

Recipe: Overeating

Ingredients:

- 1 batch, bag, box, plate, or buffet of food
- 2 tablespoons of deprivation
- 1 heaping teaspoon of guilt
- A sprinkle of shame
- Optional: fatigue, stress, resentment, loneliness, perfectionism, boredom



Directions:

1. Run yourself down physically by not sleeping, exercising, eating when you're hungry, or consuming nutritious foods. Alternatively, wear yourself out by working too hard, being all things to all people, and trying to make everything perfect.
2. Place emotions on medium-high. Cover and simmer; do not allow steam to escape.
3. When you crave something you love, remind yourself that it's bad, fattening, or high in fat and carbs.
4. When your cravings grow stronger, tell yourself that you're bad for wanting "bad" food.
5. Wait until an influential person such as your grandmother or co-worker insists you eat that food anyway to please them. Alternatively, sneak the food when no one is watching.
6. Sit down in front of the TV or choose another activity to distract yourself while you eat.
7. Before eating, garnish the food with guilt. If it's still enjoyable, stir in some shame to ensure that the food is completely ruined.
8. Eat as quickly as possible to avoid tasting or enjoying the food.
9. You're done when you feel sick and uncomfortable.
10. Repeat steps 1-9 until can't stand it anymore. Finally, try the Recipe for Mindful Eating.

Recipe: Mindful Eating

Ingredients:

- 1 or 2 servings of food you love
- 2 tablespoons of intention
- 1 heaping teaspoon of attention
- A sprinkle of trust
- Optional: pleasure, enjoyment, celebration, tradition



Directions:

1. Care for yourself physically by getting adequate sleep, exercise, and nutrition.
2. Create a self-care buffer zone by regularly nurturing your body, mind, heart, and spirit.
3. When you're hungry, consider what you want, need, and have before choosing food.
4. Set your intention for how you want to feel when you're finished eating; serve yourself accordingly (or adjust the portion if someone else served you).
5. Remind yourself that all foods fit when you practice balance, variety, and moderation. When the food you crave isn't particularly healthful, omit all guilt and shame.
6. Create a pleasant environment for your snack or meal. Sit down to eat and minimize distractions.
7. Savor the appearance, aromas, textures, and flavors of the food as you eat.
8. Eat slowly and mindfully for maximal enjoyment from every bite.
9. Frequently tune in to your body's signals. Stop when you feel content and energetic.
10. Use the energy you've consumed to live a vibrant, full life.