# A Better Choice

# Healthy fillings for sandwiches, wraps and rolls

Sandwiches, rolls and wraps are a staple feature of many cafés, kiosks and catering platters. Try these healthy filling ideas to ensure that healthier options are always on offer.

The <u>A Better Choice Food and Drink</u>
<u>Supply Strategy</u> classifies foods
and drinks into three categories
according to nutritional value:







#### **General tips**

- Include at least one, but preferably three, vegetable or salad fillings, such as lettuce, spinach, tomato, cucumber, capsicum, carrot, beetroot, mushroom, pineapple, red onion or alfalfa.
- Grilled vegetables add flavour and texture, but use only minimal amounts of vegetable oil (a brush or a spray) when cooking. Try zucchini, eggplant, pumpkin, mushrooms or red capsicum.
- Select wholemeal and multigrain bread, instead of white where possible
- Replace butter with small amounts of poly- or mono-unsaturated margarine.
- Even better, replace margarine with avocado, mustard or reduced fat ricotta, cream cheese or cottage cheese.
- Offer a variety of sandwiches, wraps and rolls.
- Provide a variety of fillings with a focus on vegetables. Include vegetarian and non-vegetarian options.
- Take care with appearance and try using fresh herbs to garnish the platter.

This is to be used as a guide only. Any variations to the combinations listed (including spreads and condiments) may change the classification.

For an accurate classification of food and drinks, use <u>FoodChecker</u> (https://foodchecker.au/) or contact us at <u>abetterchoice@hw.qld.gov.au</u>.





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#### **Filling suggestions**

Try the following green and amber combinations to fill your sandwiches, wraps, and rolls.

### Egg (v)

- Egg with lettuce and mayonnaise (reduced fat)
- Sliced egg and salad\*
- Curried egg with carrot and lettuce

#### Cheese (v)

- Cheddar cheese (reduced fat) with tomato
- Cheddar cheese (reduced fat) with lettuce, cucumber, tomato, chutney
- Cheddar cheese (reduced fat) with salad\* and mayonnaise (reduced fat)

#### Falafel (v)

- Falafel (baked) with tomato, cucumber, baby spinach and tzatziki (reduced fat)
- Falafel (baked) with sun dried tomatoes, mixed lettuce, red onion, and hummus (reduced fat)

### **Vegetables** (v)

- Grilled mixed vegetables (in minimal oil) with pesto
- Grilled mixed vegetables (in minimal oil) with feta (reduced fat)

## Chicken or turkey

- Lean chicken breast with lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise (reduced fat)
- Lean turkey breast with salad\*
- Tandoori flavoured lean chicken breast with cucumber, spinach and yoghurt (reduced fat)
- Chicken schnitzel (baked) with tomato, lettuce and mayonnaise (reduced fat)

  Note: avoid providing large serving sizes of schnitzels.

  Often half a fillet is adequate for one sandwich

#### Beef

- Lean roast beef (visible fat trimmed)
   with tomato, baby spinach and horseradish
- Lean roast beef (visible fat trimmed)
   with lettuce, tomato, red onion and fruit chutney
- Lean roast beef (visible fat trimmed) with salad\* and wholegrain mustard

#### Ham

- Lean ham with salad\* and mayonnaise (reduced fat)
- Lean ham, tomato, lettuce and fruit chutney
- Lean ham with cheese (reduced fat) and tomato or pineapple
- Note: using reduced sodium ham (<750mg per 100g) would make these green.

#### **Fish**

- Tuna (in spring water) with sweet corn, capsicum, tomato, cucumber and lettuce
- Tuna (in spring water) with tomato, lettuce and mayonnaise (reduced fat)
- Salmon (canned) with cucumber and lettuce
- Smoked salmon with cream cheese (reduced fat), spinach, red onion and capers

For further information visit <a href="mailto:www.hw.qld.gov.au/a-better-choice">www.hw.qld.gov.au/a-better-choice</a> or contact abetterchoice@hw.qld.gov.au.

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(v) vegetarian

\* aim for three vegetable or salad ingredients



