

Skin Support

Foods to support skin health

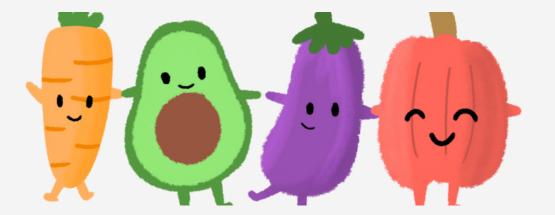
Support Skin Antioxidant Levels

Weekly across your meals aim for:

- 3 x half cups of assorted berries. Add to smoothies, breakfast or eat as a snack. Frozen berries are fine. Any berry type is skin supportive.
- 3 x tablespoons of organic tomato paste; a source of lycopene which boosts antioxidant levels. Add to casseroles, soups and pasta sauces.
- 2 teaspoons of turmeric in cooking (see turmeric recipes below).
- 2-3 onions in cooking (for the quercetin content).

Support sun Damage Repair

• Drink 1-2 cup of green tea daily.



Support the Skin-Gut Axis

- Include Healing Stewed Apple regularly (see recipe below)
- Add in 3-4 serves of resistant starch foods over a week

 cooked and cooled root vegetables such as potato, sweet potato, beetroot, parsnip, carrot, Swede and cooked and cooled wild rice e.g. roast vegetable salad or wild rice salad

Support Detoxification

• Consume broccoli, cauliflower and other vegetables from the same family as often as you can. Also include broccolini, cabbage and Brussel Sprout.

Maintain hydration



• Drink: at least 6-8 glasses of water, herbal and fruit teas (beware of artificially flavoured or sweetened versions).



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Healing Stewed Apple

- 6 cooking apples (Choose Granny Smith, Gala or other cooking apple as desired)
- 1/2 cup water
- 2 tsp. cinnamon

Directions

- Peel and core the apples and chop them into small evenly sized pieces.
- Put all the ingredients in a covered, heavy-bottomed pan and cook for about 15 minutes, stirring regularly. Cook until soft with rough shapes, no longer identifiable as apple slices. The colour should be a russet brown with the cinnamon effect.
- These may be eaten warm, or cold. I suggest making up as many ramekins (sized to hold 1 1.5 apple equivalent in each and covered and put in the fridge for easy recovery and to avoid food deviation due to lack of availability and so maintain compliance.
- You can also double or treble the quantities if you want to make a larger batch as this will store in the fridge for up to 10 days.

Turmeric Dressing

This dressing is a great addition to salads for anyone with inflammatory conditions or just to maintain good health. The recipe is as follows:

- 4 cloves garlic (optional)
- ¼ cup + 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil OR cold pressed, unrefined avocado oil
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons raw honey (optional)
- 2 teaspoons powdered turmeric
- ½ teaspoon Dijon mustard
- $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon black pepper
- 1⁄4 unrefined salt

Method

 Place all ingredients in a mini processor and process until smooth and creamy. Alternatively, crush the garlic into a jar and add all the other ingredients. Shake well. Double or triple quantities can be made and kept in the fridge.

Golden Milk

Serves 1

- 1 cup water
- 1/4 teaspoon ground turmeric
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- Splash of almond or soy milk
- Honey or maple syrup, to taste

Method

• In a small saucepan, bring water to boil. Add turmeric and ginger, reduce heat, and simmer for 10 minutes. Stir in milk and strain tea into a cup. Add sweetener to taste.

