

The Plan

Sunday

Barbecue Pulled Chicken Sandwiches with Cole Slaw Chopped Tomato & Avocado Salad with Red Onion, Cilantro and that vinaigrette you made this morning.

Monday

Spaghetti with Corn, Country Ham, Basil, Parmesan Green Salad with tomatoes, red onion, and that vinaigrette you made on Sunday

Tuesday

Asian Cabbage with Shrimp or Chicken (your choice)

Wednesday

Salad Pizza

Thursday

Soy-Ginger Tofu Sauteed Spinach White or Brown Rice

Friday

Go out. Call it in. Eat in the car. Whatever you do, take the night off from cooking.

The Shopping List

Pantry*

cornstarch
barbecue sauce
cider vinegar
sesame oil
olive oil
vegetable oil
low-sodium soy sauce
rice wine vinegar
brown sugar
fish sauce
salted peanuts

sesame seeds (optional)

bay leaves

1 pound spaghetti or fettuccine good-quality pizza sauce (or get ingredients to make your own)

mayo

celery seed (for slaw)
Sriracha (optional)

chipotle peppers in adobo

sugar

white or brown rice Dijon mustard red wine vinegar

^{*} Hopefully you have most of this already

Produce 2 bunches (or bags) fresh spinach

2 onions 1 bunch cilantro 1 head garlic 2 avocados

1 small knob ginger fresh tomatoes, about 2 pounds, any

1 bunch scallion kind

3 limes 4 ears fresh corn 1 red jalapeno (optional) 1 small red onion 1 head red cabbage 1 bunch basil

chives 1 bunch really fresh greens (butter 1 lemon lettuce, arugula, whatever your kids

2 medium carrots like)

Meat

3 cups shredded cooked chicken or about 16 cooked shrimp 2 pounds chicken breasts (6 to 8 medium breasts) country ham or bacon (you'll need 3 or 4 slices and can freeze the rest)

Bread/Dairy/Refrigerated

Sandwich rolls- Ciabatta, Kaiser, or Potato Parmesan Cheese 16-ounce ball pizza dough (whole wheat or white) 1 block extra firm tofu

For more meal-planning tips -- or just to thank me for putting this together -- check out my book *Dinner: A Love Story*, available everywhere, including your local public library.