

Healthy Eating for Elders: Drink to Your Health¹

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For the following shakes and smoothies, blend all ingredients until smooth and creamy. If you use frozen fruit, no ice is needed. Otherwise, blend with 2 ice cubes. Enjoy!



Tip: Peel ripe bananas, slice, and store in freezer up to 2 weeks.

Strawberry Shake

1 cup buttermilk ½ cup strawberries (fresh or frozen) ½ cup cranberry juice 2 tbsp wheat germ



Berry Banana Smoothie

1 cup low-fat plain yogurt ½ cup blueberries (fresh or frozen) ½ banana (fresh or frozen) 2 tbsp wheat germ

Peachy Smoothie

1 cup low-fat vanilla yogurt ½ cup sliced peaches (fresh, frozen, or canned) ½ cup orange juice 2 tbsp wheat germ

Peanut Butter Banana Shake

1 cup low-fat milk 1 banana (fresh or frozen) 1 tbsp creamy peanut butter 1 tsp vanilla extract

Chocolate Banana Shake

1 cup low-fat milk 1 banana (fresh or frozen) 3 tbsp powdered cocoa

Apple Pie Smoothie

1 cup low-fat vanilla yogurt 1/4 cup apple juice ½ apple ½ cup unsweetened applesauce

1/4 tsp ground cinnamon

½ tsp ground nutmeg

Tropical Shake

1 cup buttermilk ½ mango ½ cup pineapple (fresh or canned) 1 tsp vanilla extract



If you are lactose intolerant, substitute calciumfortified soy or rice milk instead of cow's milk.

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