



THE BELLY BLASTING

RECIPE & EXERCISE PACK



Welcome!

Welcome to The Healthy Mommy, we are so excited to have you join us!

The belly area is often a cause for concern with many moms, and not just immediately after giving birth. Our busy lives and the stress of being a mom can sometimes make it harder for us to focus on reducing fat from this area. Annoyingly, belly fat is harder to lose than any other area of fat. Patience is a virtue as losing weight from your midsection takes time and effort and doesn't happen overnight.

This is where the **28 Weight Loss Challenge** can help. It's loaded with delicious meals and amazing workouts to help you beat the bulge. Our fabulous team of chefs and nutritionists have created meal plans with easy to prepare, delicious, family friendly meals that are filled with belly busting ingredients to cleanse and flatten your tummy, whilst also being kind to your wallet.

We also have great belly blasting workout videos that increase your cardio and help you get some impressive weight loss results. This recipe and exercise pack gives you a sneak peak at the **28 Day Weight Loss Challenge** so you can begin to bust belly fat today!!

We hope you love it and that it helps you get the results you want.

Love Rhian
and The Healthy Mommy team

HOW YOU CAN LOSE BELLY FAT

WE CAN HELP YOU LOSE BLAST BELLY FAT IN 28 DAYS!

Belly fat is more than a nuisance that makes your clothes feel tight. Though losing fat from this area can be difficult, there are several things you can do to reduce excess abdominal fat.

The good news is you can start blasting both types of fat today following the Healthy Mommy **28 Day Weight Loss Challenge** which has been scientifically created by our expert team to give you results FAST!

The **28 Day Weight Loss Challenge** works as all meals provide the perfect balance of macros and nutrients to give a busy mum all she needs to lose weight in a healthy and balanced way.

HERE'S HOW TO GET STARTED ...

👉 **Join the 28 Day Weight Loss Challenge [here](#)** and get started on your weight loss journey!

📸 **Take your before photo.** This will help you stay on track and recognise your hard earned results!

👩 **Follow the program & the tips provided in emails & the private support group** So you can stay on track and become body confident!



👏 **Give yourself a tap on the back!** You have just taken the right steps towards a healthier you!



JOIN THE 28 DAY WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE [HERE](#)

UNDERSTANDING BODY FAT FOR HEALTH & WEIGHT LOSS

THERE ARE TWO MAIN TYPES OF STOMACH FAT

SUBCUTANEOUS Fat

For new moms, subcutaneous fat is the most noticeable type of fat on the stomach and lies just under the surface of the skin. Women are most likely to accumulate this sort of fat around their abdomen, hips and buttocks. Subcutaneous fat is noticeable and can cause dimpling like cellulite.

This fat serves as the body's energy storage system. If more calories are consumed than the body uses, extra calories are laid down as subcutaneous fat. Conversely, when more calories are burned than consumed, subcutaneous fat is the first sort of fat to be burned off by the body to meet the increased demands for energy.

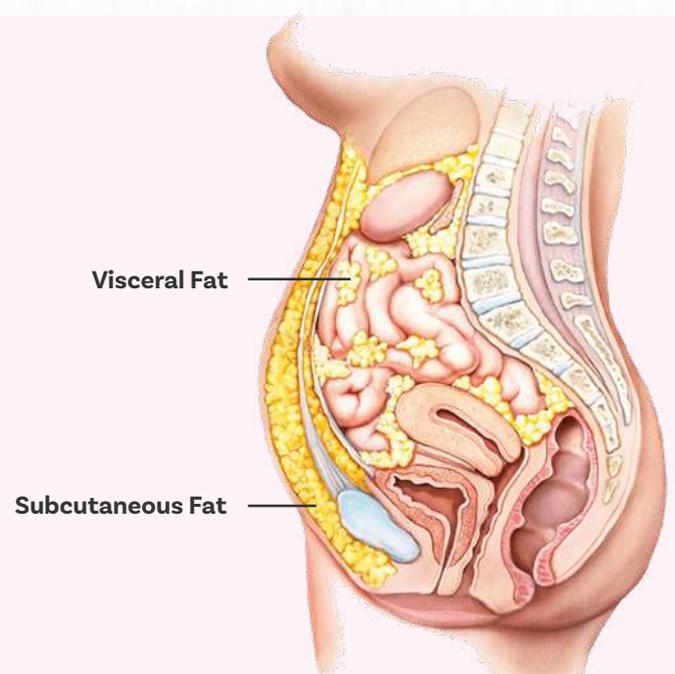
VISCERAL Fat (the dangerous one)

