**

Serves 1

Food Needed			Equipment Needed
1/3 cup 3/4 cup	oatmeal water	75 mL 175 mL	measuring cup microwave safe serving bowl spoon

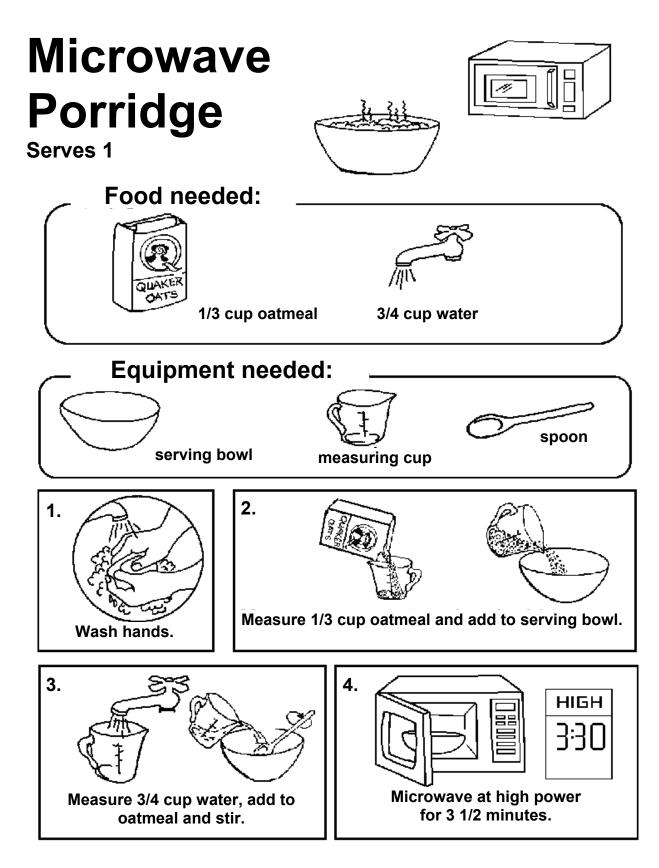
Wash hands.

Measure oatmeal and add to serving bowl. The bowl must have high sides to prevent boiling over.

Measure water and add to oatmeal. Stir.

Microwave at high power for 3-4 minutes.

Variation: Use milk instead of water.



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#### **Microwave Scrambled Eggs**

Serves 1

Food Needed			Equipment Needed
1 tsp 1 tbsp 1	margarine milk egg	5 mL 15 mL 1	measuring spoons glass measuring cup or bowl fork plastic wrap timer

Wash hands.

Measure margarine and place in glass measuring cup or bowl.

Microwave on high power for 30 seconds.

Measure milk and add to melted margarine.

Crack egg into measuring cup.

Blend with a fork.

Cover with plastic wrap. Be sure to leave an opening for the steam to escape.

Microwave on high power for 20 seconds. Stir.

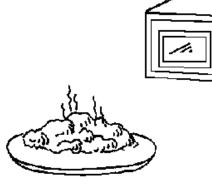
Microwave on high power for 25 seconds more.

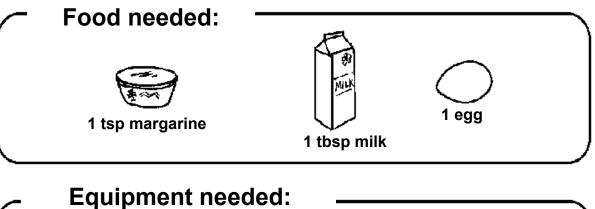
Let stand, covered, 2 minutes. The egg should be moist but not runny.

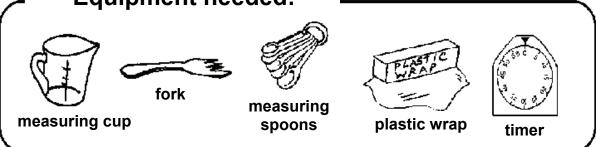
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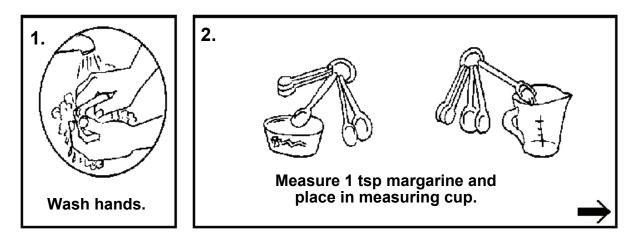
1 egg	30-45 seconds
2 eggs	1-1/2 minutes
4 eggs	31/2 - 41/2 minutes

### Microwave Scrambled Eggs Serves 1

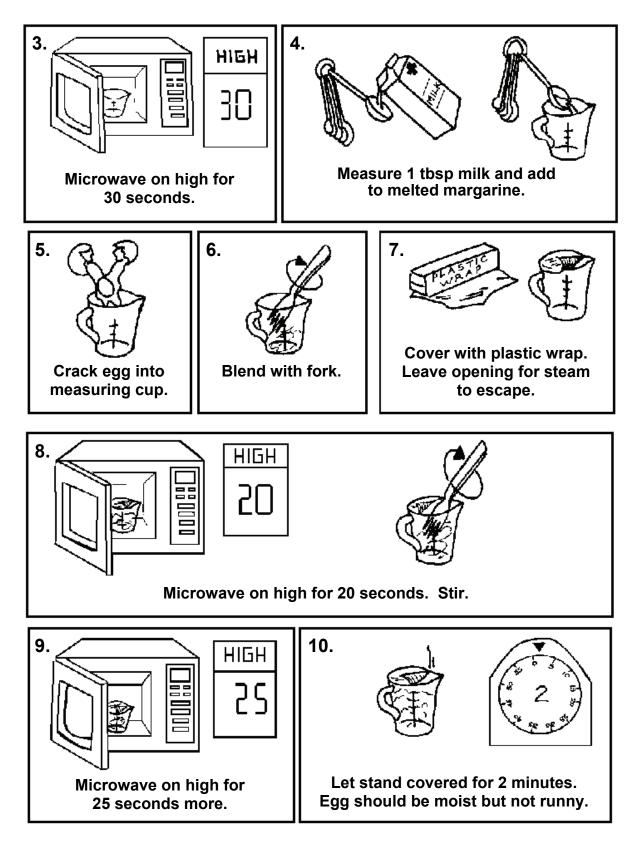








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#### **Microwave Cream of Potato Soup**

#### Serves 4

Food Needed		Equipment Needed
3medium pota1celery stalk1small onion1/4 cupwater2 cupsmilk1/4 cupflour2 tbspmargarine1/2 tspsalt1/2 tspsalt1/4 tsppepper1 tspdried parsley	1 1 50 mL 2—250 mL cups 50 mL 25 mL 2 mL 1 mL	peeler knife cutting board microwave safe baking dish measuring cup oven mitts spoon small bowl spoon measuring spoons timer

Wash hands.

