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## **GRILLED CHEESE**

Warm up on a chilly day—and get a vitamin boost—with this super healthy Cheddar melt.

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Grab a

seeded loaf

for a little extra crunch.



whole-grain multigrain bread

"Multigrain" doesn't guarantee it's whole-grain, so check the label.



apple

Don't peel: The skin contains ursolic acid, which may help fight weight gain and asthma.



mayonnaise

Lower in saturated fat than butter, this spread browns the bread slowly to a perfect golden hue.



Cheddar

It's sharp, so you get a lot of taste from a small amount. Using it grated also helps you save calories.



spinach

These tender, mild leaves pack nearly twice as much iron as other greens.

Grilled Cheddar with Apples

Prep: 10 minutes Cook: 6 minutes per batch Yield: 4 sandwiches

- 4 tsp. mayonnaise
- thin slices seeded whole-grain multigrain bread
- tsp. grainy Dijon mustard
- oz. sharp Cheddar, grated (1 cup)
- medium apple, cored and thinly
- oz. baby spinach leaves (1 cup)
- 1 Place a heavy skillet over low heat. 2 Spread ½ tsp. mayonnaise on each bread slice and 1/2 tsp. mustard on other

side. Sprinkle half of cheese over mustard side of 4 slices. Add apple, spinach and remaining cheese. Top with remaining bread slices, mustard-side down.

3 Put 2 sandwiches in skillet; weigh down with another skillet. Cook until toasted, about 3 minutes. Turn sandwiches over, weigh down again and cook until cheese melts, about 3 minutes more. Transfer to a plate. Repeat to make other 2 sandwiches.

PER SERVING (1 sandwich):

325 Calories, 16g Fat (7g Sat.), 32mg Chol., 5g Fiber, 13g Pro., 30g Carb., 562mg Sod., 8g Sugar, 2mg Iron, 269mg Calcium

Apple picking: Choose a red variety for a hint of sweetness, a green one if you prefer a tart flavor.

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