The second type of fat on the stomach area is visceral fat, also known as abdominal fat. This sort of fat differs from subcutaneous fat as it is less visible within the body. Visceral fat forms within the body and around the organs. It cannot be seen from the outside and is far more dangerous than subcutaneous fat. Research is continuing into why some people seem to have greater amounts of visceral fat than others, but it is believed to have a lot to do with a poor diet. Visceral fat is of great concern as it literally wraps itself around the major organs in the abdomen such as liver, kidneys, heart and lungs, as well as contributing to the clogging of arteries.

People with high levels of visceral fat are more prone to developing serious health issues such as heart disease. Visceral fat often accumulates around the liver and this leads the liver to become resistant to the body's insulin, which in turn greatly increases the risk of type 2 diabetes. Visceral fat is often referred to by the medical profession as a ticking time bomb as many people are unaware that they have visceral fat and it cannot be seen accumulating as subcutaneous fat can.

How to measure belly fat

- There are two main ways to measure if you have too much belly fat, waist circumference and waist to hip ratio.
- Measure your waist on your bare skin just above your hipbone. Breathe in and out, then take the measurement.
- Do the same with your hip.
- For a woman if your waist circumference is at 31.5 inches or more, and for a man your waist circumference is at 37 inches or more, than this is a marker for health risks.
- To work out your waist to hip ratio divide your waist measurement by your hip measurement (e.g. waist is 31.5 inches and hip is 33.5 inches, then $31.5/33.5=0.94$), the health risks are greater if your ratio is >0.85 for women and for men >0.9 . One study of 44,000 women found that those with large waists, even if they were at a low BMI, had the greater risks of heart disease and cancer.



WHY YOU MAY BE HAVING TROUBLE SHIFTING BELLY FAT

There are a whole host of medical, environmental and genetic reasons why we find it hard to lose weight. Although science tells us it's all about calories in versus energy out, for most of us that are eating a good diet and exercising regularly, it can be confusing when the belly fat doesn't seem to shift. Here are some of the top reasons you may be struggling to lose belly fat.

Higher number of fat cells

You can shrink fat cells through healthy eating and exercise – but fat cells in actual fact don't die. Therefore if you have been obese in the past, it is easier for you to regain the weight. It basically means that you must be more vigilant in leading a healthy lifestyle with the main focus being on what you eat.

Hormone imbalances

Sometimes an imbalance in hormones (for example Leptin or Ghrelin) can lead to excess belly fat. Leptin is a protein that acts as a hormone in helping to prevent obesity by regulating appetite. Being deficient in this hormone (which is rare) can lead to excess weight gain and belly fat. Ghrelin is a protein secreted by stomach cells that promotes positive energy balance by stimulating appetite and promoting efficient energy storage. In a condition called 'Prader-willi syndrome' Ghrelin levels stay high after eating, which promotes an excessive appetite. People with this syndrome would find it difficult to lose weight.

A lack of sleep can also increase ghrelin levels and decrease leptin – therefore increasing appetite and decreasing satiety levels. This may explain correlations made between lack of sleep and a high BMI (Body Mass Index).

Sleep

We all know sleep is important for a variety of health reasons but it also helps to regulate body fat. Scientific studies have shown that those who sleep less than 5-6 hours per night are more than 35% more likely to gain extra weight than those who sleep longer. As a busy mom, your sleep patterns can be very irregular so try and fit in a nap during the day or remove stimulus at least an hour before bedtime for a deeper sleep.



Stress response/elevated cortisol

When cortisol is chronically elevated due to stress, it turns our bodies into fat storing machines. This is because elevated cortisol levels increase the activity of the major fat storing enzyme - lipoprotein lipase (LPL). Cortisol also makes the body more insulin resistant. This means the body will need to release more insulin to get the job done. This can lead to greater fat storage, and the release of fat will also be worsened. Reducing stress is a lifelong task but adding in some more time out each day to rest, play and enjoy life can reduce stress hormones considerably.

Sickness

If you have been feeling unwell recently, it is possible your body may be holding onto body fat for health reasons. Be sure to boost your immune system with plenty of fresh water and whole foods high in vitamins A, C and E.