Peel and wash potatoes.

Cut potatoes into small pieces and add to microwave safe baking dish.

Wash celery.

Chop celery into small pieces and add to dish.

Peel and chop onion.

Add onion to dish.

Measure water and add to dish.

Cover dish and microwave on high power 4 minutes.

Remove from microwave and stir.

Microwave on high power 5 minutes or until vegetables are tender.

Measure the flour and place in small bowl.

Measure 1/4 cup (50 mL) of the milk and add to the flour.

Mix until smooth.

Add the flour and milk mixture to the cooked potatoes.

Measure the remaining 1 3/4 cups milk (1–250 mL cup + 175 mL) and add to the potato mixture.

Measure the margarine and add to the potato mixture.

Measure parsley and add to the mixture.

Measure salt and add to mixture.

Measure pepper and add to the mixture.

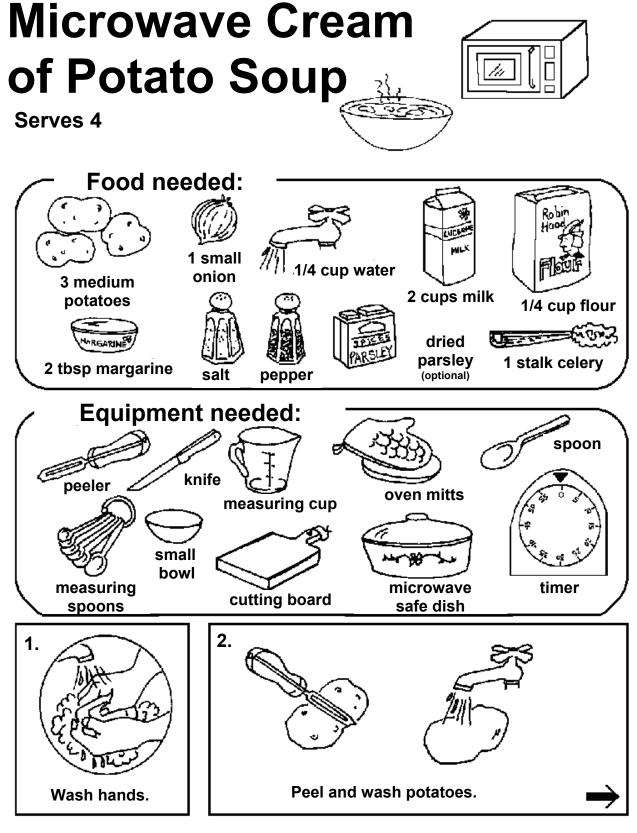
Microwave on high power, uncovered 2 minutes. Stir well.

Microwave on high power another 2 minutes. Stir well.

Microwave on high power a further 2 minutes or until mixture thickens.

Remove from microwave and let stand for 3 minutes.

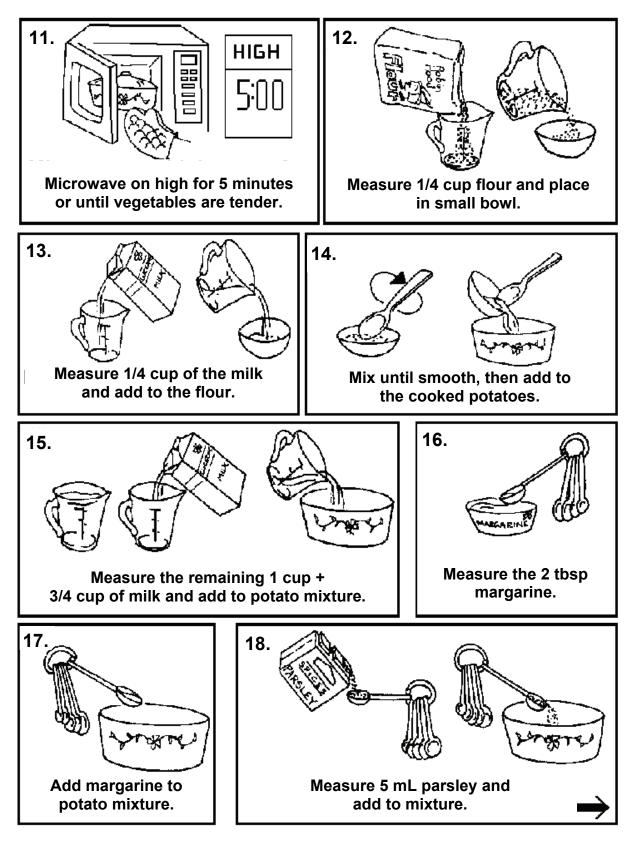
Serve in bowls.



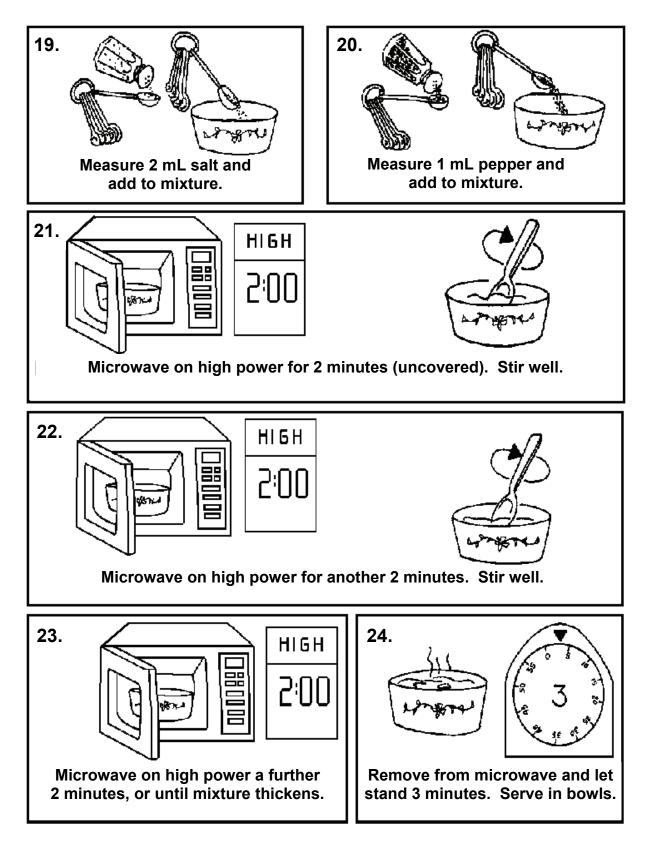
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#### **Microwave Baked Fish**

Serves 4

Food Needed			Equipment Needed
1lb 1 tbsp 1 tsp 1 tbsp	fish fillets lemon juice dried parsley margarine	500 g 15 mL 5 mL 15 mL	microwave baking dish with lid measuring spoons knife oven mitts timer fork

Wash hands.

