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This 7-day menu plan will help you gain muscle mass in the healthiest way possible

| | Breakfast | Snack | Lunch | Snack | Dinner |
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| Monday | Power porridge made with organic oats and calcium-fortified soya milk. Add cashew nuts, raisins plus 1 tbsp ground flaxseeds for omega-3s Fruit juice | Mixed nuts and seeds; almonds, hazelnuts, walnuts, cashews, sunflower and pumpkin seeds Fresh fruit | Wholemeal 'Sub' sandwich made with 'chicken style' soya pieces or vegan sausage, vegan mayonnaise, cucumber, tomato and lettuce Fruit soya yoghurt | Seaweed peanut crackers (seaweed is a good source of iodine) Fresh fruit  | Shepherd's Pie made with soya mince, mushrooms and red lentils topped with a mix of mashed potato, sweet potato and swede Serve with rich onion gravy and broccoli or curly kale |
| Tuesday | Smoked tofu and mushrooms on wholemeal toast with grilled tomatoes Apricot and cashew smoothie – packed with calcium and protein | Flapjack (look for one with walnuts or apricots – or make your own) Fresh fruit | Homemade pizza (ready-made base topped with tomato paste and thinly sliced onion, courgette, mushroom and herbs, sprinkled with nutritional yeast flakes or vegan cheese) Fresh fruit | Mixed nuts, seeds and dried fruit (cashew nuts, almonds, hazelnuts, walnuts, sunflower and pumpkin seeds, raisins and apricots) | Chunky Portabella Mushroom Stroganoff made with onions, garlic, pepper, soya 'cream' and a splash of white wine Serve with a heap of brown rice |
| Wednesday | Whole wheat breakfast cereal made with soya milk – add apple, blueberries and raspberries. Toast with nut butter and yeast extract Fruit juice | Oat cakes with mushroom or yeast pâté and cherry tomatoes Fresh fruit  | Chunky vegetable and lentil soup with two wholemeal rolls filled with salad leaves and omega-3 vinaigrette (mix olive oil, flax oil, balsamic vinegar, Dijon mustard, garlic and maple syrup – keeps in fridge for 2 weeks) Fruit soya yoghurt | Cereal bar Fresh fruit  | Wholemeal pasta bake (broccoli, leek, green bean, onion and mushroom, borlotti or other beans, steamed and baked with pasta in a rich tomato sauce and topped with nutritional yeast flakes for vitamin B12) |
| Thursday | Scrambled tofu (crumble plain tofu into a pan with finely chopped onion, turmeric and herbs. Season to taste) with baked beans on wholemeal toast Fruit juice | Hummus and raw vegetable sticks (carrot, celery and cucumber) Fresh fruit  | Giant spicy bean burger with salad in a wholemeal bap served with a heap of crunchy coleslaw (shredded carrot and cabbage with raisin, cashews, pine nuts and vegan mayonnaise) Fresh fruit | Flapjack Fresh fruit | Thai green curry (stir fried onion, broccoli, green beans/mange tout and baby corn with readymade sauce e.g. World Foods Thai Green Curry Sauce and coconut milk) serve with brown rice |
| Friday | Muesli made with soya milk. Add nuts (Brazil nuts, hazelnuts) and fruit (banana, apple, pear), plus 1 tbsp ground flaxseeds Fruit smoothie | Wholemeal crispbread with yeast extract and/or cashew nut butter Fresh fruit  | Wholemeal pitta bread stuffed with falafel, sliced tomatoes, lettuce, cucumber, olives and tahini (sesame seed paste – a good source of calcium) Fruit soya yoghurt | Mixed nuts, seeds and dried fruit  | Hearty Vegetable Hot Pot made with soya mince, potatoes, carrots, onions, garlic with Quick 'n' Easy Dumplings |
| Saturday | Vegan sausage sandwich made with a toasted multigrain bagel Fruit juice  | Flapjack and a banana Fruit smoothie plus 1 tbsp ground flaxseeds | Baked sweet potato with spicy chilli beans and a spoon of plain soya yogurt served with salad leaves dressed with an omega-3 vinaigrette Fresh fruit salad  | Trail mix Fresh fruit | Chick Pea Balti with brown rice and lime pickle Serve with Raita dip (soya yoghurt, diced cucumber and mint) and a wholemeal chapatti |
| Sunday | The Full Monty! Vegan sausages, grilled tomatoes, fried mushrooms, baked beans and hash browns Fruit juice | Exotic fresh fruit salad (mango, pineapple, grapes, kiwi and papaya) | Nut Roast with roast potatoes, sweet potatoes and parsnips and steamed shredded cabbage or curly kale, carrot and/or peas and gravy. Baked apple stuffed with raisins and cinnamon | A few squares of dark chocolate (good source of iron) | Bubble and squeak (use the leftovers from the roast) with vegan sausages, beans and/or pickle |

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CALORIES Daily total of 2,600 calories (1430-1950 from carbohydrates; 260-390 from protein; 390-780 from fat)

Figures based on The Food and Agriculture Organisation and World Health Organisation's joint recommendation that 55-75 per cent of total energy comes from carbohydrates, 15-30 per cent from fat and 10-15 per cent from protein.

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