Sugar

New studies show that visceral belly fat is often fuelled by a high consumption of sugar. According to the research it may be worth reducing your sugar consumption and increasing healthy fats to increase metabolism and support blood sugar balance.



TO BLAST YOUR BELLY FAT

1 MAKE WATER YOUR NUMBER ONE DRINK OF CHOICE

Many people don't realize they drink a lot of their calories; 2 x 20 fluid ounces of soft drink contain as many as 500 calories – this could be the difference between losing weight and hitting a plateau.

2 DRINK MORE GREEN TEA

The catechins in green tea – called Epigallocatechin gallate (EGCG), have a proven effect on metabolism and weight loss. Make a pot of green tea, sip, enjoy and reap the benefits.



3 CHEW YOUR FOOD WELL

Your stomach doesn't have teeth so chewing your food better will reduce the amount of air you swallow with the food (a cause of bloating). It also makes you eat slower, which is helpful in reducing food intake – therefore helping you to eat smaller portion sizes.

4 EAT FERMENTED FOODS

These foods have a probiotic effect on the gut, helping to produce more good bacteria. These good bacteria help keep our weight in check by preventing obesity. Some easy to make fermented foods include kombucha, kefir water and sauerkraut.

5 AVOID FOODS HIGH IN FRUCTOSE

Fructose is usually better tolerated in the presence of glucose. This means food containing at least as much glucose as fructose is often better tolerated by the body than just foods high in fructose. Fructose intolerance can lead to bloating immediately after eating. If you suspect you have an intolerance to fructose then seek medical advice or go to a nutritionist to confirm your suspicions.

6 EAT HIGH FIBER FOODS

The best thing you can do for your body is to eat fiber. It helps prevent weight gain, by reducing appetite and helping to normalize bowel movements. There is some evidence that the weight loss effects of fiber target belly fat specifically. The best high fiber foods to eat include: chickpeas, apples, rolled oats, green beans, sweet potato and fresh berries.

7 ENJOY MORE LEAFY GREENS

Greens are high in fiber and phytonutrients. They are also a natural detox for the body, helping to alkalize and neutralize stomach acid. Kale, baby leaf spinach, wheat grass and barley grass all promote alkalinity therefore helping with conditions such as IBS (Irritable Bowel Syndrome). This can help reduce belly bloat.



8 INCLUDE LEAN PROTEIN

Protein is the macronutrient that helps keep us feeling fuller for longer. Proteins should be eaten at every meal and snack (if possible) alongside healthy carbohydrates and good fats. The best sources of protein include: boiled eggs, canned tuna, nuts and seeds, low fat cheese, Greek yogurt, chicken breast and ham.

9 SPICE THINGS UP

Spicy foods contain an active component called capsaicin. By adding some chili or bell peppers to your meals, you're helping boost your metabolism naturally, without any harsh accelerants. Capsaicin also turns the bad, unhealthy white fat into fat-burning brown fat through a process of creating heat from burning fat.

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AVOID THESE FOODS

Key foods to avoid when wanting to blast away belly fat include simple carbohydrates like white bread, chips, sweets, soft drinks, pre-made cakes, donuts etc.



These simple carbohydrates are digested faster by our bodies and therefore we don't feel satisfied for very long and need to eat more food more often. Many store-bought ice creams are high in saturated fats and sugars. Make your own sweet "ice cream" or popsicles like those found in the 28 Day Weight Loss Challenge recipe hub.



TRY THE
2 Ingredient
Banana "Ice-Cream"
from the
Recipe Hub

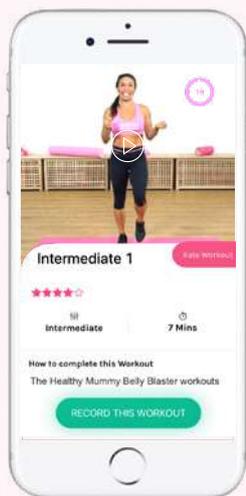
Fairly obvious, but avoid fast foods when wanting to lose belly fat. Most of these foods are very high in salt which not only gets you addicted and wanting to come back for more, but also holds onto fluid in your body's cells, making you look and feel heavier.



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TRY A BELLY BLASTER WORKOUT FROM THE 28 DAY WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE FOR FREE!