Arrange fish fillets in a baking dish with the thicker pieces to the outside. Fold under any thin pieces to prevent overcooking.

Measure the lemon juice and sprinkle over the fish.

Measure the parsley and sprinkle over the fish.

Measure the margarine.

Dot the margarine on to the fish.

Cover the dish and microwave on high power 3 minutes.

Turn dish 1/4 turn.

Microwave on high power 3 more minutes.

Let stand 5 minutes.

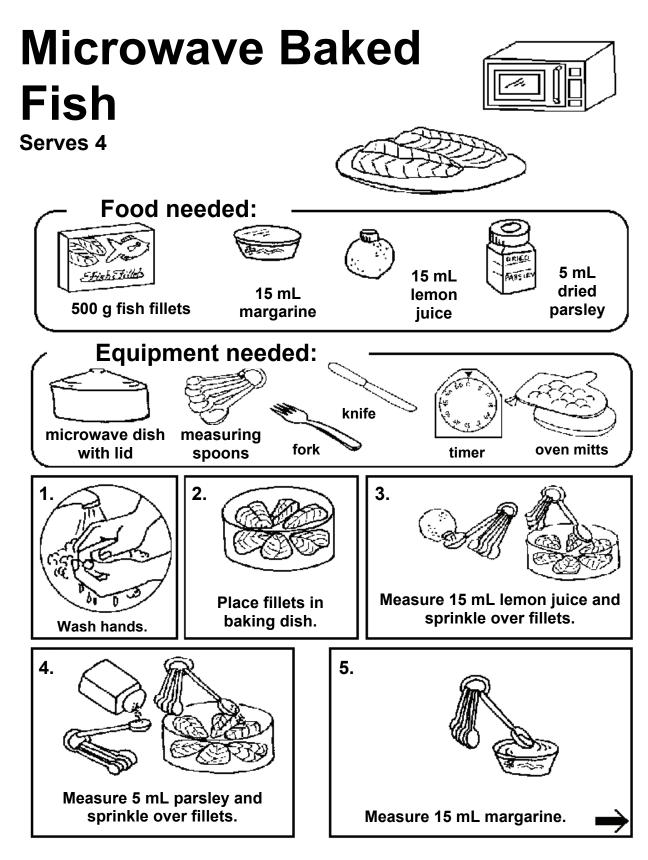
Cooked fish should flake easily when pierced with a fork. If more cooking is necessary, microwave for 30 seconds and test again. Serve.

Variation: Slice a small onion and a medium tomato.

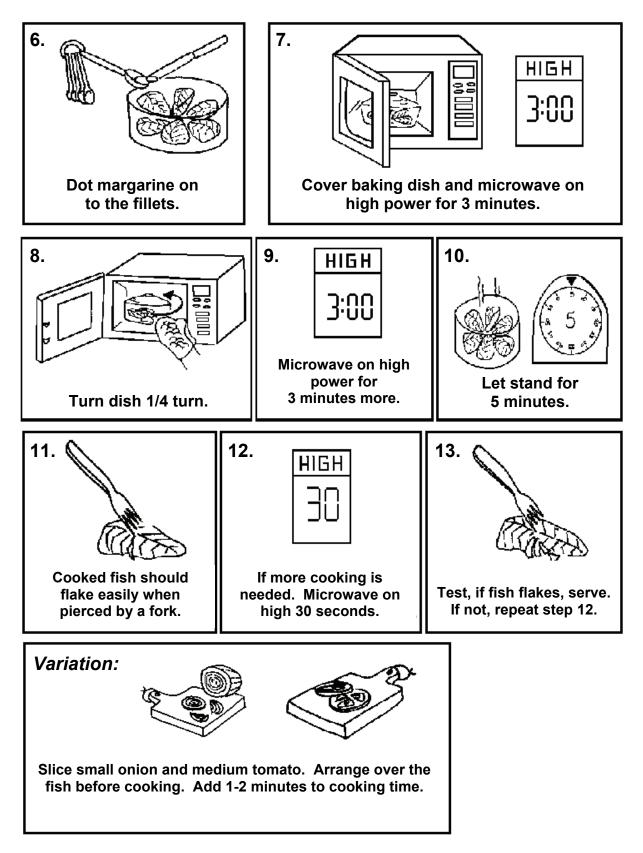
Arrange over the fish before cooking.

Add 1-2 minutes to the cooking time.

Bake fish in a regular oven. Prepare the same way as for the microwave. Use an oven proof dish and bake, uncovered for 30 minutes at 425° F (220° C).



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#### **Microwave Barbecued Chicken**

#### Serves 4

Food Needed			Equipment Needed
2 1/2 -3 lb 1/4 cup	chicken pieces barbecue sauce	1-1.5 kg 50 mL	microwave safe baking dish measuring cup spoon waxed paper oven mitts timer knife

Wash hands

Rinse the chicken and pat dry.

Arrange chicken pieces in the baking dish, meatier side towards the edge of the dish. Wash hands.

Measure the barbecue sauce and spread evenly over the chicken.

Cover the dish loosely with waxed paper.

Microwave at high power 10 minutes.

Turn the dish 1/4 turn.

Microwave on high 10 minutes more.

Let stand covered for 5 minutes.

Cut into the largest piece. If there is no pink colour the chicken is cooked.

If more cooking is needed, return to microwave and cook at high power 30 seconds longer. Test again for doneness.

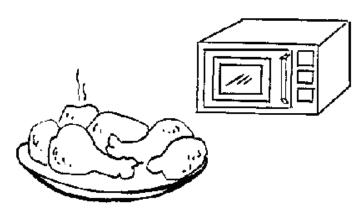
Remove the skin from the chicken before cooking to reduce the fat.

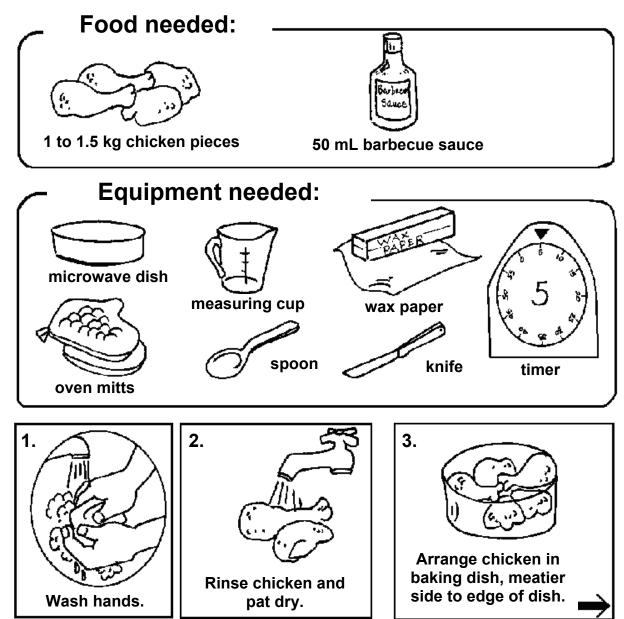
Wash counters and cutting boards that were in contact with raw chicken in hot soapy water and rinse with a bleach solution (1 tsp bleach to 4 cups water or 5 ml bleach to 1 litre of water). This will prevent contamination of other foods and prevent illness.

