## **Food Ideas by Colour**

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Offer foods that have the same colour as foods your child likes to help add variety and improve nutrition.

Vegetables and Fruit	Grain Products	Milk and Alternatives	Meat and Alternatives
White and beige			
<ul> <li>Bamboo shoots, bean sprouts, cauliflower, chicory, fennel bulb, lotus root, mushroom, taro, water chestnut</li> <li>Dried apple chips, apple slices, banana chips, or coconut</li> <li>Peeled apple, banana, guava, lychee, mangosteen, pear, rambutan, or white pomelo</li> <li>Peeled daikon, eggplant, jicama, parsnip, potatoes, rutabaga, or turnip</li> <li>Stem of bok choy or Chinese cabbage</li> <li>White asparagus, carrot, corn, onion, radish</li> <li>White currants, nectarines or peaches</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Amaranth, barley, oats, quinoa, rice</li> <li>Flatbread, pita bread</li> <li>Flour or white corn tortillas</li> <li>Pearl couscous</li> <li>Popcorn</li> <li>Rice cakes</li> <li>Rice paper</li> <li>Rice, udon, or mung bean (glass) noodles</li> <li>White bread</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Cheeses such as cottage, feta, goat, gouda, gruyere, mozzarella, ricotta, Swiss, or white cheddar</li> <li>Cream sauce made with milk</li> <li>Fortified soy or other plantbased beverages</li> <li>Milk</li> <li>Skim milk powder</li> <li>Tapioca or rice pudding</li> <li>Vanilla flavoured nutrition supplement drinks</li> <li>Yogurt</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Blanched almonds, Brazil nuts, cashews, macadamia nuts, peanuts</li> <li>Chicken, quail, pork, turkey</li> <li>Egg white</li> <li>Hemp hearts, pumpkin seeds (in shell), sesame seeds</li> <li>Hummus</li> <li>Lump crab meat, octopus, oysters, squid, white fish</li> <li>Tofu</li> <li>White beans such as cannellini, navy, or white kidney beans</li> <li>White bean pasta</li> </ul>
Brown			
<ul> <li>Brown mushrooms</li> <li>Brown pear</li> <li>Cooked apples</li> <li>Dates</li> <li>Dried figs</li> <li>Skin-on baked or roasted potatoes</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Banana bread</li> <li>Bran and wheat cereal</li> <li>Brown rice</li> <li>Brown rice vermicelli</li> <li>Buckwheat noodles</li> <li>Melba toast</li> <li>Rye bread</li> <li>Whole grain bread</li> <li>Whole wheat spaghetti</li> <li>Whole wheat tortillas</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Chocolate flavoured cream cheese, milk, yogurt, or yogurt drinks</li> <li>Chocolate pudding</li> <li>Chocolate flavoured nutrition supplement drinks</li> <li>Gjetost cheese</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Almond butter, peanut butter</li> <li>Baked beans, refried beans</li> <li>Brown lentils, chick peas, pinto beans, or split peas</li> <li>Chia seeds, flax seeds</li> <li>Cooked ground beef or lamb</li> <li>Beef, lamb, mutton, veal</li> <li>Game meat</li> <li>Offal (organ meats)</li> <li>Roasted almonds, hazelnuts, peanuts, or walnuts</li> </ul>

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Orange						
<ul> <li>Apricot, cantaloupe, orange, mandarin, mango, nectarine, papaya, peach, tangerine</li> <li>Carrot, pumpkin, squash, sweet potato</li> <li>Dried apricots, mangos</li> <li>Orange beets, bell pepper, cauliflower, or tomatoes</li> <li>Orange juice</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Cheese bread</li> <li>Corn tortillas</li> <li>Muffins or pancakes made with carrots, pumpkin, or yams</li> <li>Rice made with turmeric or saffron</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Cheddar cheese</li> <li>Cheese sauce</li> <li>Peach flavoured yogurt</li> <li>Pumpkin flavoured yogurt</li> <li>Smoothies made with yogurt, milk and orange fruit</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Cheese omelet</li> <li>Cooked salmon</li> <li>Red lentils</li> <li>Red lentil pasta</li> <li>Shrimp, prawns</li> </ul>			
Green						
<ul> <li>Alfalfa sprouts, asparagus, avocado, broccoli, Brussel's sprouts, cucumber, celery, okra, peas, snap beans</li> <li>Apples, grapes, honeydew melon, kiwis, pears</li> <li>Basil pesto</li> <li>Green bell pepper, cauliflower, olives, or tomatoes</li> <li>Herbs like basil, mint, parsley</li> <li>Leafy greens such as kale, lettuce, spinach, Swiss chard, watercress</li> <li>Wakame (seaweed)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Muffins, pancakes or waffles made with zucchini</li> <li>Spinach pasta</li> <li>Spinach tortillas</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Green tea flavoured dairy products</li> <li>Lime flavoured yogurt</li> <li>Pistachio pudding made with milk</li> <li>Smoothies made with spinach or kale</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Edamame</li> <li>Green chickpeas</li> <li>Green mung beans</li> <li>Pistachios</li> <li>Pumpkin seeds</li> <li>Split peas</li> </ul>			

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Red			
<ul> <li>Beets, tomatoes, radishes</li> <li>Blood oranges, cherries, cranberries (fresh, dried), pomegranate, raspberries, red grapes, strawberries, watermelon</li> <li>Borscht</li> <li>Red apple, grapefruit, pear, or plum</li> <li>Red bell peppers, chili peppers</li> <li>Sundried tomato pesto</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Beet pasta</li> <li>Kinawa</li> <li>Red rice</li> <li>Rice made with tomato juice or sauce</li> <li>Sundried tomato tortillas</li> <li>Tomato pasta</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Berry flavoured yogurt and yogurt drinks</li> <li>Smoothies made with yogurt, milk and red fruit</li> <li>Strawberry flavoured milk</li> <li>Strawberry flavoured nutrition supplement drinks</li> <li>Strawberry ice cream</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Red beans such as adzuki beans or red kidney beans</li> <li>□ Red meat sausages</li> <li>□ Red pepper hummus</li> </ul>
Black and purple			
<ul> <li>Beets, eggplant</li> <li>Blackberries, black cherries, black currants</li> <li>Black basil, kale, olives, radish, tomatoes, or truffles</li> <li>Blueberries, fresh figs, grapes, plums, prunes, raisins</li> <li>Nori</li> <li>Purple asparagus, beans, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, peppers, potatoes, or sweet potato</li> <li>Red leaf lettuce</li> <li>Shitake mushroom</li> <li>Sulfite-free dried apricots</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Black barley, quinoa, or rice</li> <li>Blue corn tortillas</li> <li>Pumpernickel bread</li> <li>Squid ink pasta</li> <li>Wild rice</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Smoothies made with yogurt, milk and black or purple fruit</li> <li>Blueberry or blackberry flavoured yogurt or kefir</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Beluga lentils</li> <li>Black beans</li> <li>Black bean pasta</li> <li>Black peas</li> <li>Black pudding</li> <li>Black sesame seeds</li> </ul>