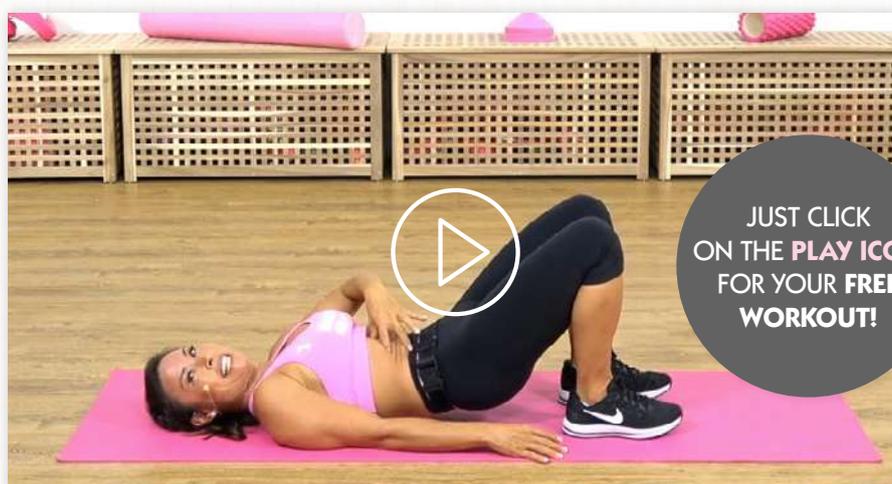
The **28 Day Weight Loss Challenge** has over 350 exercise routines including full-length guided video workouts that can be completed at home or on the move – all available in our amazing Healthy Mommy App.



- **Over 350 workout programs**
- **30 minutes and fully instructed**
- **Do anywhere, anytime**
- **No equipment required!**
- **HITT, Tabata, Boxing, Belly Blaster and many more available**
- **Low, medium and high impact levels available**

Workouts focus on all areas of the body including the core, butt & thighs, and lower & upper body. There are suitable workouts for all types of moms; postnatal or those with older children, as well as levels from beginners through to advanced.

The **BELLY BLASTER** workout category is packed with workouts that are high cardio and core focused. To get the best results you should combine these belly blasting workouts with low intensity cardio, like walking. Here is one of our fantastic **BELLY BLASTER** video workouts for you to try for free!



JUST CLICK
ON THE **PLAY ICON**
FOR YOUR **FREE**
WORKOUT!

The Healthy Mommy App

Home to the 28 Day Weight Loss Challenge

The Healthy Mommy App is home to the 28 Day Weight Loss Challenge. The App has more than 30 amazing features! You can customize your meal plans, access shopping lists, update your measurements, take progress photos, healthy tips, daily exercise plans and more.

The time efficient at home exercise programs are busy-mom friendly and take into account your fitness levels and support you to reach your fitness goals.

- ✓ **Weekly meal plans** which are fully customizable.
- ✓ **Instant access to hundreds of** budget- and family-friendly recipes.
- ✓ **Healthy Mommy Coach** to keep you motivated and on track!
- ✓ **Daily 30 minute** fully instructed fitness programs.
- ✓ **Achievable programs** made for busy moms.



Now faster and easier to use!

The Healthy Mommy Coach

A new empowering message each day on your home screen!

Tips, facts and inspiration to motivate and keep you on track.

Keeps you **motivated** and accountable.

Only available in The Healthy Mommy App.

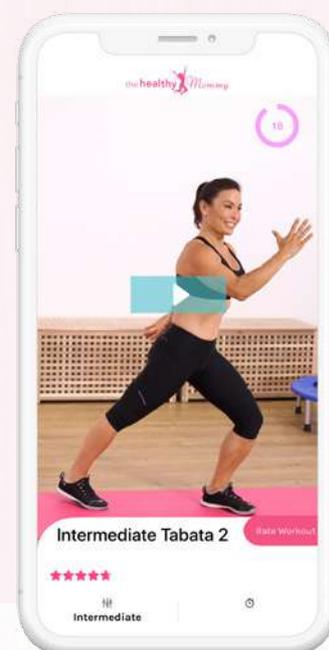
The Healthy Mommy Exercise Programs

Fully instructed 30 minute video exercise programs.

Includes strength training, cardio, full body & pilates.

No equipment required - work out from home!