You can also cook Barbecued Chicken in a regular oven. Use an oven proof baking pan. Bake at 350° F (180° C) for 40 minutes. Be sure to cut into the largest piece to check that it is completely cooked.

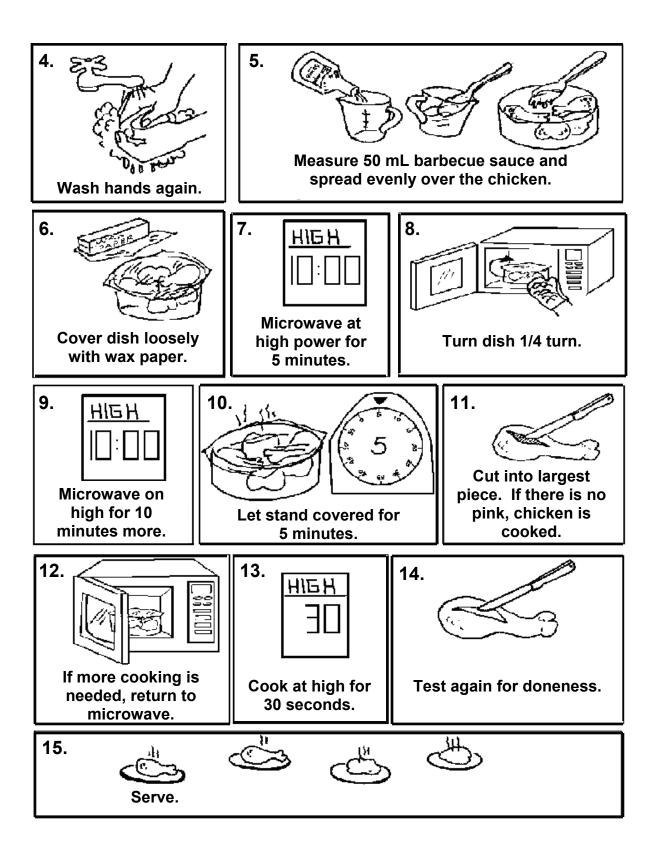
# Microwave Barbeque Chicken







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#### **Microwave Canned Vegetables**

#### Serves 3 - 4

Food Needed			Equipment Needed
14 oz	can of vegetables	398 mL	can opener microwave safe dish waxed paper oven mitts

Wash hands.

Open vegetables with can opener.

Add vegetables and liquid in can to microwave safe dish.

Cover with lid or waxed paper.

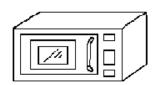
Microwave at high power 2 minutes.

Rotate dish one quarter turn.

Microwave at high power 1 minute more.

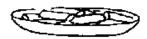
Serve.

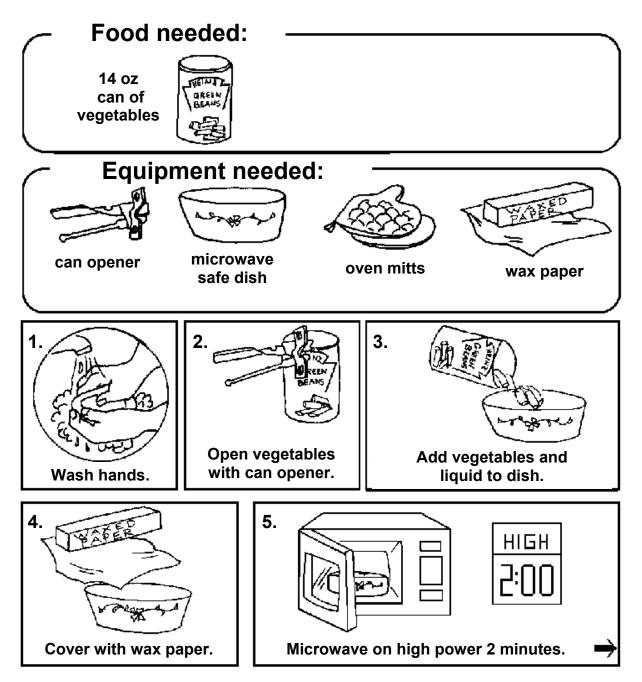
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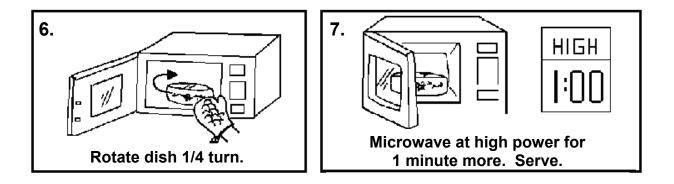
## Vegetables

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#### **Microwave Frozen Green Beans**

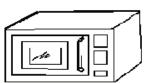
#### Serves 2

Food Needed			Equipment Needed
1 cup	frozen green beans	250 mL	measuring cup microwave safe dish lid or waxed paper to cover dish spoon timer

Measure beans and place in microwave safe dish. Cover with lid or waxed paper. Microwave on high power for 2 minutes. Stir. Microwave on high power 3 minutes more. Let stand 1 minute and serve.

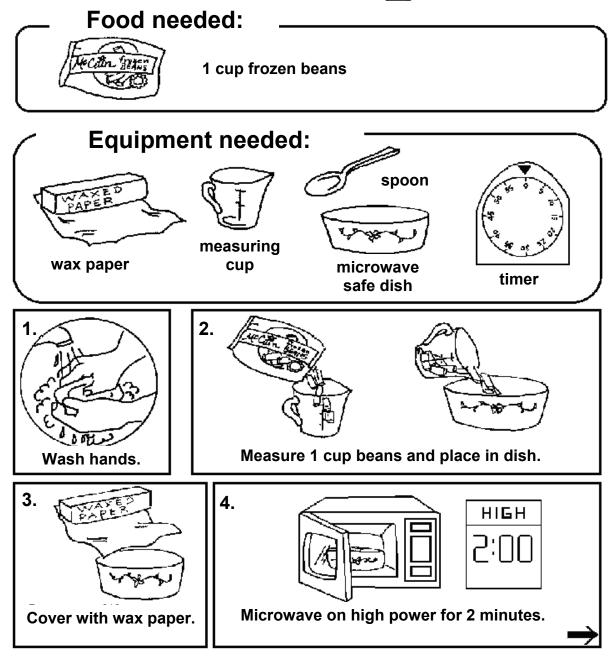
Variation: Other frozen vegetables may be cooked in the same way.

