# A guide to protein powders



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Whey Protein Isolate
Vanilla Flavored

DIETARY SUPPLEMENT

# Protein: an introduction

### The importance of protein

Protein is one of three key nutrients that your body needs daily. Protein is considered a macronutrient, along with carbohydrates and fats. It is found in both animal sources and plant sources. The quality of a protein is based on the amounts and types of amino acids it provides. Typically, animal proteins from meat, fish, poultry, dairy, and eggs have more of the amino acids the body needs than do proteins from plants, such as soybeans, peas, rice, and vegetables. Plant-based proteins are often missing one or more "essential amino acids" – making them incomplete proteins. What is an essential amino acid? It's an amino acid needed by the body but that cannot be made in the body.

Collagen makes up about 30 percent of the protein in the body. Collagen powders are usually made up of short chains of specific amino acids (proline, glycine, and hydroxyproline in particular) called peptides.

# Who could benefit from a protein supplement?

It's important for everyone to get adequate protein as part of a healthy diet. Certain conditions or lifestyle choices may increase the body's need for protein.

Here are some groups of people who might benefit from protein supplementation:

- / Individuals who engage in strenuous exercise
- / Vegans and vegetarians
- / Growing children and adolescents
- / Individuals recovering from surgery\*
- / Individuals healing from an injury or burn\*
- ✓ People on a weight management program or a calorie-restricted diet\*
- Older adults, whose protein needs increase at the same time they might be eating less due to reduced appetite, difficulty chewing or swallowing, or poor digestion
- / Anyone wanting support for healthy skin, hair, and nails.\*



## How can protein supplements affect my health?

Sufficient protein can help you in several ways:

- / Promotes overall nutritional health\*
- / Helps maintain muscle mass\*
- / Supports healthy immune function\*
- / Promotes muscle recovery after strenuous exercise\*
- / Supports healthy skin, hair, and nails\*

### How do I take a protein supplement?

Most protein supplements are provided as a flavored or unflavored powder. You can add that powder to liquids or soft foods (such as oatmeal or applesauce), or blend it with ingredients such as ice and fresh fruit to make a shake. See the recipes on pages 8-15.









### **Collagen Fit**

Unflavored / Unsweetened

- Nutrient support for joints, muscles, bones, and skin\*
- Improves activity-related or exerciseinduced joint pain\*
- / Promotes the growth of lean muscle mass\*



### **Collagen Plus**

Passion Berry

- / Enhances the health of skin, hair, and nails\*
- Promotes the hydration, elasticity, and strength of the skin\*
- Reduces fine lines and wrinkles and lightens and brightens skin pigment\*
- Supports skin hydration for dry, rough, scaly skin\*



### MediClear Plus®

Unflavored / Unsweetened

- Formulated to support liver and colon detoxification\*
- / Well-absorbed botanical phytosomes
- / Maintains the body's normal inflammatory response to toxins\*



### MediClear-SGS™

Chocolate / Vanilla

- Support for detox programs and elimination diets\*
- / Enhanced liver support from sulforaphane glucosinolate (SGS)\*
- Provides long-lasting cell protection from free-radical damage\*



### **RecoveryPro®**

Chocolate

- / NSF Certified for Sport®
- Supports restful sleep and enhances lean muscle mass\*
- ✓ Optimizes nighttime muscle recovery\*



### **Whey Protein Isolate**

Chocolate / Vanilla

- / NSF Certified for Sport®
- / Ideal for people who need additional protein in their diets\*
- Supports fitness training, weight management, and healthy lifestyle\*

# A side by side comparison

	MediClear Plus® Unflavored	MediClear-SGS™ Chocolate	MediClear-SGS™ Vanilla	RecoveryPro® Chocolate
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Calories	100	170	190	140
Total fat	1.5 g	3.5 g	5 g	6 g
Protein	20 g	20 g	20 g	13 g
Fiber	1g	2 g	1g	4 g
Total carbs	<b>2</b> g	9 g	10 g	9 g
Gluten-free	•	•	•	•
Vegetarian	•	•	•	
+ Vitamins & minerals	•	•	•	
Best for	Detox	Detox	Detox	Sports performance*
Add. benefits	GI & liver support*	GI & liver support*	GI & liver support*	Sleep & muscle support*
Spotlight	EXCLUSIVE	EXCLUSIVE	EXCLUSIVE	NSF



	Whey Protein Isolate Chocolate	Whey Protein Isolate Vanilla	Collagen Fit Unflavored	Collagen Plus Passion Berry
Calories	100	100	60	61
Total fat	1g	0.5 g		
Protein	21 g	21 g	14 g	12 g
Fiber	1g	1g		
Total carbs	4 g	3 g		2 g
Gluten-free	•	•	•	•
Vegetarian				
+ Vitamins & minerals				
Best for	Sports performance*	Sports performance*	Muscle & joint support*	Skin, hair & nail support*
Add. benefits	Immune support*	Immune support*	Healthy aging*	Healthy aging*
Spotlight	NSF	NSF	NSF	EXCLUSIVE