All levels available from post natal to advanced.



JOIN THE 28 DAY WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE [HERE](#)



DAIRY FREE CHOCOLATE OATMEAL

Servings 1

Prep time 5 min

Some people can have an intolerance to dairy and this can make them bloated. Reducing your dairy intake can be a way to reduce bloating and belly bulge. There are so many dairy alternatives to milk, yogurts and cheeses available at the supermarket that it's not hard to try some different options and see how it improves your health. Always seek medical advice though before removing a food group from your diet.

Ingredients

- 1/3 cup rolled oats
- 1/2 cup boiling water
- 1 tsp chia seeds
- 2 tbsp coconut yogurt
- 2 tsp cacao/cocoa powder
- 1 tbsp blueberries
- 1 sliced strawberry
- 1 tbsp raspberries

Preparation

- Place oats in a bowl. Top with boiling water, stir and set aside to soak for a minute or two.
- Add chia seeds, coconut yogurt and cacao/cocoa powder. Stir to combine well.
- Top with blueberries, strawberries and raspberries to serve.

**Note: 'Free sugars'* mentioned in our recipes are those which have been added to foods during processing, cooking, and preparation, while naturally occurring sugars are found within whole foods such as fruits and come with the additional benefits of a range of other nutrients such as vitamins, minerals and fiber in substantial amounts.*

280 cals
Protein 6g
Fiber 5.8g
Total Fat 10.1g

Carbs 39.5g
Sat Fat 6.4g
Total Sugar 14g
Free Sugar 8.3g*



BELLY BLASTING BURGER

Servings 1

Prep time 10 min

Cook time 10 min

Sourdough is made with a fermented dough. Fermented foods, like sourdough and the sauerkraut in this meal, are great to improve your gut health. A healthy gut improves your digestion and your ability to reduce belly fat.

Ingredients

- 4 oz lean ground beef
- salt
- pepper
- 1 tsp olive oil
- 1 slice reduced fat cheddar cheese
- 1 egg
- 1 slice sourdough
- 1/2 cup baby spinach
- 1/4 sliced tomato
- 2 slices canned beetroot
- 1 tbsp sauerkraut
- 1/4 tsp chili flakes

Preparation

- Season the beef with salt and pepper and form into a burger patty.
- Heat the olive oil in a frying pan over medium-high heat. Cook the patty for 4-5 minutes each side or until cooked through. About a minute before the patty is ready, top with the slice of cheese and allow the cheese to melt over the top of the patty. Set aside to rest.
- Crack the egg into the hot frying pan and cook for 1-2 minutes or until cooked to your liking.
- Toast the sourdough and top with baby spinach, burger patty, fried egg, tomato and beetroot.
- Top with sauerkraut and a sprinkle of chili flakes to serve.

425 cals
Protein 43g
Fiber 3.8g
Total Fat 17g

Carbs 21.7g
Sat Fat 6.3g
Total Sugar 4.7g
Free Sugar 0g



SEASONED SWEET POTATO WEDGES WITH LIME YOGURT

Servings 1

Prep time 10 min

Cook time 20 min

Preparing snacks at home ensures you are reducing added sugars and preservatives which can quickly add inches to your waistline (not to mention homemade options are usually more cost effective). These delicious sweet potato wedges with yogurt provide fiber and protein to give you energy and promote healthy digestion for a slimmer tummy region.

Ingredients

- 1/2 sweet potato
- 2 tsp extra virgin olive oil
- 1/4 tsp garlic powder
- 1/4 tsp cayenne pepper
- salt
- 2 tbsp reduced-fat Greek natural yogurt
- 1 tsp lime juice

Preparation

- Preheat oven to 425°F. Line a baking tray with parchment paper. Cut sweet potato into wedges.
- Toss sweet potato with olive oil, garlic powder, cayenne pepper and some salt, to evenly coat each wedge.
- Spread sweet potato over prepared tray and bake for 20 minutes, turning once, until tender.
- While sweet potato is baking, mix Greek yogurt and lime juice.
- Serve sweet potato wedges with lime yogurt for dipping.

158 cal

Protein 3.5g

Fiber 2.9g

Total Fat 7.6g

Carbs 19.5g

Sat Fat 1.3g

Total Sugar 7.6g

Free Sugar 0g



CHEESEBURGER MEATBALL BITES

Servings 8

Prep time 15 min

Cook time 20 min

These little budget friendly meatball bites are a great healthy finger food snack option for during the week, or for a BBQ or party celebration.