## Microwave Frozen Green Beans

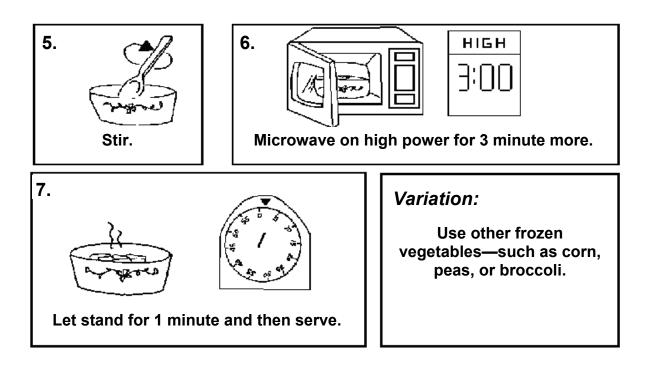


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#### **Cooking Fresh Vegetables in the Microwave**

Fresh vegetables cook very well in the microwave. Usually the water that remains on the vegetables after they are washed is enough for cooking.

In general, microwave vegetables on high power 6 - 7 minutes per pound (500 grams).

Some examples of 1 pound (500 g) are:6 whole carrots

small head of cauliflower
 medium whole beets
 bunch of broccoli
 small head of cabbage
 medium ears of corn
 large onions
 medium parsnips
 medium potatoes

Rotate the dish 1/4 turn or stir halfway through the cooking time if not using a turntable. Rest about 5 minutes.

#### **Microwave Carrots**

#### Serves 3

Food Needed			Equipment Needed
6	medium carrots	6	vegetable brush knife cutting board microwave safe dish lid for dish or waxed paper to cover oven mitts timer

Wash hands.

Scrub carrots with a vegetable brush.

Cut off carrot tops.

Cut carrots into pieces.

Place in a microwave safe dish.

Cover with lid or waxed paper.

Microwave on high power 4 minutes.

Rotate the dish 1/4 turn.

Microwave on high power 3 minutes more.

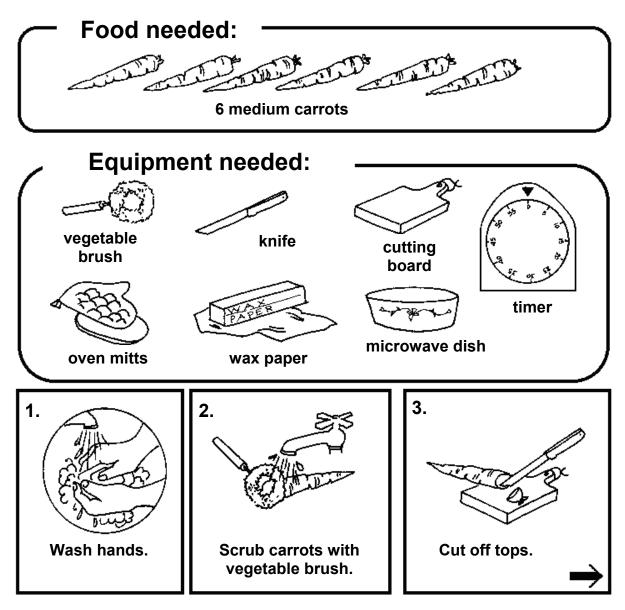
Remove from microwave and let stand 5 minutes.

You can bake carrots in a regular oven. Prepare them as for the microwave and add 1 teaspoon (5 mL) of margarine to prevent them from sticking to the baking dish. Use an oven safe dish and bake them covered for 350°F (180°C) for 40 minutes. Cook them this way when you are already using your oven to cook a roast or other oven recipe. This will save energy.

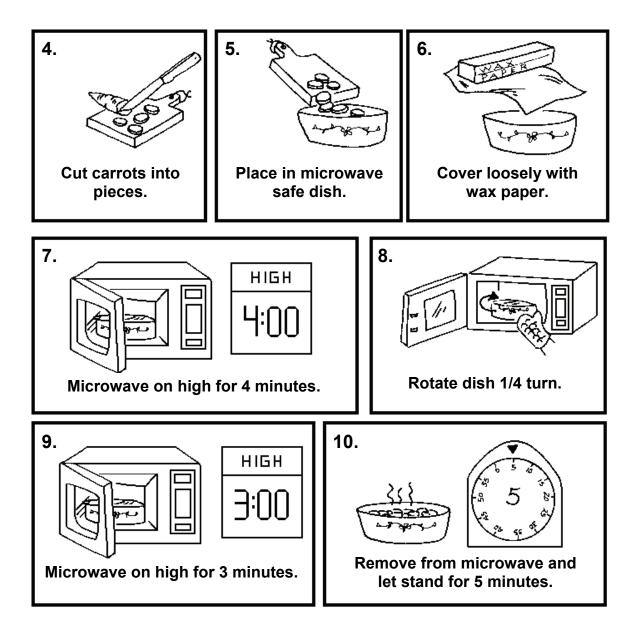
### Microwave Carrots Serves 3







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#### **Microwave Baked Potatoes**

#### Serves 2

Food Needed			Equipment Needed
2	medium potatoes	2	vegetable brush knife microwave safe plate fork oven mitts timer

Wash hands.

Scrub potatoes with vegetable brush.

Cut out eyes and any green spots.

Prick the potato skin with knife.

Place potatoes on a plate.

Microwave on high power 3 minutes.

Rotate dish 1/4 turn.

Microwave on high power 4 more minutes.

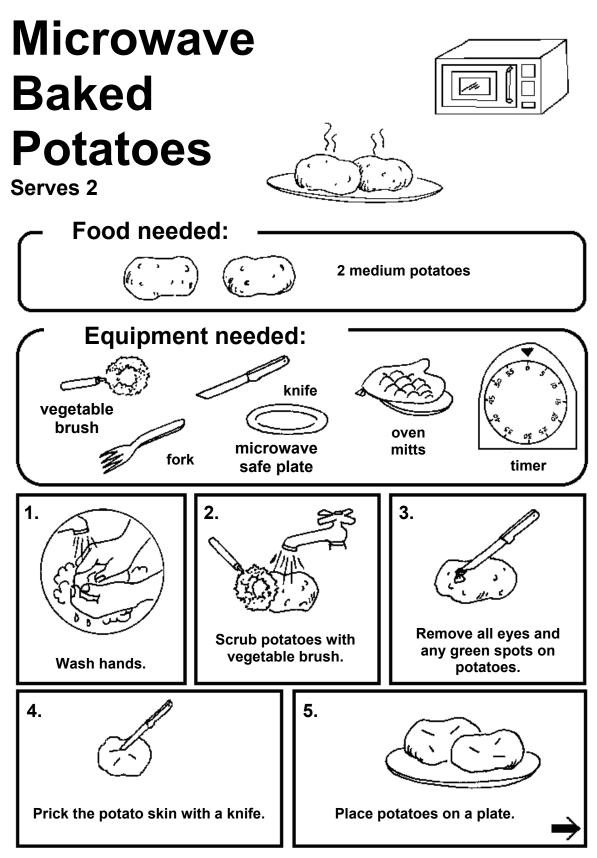
Let stand 5 minutes.

