

# Week One: 14-Day Gut Health Challenge

#### Day 1: Intro to Gut Health

**Lesson:** Recognizing signs of an unhealthy gut.

**Example:** Frequent bloating can indicate imbalanced gut flora.

Action Steps: Take the gut health quiz. Track symptoms such as bloating and energy levels. Note any recurrent symptoms over the next two weeks.

## **Day 5: Food Intolerance**

**Lesson:** Not every "healthy" food is suitable for everyone.

**Example:** Some individuals might find broccoli causes bloating.

Action Steps: Reflect on foods that lead to discomfort. Learn about elimination diets. Remove one suspected food from your diet for a week.

## **Day 2: Circadian Rhythm**

**Lesson:** Your internal body clock affects digestion.

**Example:** Eating late at night can disrupt digestion due to misalignment with your body's natural rhythm.

Action Steps: Set consistent meal and sleep times. Reflect on your digestion at day-end. Avoid latenight snacking tonight.

#### **Day 6: Mindful Movement**

**Lesson:** Stress can negatively impact gut health.

**Example:** Chronic stress might lead to conditions like IBS.

Action Steps: Engage in 15 minutes of gentle yoga. Note any changes in stress or digestion. Dedicate 10 minutes to meditation tonight.

#### **Day 3: Hydration**

**Lesson:** Water is essential for digestion and nutrient absorption.

**Example:** Insufficient water can lead to constipation.

**Action Steps:** Drink at least 8 glasses of water. Observe changes in bowel movements. Refill your water bottle right now.

# Day 4: Plant Power

**Lesson:** A variety of plants supply the diverse fibers our gut needs.

**Example:** Consuming different colored vegetables ensures a spectrum of nutrients.

Action Steps: Introduce three new plant-based foods like beetroot, Brussels sprouts, and rainbow chard. Make a colorful salad for dinner.

## **Day 7: Plan for Success**

**Lesson:** Preparedness reduces reliance on processed, gut-harming foods.

**Example:** Having a prepared salad prevents opting for a fast-food burger.

Action Steps: Draft a week-long meal plan. Prep some meals in advance. Make a shopping list of gut-friendly foods.

#### Notes









# Week Two: 14-Day Gut Health Challenge

#### **Day 8: Rock Your Fiber Intake**

**Lesson:** Fiber is the primary food for our gut bacteria.

**Example:** Oats are an excellent source of beta-glucans, a type of fiber beneficial to our gut.

**Action Steps:** Incorporate a highfiber oat recipe. Start your day with a fiber-rich breakfast. (see notes for recipe)

# **Day 12: Leafy Green Day**

**Lesson:** Greens are packed with essential micronutrients.

**Example:** Spinach is high in magnesium, essential for muscle function.

Action Steps: Whip up a green smoothie. Reflect on energy and digestion. Add a handful of kale to your dinner.

#### **Day 9: Fermentation Fun**

**Lesson:** Fermented foods introduce beneficial bacteria to our gut.

**Example:** Kimchi can provide both probiotics and fiber.

**Action Steps:** Explore its benefits with our quick-start guide. Add a fermented side to your next meal.

Lesson: A balanced diet promotes

**Day 13: Taking Action** 

**Example:** A meal balanced in

protein, healthy fats, and fiber

Action Steps: Cook a new, fiber-

Share your dish's photo on social

media with #GutHealthChallenge.

abundant recipe. Reflect post-meal.

ensures steady digestion.

better digestion.

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**Lesson:** Legumes are fiber powerhouses.

Day 10: Legume Love

**Example:** Chickpeas can be turned into delicious hummus, providing both protein and fiber.

**Action Steps:** Create a legumecentric dish tonight and snack on a legume-based dish tomorrow.

# Day 14: Congratulations!

**Lesson:** Supplements can fill gaps but shouldn't replace real food.

**Example:** Probiotic supplements can help, but yogurt also offers live cultures plus other nutrients.

Action Steps: Remember, it's not just about these two weeks; it's about building sustainat life. Stay proactive and s

#### **Day 11: Sprout Revolution**

**Lesson:** The sprouting process increases nutrient absorption.

**Example:** When seeds go through the sprouting process, their nutrient content becomes more accessible and bioavailable.

Action Steps: Experiment with sprouted quinoa or almonds in a salad. Try a sprout-enhanced salad for lunch.

#### **Notes**

#### **Brekky Overnight Oats**

1/2 cup old-fashioned rolled oats1 tablespoon chia seeds1/2 cup any milk

#### Instructions:

Combine oats and chia seeds in a jar. Pour in milk. Stir well, seal, and refrigerate overnight. Stir before eating, add berry toppings if desired.