Ingredients

- 1 lb lean ground beef
- 1 free-range egg
- 1/3 cup rice flour
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 tsp onion powder
- 2 tbsp Ketchup, no added sugar
- 1 cup reduced-fat cheddar cheese (24 thin pieces)
- 2 pickles (24 thin pieces)
- 1 cup Iceberg lettuce (pieces 30 gram)

Preparation

- Use 24 mini wooden skewers for this recipe or 12 regular length that you've cut in half.
- Preheat oven to 395°F and line a baking tray with parchment paper.
- Combine ground beef with egg, rice flour, garlic, and onion powder. Form into 24 even sized balls. Lay meatballs onto the prepared baking tray and bake 12-15 minutes, or until cooked through. Turn the meatballs over once during the cooking time.
- Remove the meatballs from the oven and while still hot, top each meatball with a little tomato sauce and then a slice of cheese. Place back into the oven for 5 minutes or until the cheese has melted over each meatball.
- Thread each mini skewer with a slice of gherkin, a cheesy meatball, a cherry tomato half and a small piece of pickle.
- Three meatball bites make one serving.
- You could cook the meatballs ahead of time and store leftovers in an airtight container in the refrigerator for 4-5 days to reheat and assemble on skewers as required. Can also be served cold.

162 cals
Protein 20g
Fiber 0.6g
Total Fat 5.6g

Carbs 7.7g
Sat Fat 2.8g
Total Sugar 3.2g
Free Sugar 0g

SARAH OVERCAME ENDOMETRIOSIS, LOST 123lbs AND GAINED BODY LOVE AND SELF-CONFIDENCE

Mom of two, Sarah Maynard, who also suffers from endometriosis has managed to overcome her struggles by staying positive. Today she has lost a MASSIVE 123lbs with The Healthy Mommy and it all started with a photo.

What should have been an uplifting time for Sarah (receiving family photos taken when her son was 6 months old) turned into sadness and shame. She says “I started my journey in full force after we had our son’s 6 months photo shoot. I didn’t like or love the person I saw in the mirror or even the photo.”

Upset at how she looked, Sarah was inspired to make a BIG change.

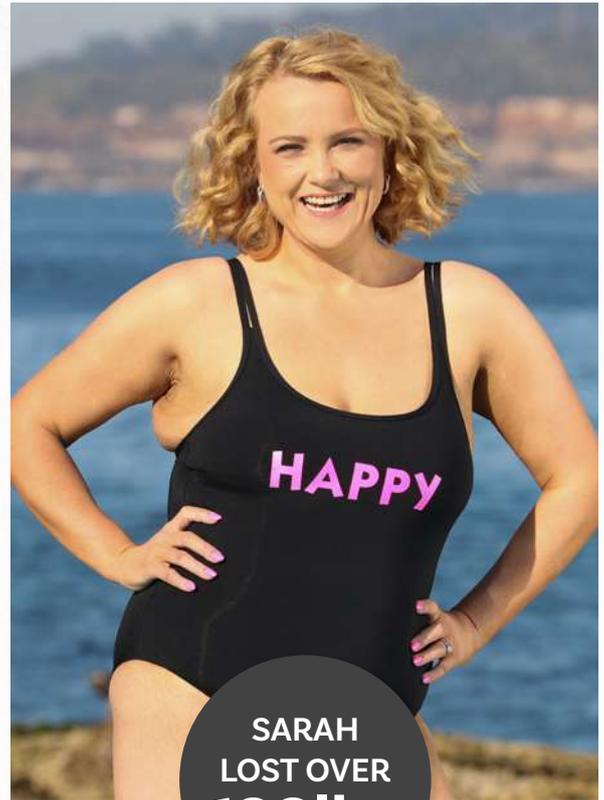
After reading about how other real moms in The Healthy Mommy online [community](#) had lost weight and gained body love, Sarah decided to go full force ahead.

Following The Healthy Mommy recipes, she began cooking all her meals from scratch using fresh ingredients and becoming more active in her day to day life. She realized that she would still keep her family happy by preparing their favorite meals and snacks – just making healthier versions of them.