Test with a fork to see if they are done.

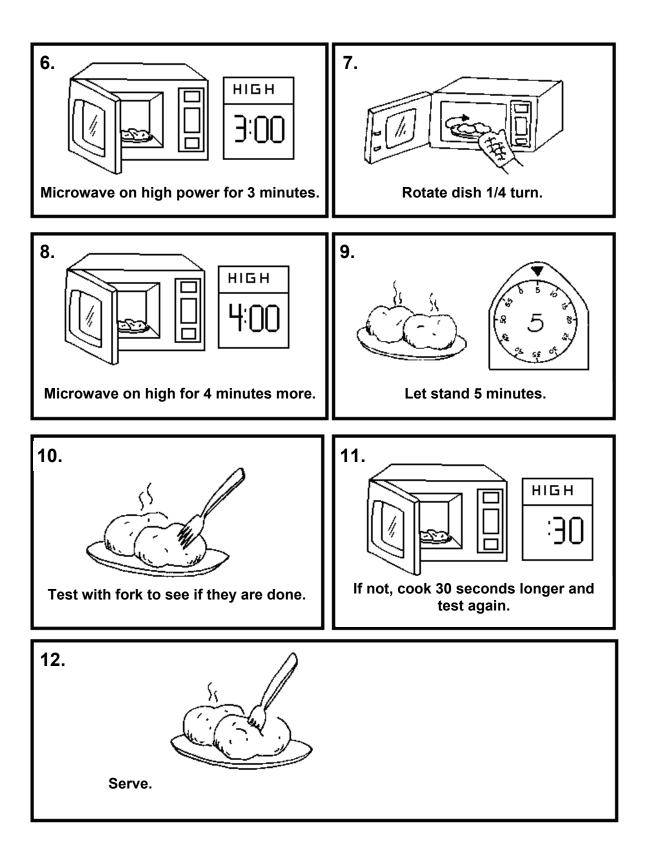
If not, cook 30 seconds more and test again.

Serve.

Potatoes can also be baked in a regular oven. Put the potato directly on to the oven rack and bake at 425°F (220° C) for 60 minutes. Cook potatoes this way when you are already using your oven. This will save energy.



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# **Microwave Stir Fried Vegetables**

## Serves 4

Food Needed			Equipment Needed
1 1 1	small onion celery stalk medium carrot	1 1 1	cutting board knife peeler
1 tsp 1 tbsp 1 1	cooking oil soy sauce medium tomato small zucchini	5 mL 15 mL 1 1	microwave safe dish lid or plastic wrap to cover measuring spoons oven mitts timer

Wash hands.

Peel and chop onion and add to microwave dish.

Wash celery stalk, chop and add to microwave dish.

Peel, wash and chop carrot. Add carrot to microwave dish.

Measure oil and add to microwave dish.

Measure soy sauce and add to microwave dish.

Cover the dish with a lid or plastic wrap. If using plastic wrap, be sure to leave an opening for the steam to escape.

Microwave on high power for 4 minutes.

Wash tomato and cut out stem end. Cut into pieces. Add to microwave dish.

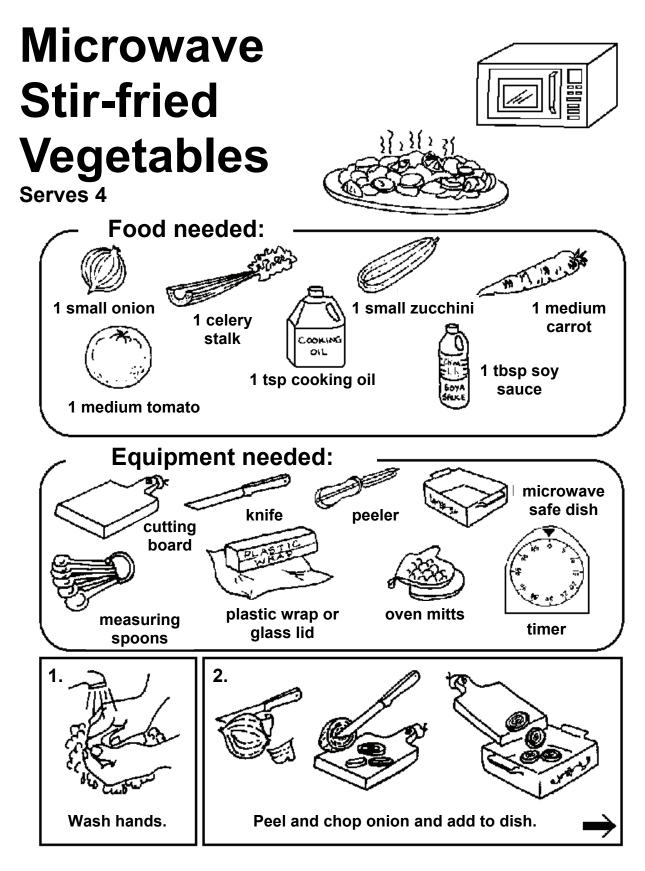
Wash zucchini and slice into pieces. Add to microwave dish.

Stir to mix.

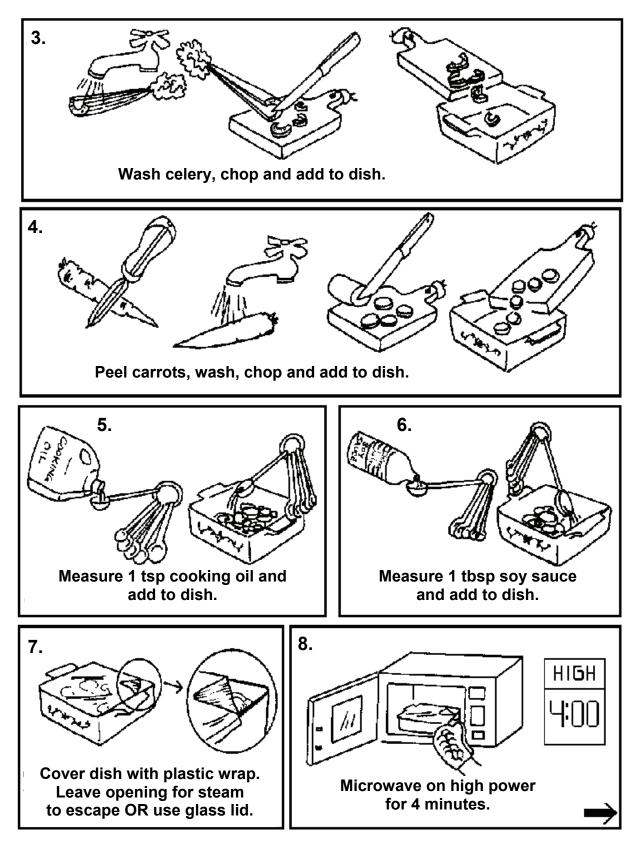
Microwave on high power 3 minutes more.

Remove from microwave. Let stand 5 minutes and serve.

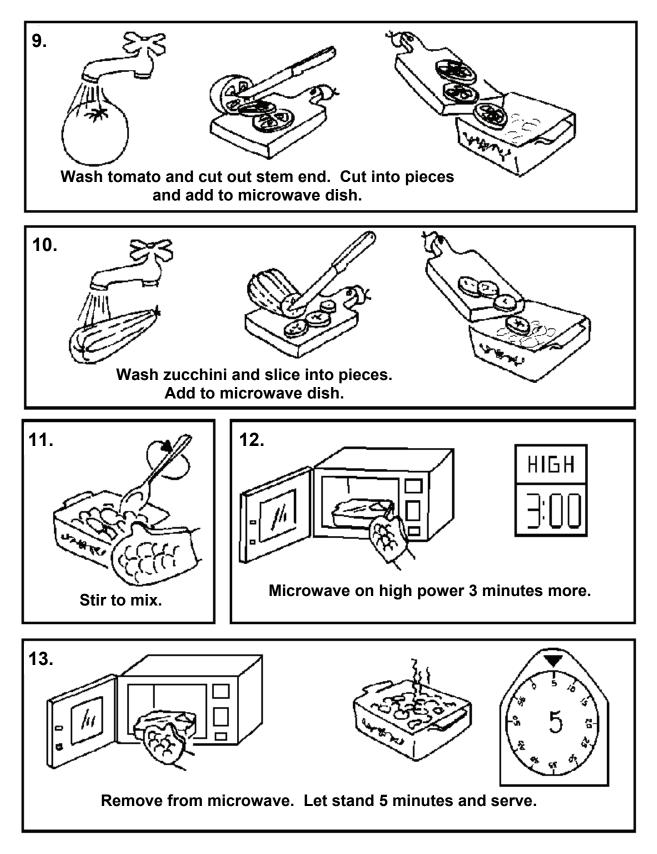
**Variation:** Use other vegetables such as green beans and cauliflower in place of zucchini and celery.



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## **Microwave Vanilla Pudding**

## Serves 5-6

Food Needed			Equipment Needed	
1/3 cup 3 tbsp 2 1/4 cups 1 tsp	sugar cornstarch milk 2 vanilla	75 mL 45 mL 2250 mL cups + 50 mL 5 mL	measuring cup large glass measure or microwave safe dish spoon measuring spoons oven mitts timer	

Wash hands.

Measure sugar and add to a large glass measure or a microwave safe dish.

Measure cornstarch and add to dish.

Measure milk and add to dish.

Stir well.

Microwave on high power 1 1/2 minutes.

Stir.

Microwave on high power 1 1/2 minutes.

Stir.

Microwave on high power 1 1/2 minutes.

Remove from microwave.

Measure vanilla, add to mixture and stir.

Cool for 5 minutes. Pour into serving dishes.

Chill in refrigerator until ready to serve. Pudding will thicken as it cools.

**Variations:** Add sliced bananas, strawberries or any fresh, canned or frozen fruit before serving.

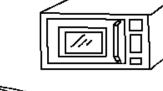
## **Chocolate Pudding**

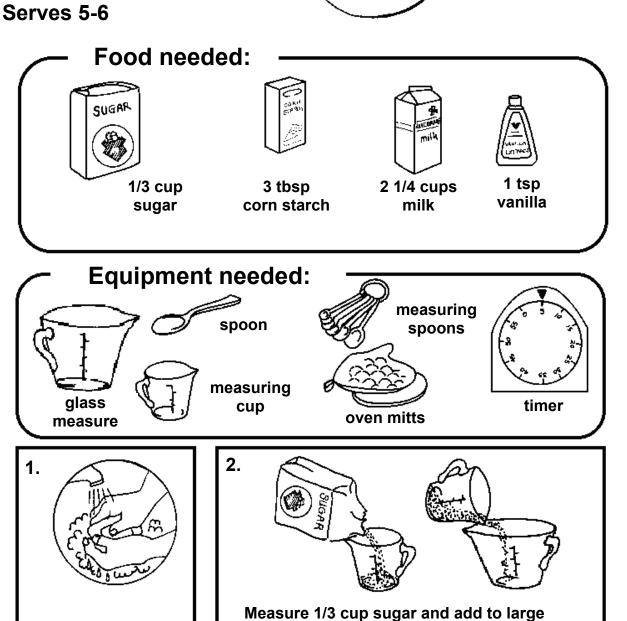
Make the same as vanilla pudding except:

- increase the amount of sugar to 2/3 cup (150 mL)
- mix 3 tbsp cocoa (45 mL) with the sugar

# Microwave Vanilla Pudding

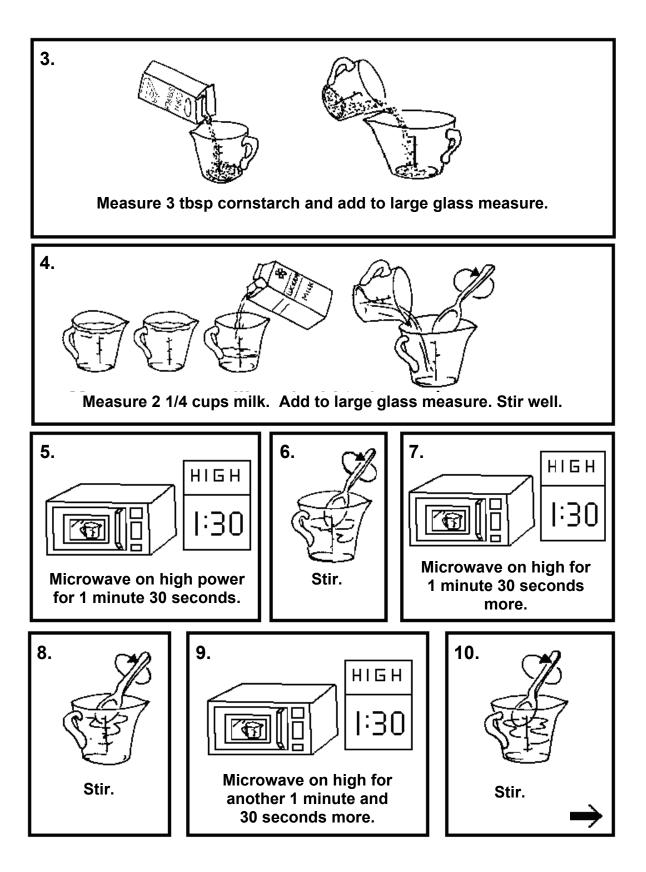
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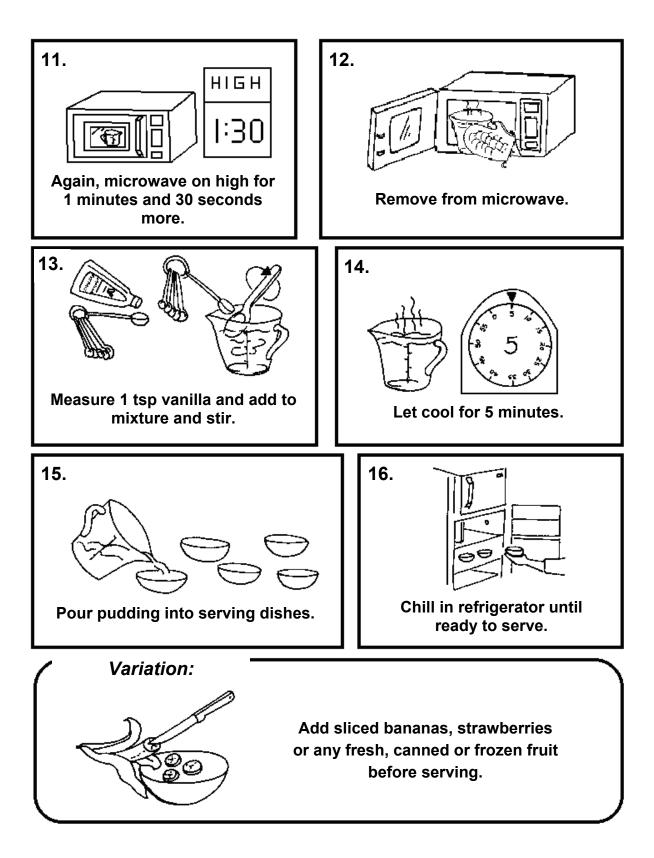