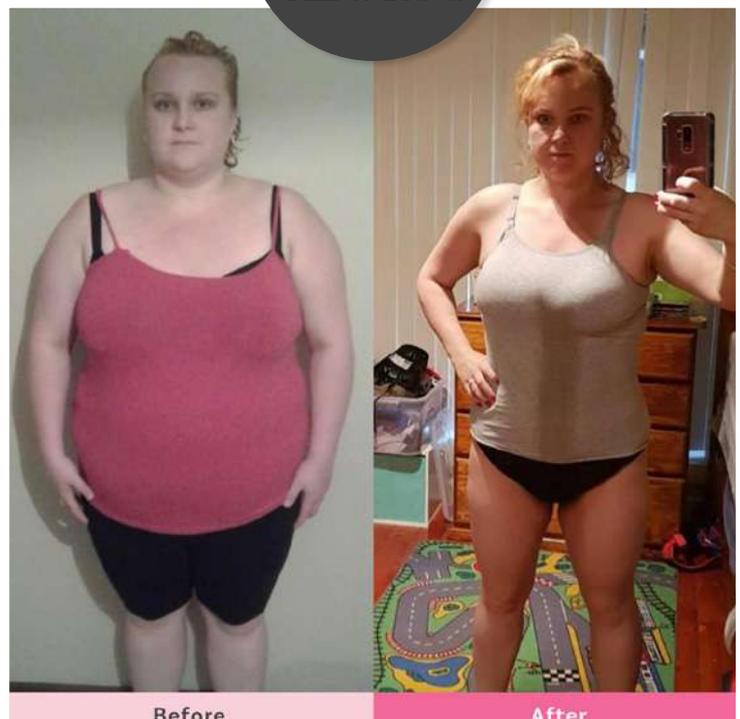
She says “The Healthy Mommy has changed the way I think and look at food and exercise.”

Sarah is determined to be a good role model for her children and inspire them and her entire family to live a healthy, happy life.

Confident, happy and healthy, Sarah now encourages women to love their body.



SARAH
LOST OVER
123lbs



“I want to show women to love yourself how you are. Love your body. I also want to show my children and family how to be body confident.”

Sarah Maynard

Check out what some of our beautiful moms have achieved whilst completing our **28 Day Weight Loss Challenges**.



AMY LOST 123lbs!

“I dreamed of being that girl on the front of magazines with the headline ‘mom loses half her weight’ but never thought it was possible. Then, after reading so many inspiring and motivating stories of moms who had been a similar starting weight to what I was, and lost weight, I knew I could do it. I now have loads more energy and so much more self confidence.”

MELANIE LOST 101lbs!

“My 3 hour rule keeps me on track. If I’ve eaten something less favorable, or if I’ve had a weak moment, I look up at the clock, and reset in 3 hours time. Never waiting to tomorrow and definitely not for Monday! This has helped create an amazing habit without the negativity that can be associated with “diets”. Which is great, because The Healthy Mommy is a ‘lifestyle’ I’ll never be without!”



CHARLOTTE LOST OVER 74lbs!

“Thanks to The Healthy Mommy 28 Day Weight Loss Challenges I have lost nearly 77lbs and am finally comfortable in my own skin”.

NIKKI LOST 66lbs!

“I love how I don’t have to cut out any food groups. I eat anything I want and my kids eat what I eat, which means I don’t have to make two separate meals. I’m so much happier!”





CINDY LOST 55lbs!

Stay at home mom-of-2 Cindy Siegemund lost 55 lbs!

“I’m living a life where food is not the enemy and exercise is fun. I’ve gained knowledge of living a healthy lifestyle and I don’t feel like I’m on a diet. Gained the energy to keep active and play with my kids. I feel confident dressing up and I am proud to be in photos with my family.”



CHRISTINE LOST 38lbs!

48-year-old mom Christine Mazany proves age is no barrier!

“I was in a really dark place mentally while I was “The Healthy Mommy has helped me see that losing weight isn’t a diet. It’s not just food, it’s a lifestyle change. It is about enjoying the foods in the right portions but made with healthier ingredients.”



ROBYN LOST 17lbs!

35-year-old mom Robyn lost 17 lbs in 6 months!

“I am a real working mom, with a husband, 2 kids, and a dog! I am so excited to see my progress and how I change for the better in the coming months. And I feel very empowered to help as many moms on their journey as possible.”