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glass measure or microwave dish.



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# **Microwave Apple Crumble**

## Serves 6

Food Needed			Equipment Needed
4 1/2 tsp 2/3 cup 2/3 cup 3/4 cup 1/3 cup	medium apples cinnamon flour oatmeal brown sugar soft margarine	4 2 mL 150 mL 150 mL 175 mL 75 mL	knife cutting board microwave safe dish measuring spoons bowl measuring cup spoon oven mitts timer

Wash hands.

Wash and core the apples.

Slice apples on a cutting board and put them into an microwave safe dish.

Measure the cinnamon and place in the bowl.

Measure the flour and add to the bowl.

Measure the oatmeal and add to the bowl.

Measure the brown sugar and add to the bowl.

Measure the margarine and add to the bowl.

Mix all ingredients together in the bowl until they are crumbly.

Spread over the apples.

Microwave at high power 5 minutes.

Rotate the dish one quarter turn.

Microwave on high power another 3 minutes.

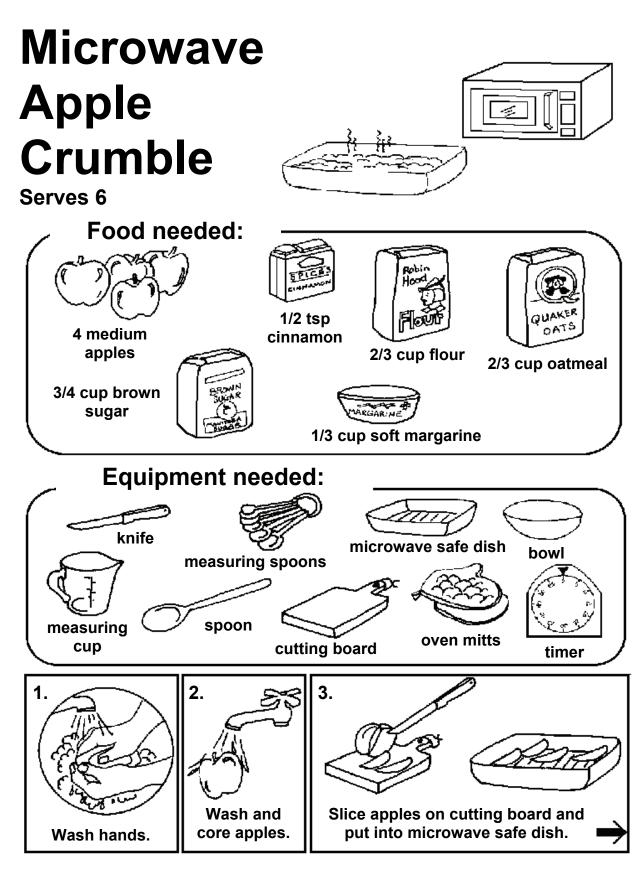
Remove from microwave. Let stand 5 minutes.

Serve.

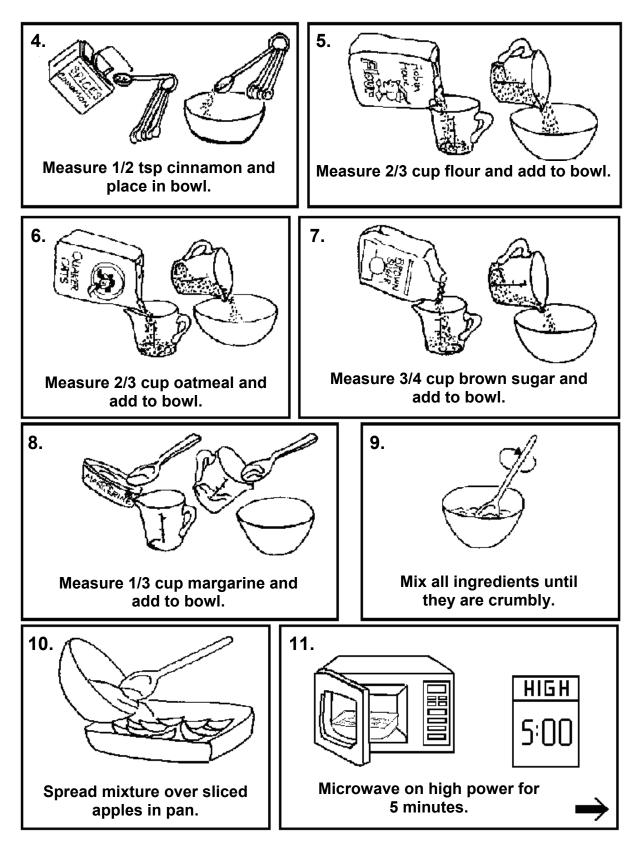
**For variation:** Use peaches or rhubarb instead of apples. Blueberries or saskatoons also make a tasty Crumble.

If using rhubarb, sprinkle 3/4 cup (175 mL) of sugar on the rhubarb before you add the topping.

Apple Crumble is very good baked in a regular oven at 350°F (180°C) for 40 minutes. Cook it this way when you are already using your oven to cook a roast or other oven recipe. This will save energy.



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