# Thorne powders

Recipe guide

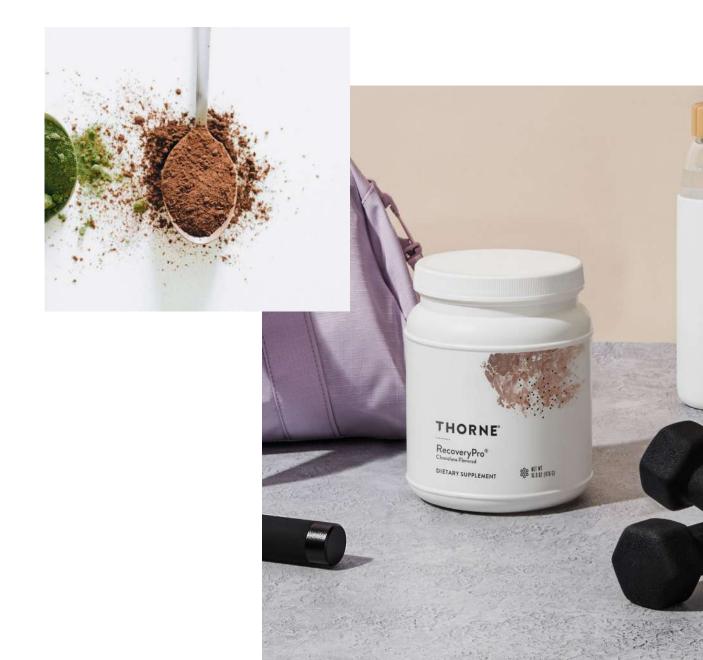


Start your day with a Thorne protein shake or try one of our other unique ways to incorporate protein powder into your diet.

Collagen Fit MediClear-SGS™ Chocolate Whey Protein Isolate Chocolate

Collagen Plus MediClear-SGS™ Vanilla Whey Protein Isolate Vanilla

MediClear Plus® RecoveryPro®



Note — You can substitute with your protein powder of choice. If you want to add Collagen Fit or Collagen Plus to any of these, cut the amount of each protein powder in half. You can also cut the recipes in half for a 2 per day experience.

### **Almond Cinnamon Roll**

### Ingredients

**1scoop** Whey Protein vanilla or 2 scoops MediClear-SGS™ vanilla

14-16 oz Almond milk

1/8 tsp Almond extract

1/8 tsp Cinnamon

For extra richness, one tbsp of plain, honey, or vanilla yogurt, or one-half of a banana, or several almonds ground to a powder can be added.

### **Apple Lemon Double Ginger**

### Ingredients

2 scoops MediClear Plus® or MediClear-SGS vanilla

6 oz Apple juice

1/2 oz Lemon juice (fresh squeezed)

1 tbsp Ginger juice (optional)

2-4 oz Cold water

For a thicker smoothie, add ice and eliminate water.

### **Apple Pie**

### Ingredients

1scoop Whey Protein vanilla or 2 scoops MediClear-SGS vanilla

4 oz Unsweetened organic applesauce

12-14 oz Water or milk of choice

1/8 tsp Cinnamon

For an extra cold shake, freeze single serving containers of applesauce.

### **Banana Almond Shake**

### Ingredients

**1 scoop** Whey Protein vanilla or 2 scoops MediClear-SGS vanilla

1 Banana (small)1tbsp Almond butter

10 oz Water, unsweetened almond milk, or unsweetened coconut milk

4-6 Ice cubes

### **Banana Chocolate**

### Ingredients

1scoop Whey Protein chocolate or 2 scoops MediClear-SGS chocolate

2 oz Coconut milk (plain), rice milk, or nut milk

**2-4 oz** Cold water **½-1** Banana

For a thicker smoothie, add ice and eliminate water.

If your smoothie is too gritty, add 1 tsp flax oil.

### **Basic Morning Shake**

### Ingredients

2 scoops MediClear-SGS chocolate or vanilla

1scoop FiberMend (optional)

1 cup Frozen fruit (organic berries are best)8-10 oz Water or unsweetened coconut milk

For a thinner shake, add more liquid, up to 10 ounces, and 1/2 cup of frozen fruit.

For a thicker shake, add 3-4 ice cubes, only 8 ounces liquid and 1 cup of fruit and choose an "add-in" from the list below.

### **Blueberry Banana**

### Ingredients

2 scoops Whey Protein Isolate Vanilla

16 oz Liquid of choice (milk, coconut milk, almond milk, cashew milk,

water, soymilk)

1 cup Blueberries (frozen or fresh)1 Banana (frozen or fresh)

1/4 cup Walnuts

1tbsp Chia or flaxseed

1cup Ice

### **Chocolate-Almond Delight**

### Ingredients

1 scoop Whey Protein chocolate or 2 scoops MediClear-SGS™

chocolate

10 oz Water

Small banana

(for a creamier shake, use a frozen banana broken into pieces)

1tbsp Almond butter4-6 Ice cubes

### Cocoa-Berry

### Ingredients

1 scoop Whey Protein chocolate or 2 scoops MediClear-SGS chocolate

1 Handful of berries

(strawberry, raspberry, blackberry, etc - fresh or frozen)

10 oz Water, unsweetened almond milk, or unsweetened coconut milk

4-6 Ice cubes

(Also works with cherries)

### **Chocolate Coconut Joy**

### Ingredients

1scoop Whey Protein chocolate or 2 scoops MediClear-SGS chocolate

1scoop FiberMend (optional)

1 cup Coconut milk1 tbsp Almond butter½ tsp Almond extract

**Desired** Ice

### **Coconut Cashew Banana**

### Ingredients

**1 scoop** Whey Protein vanilla or 2 scoops MediClear-SGS vanilla

8-10 Finely ground cashews

12-14 oz Coconut milk

1tbsp Coconut milk yogurt

1/2 Banana

### **Chocolate Orange**

### Ingredients

**1scoop** MediClear-SGS chocolate or ½ scoop Whey Protein chocolate

1scoop FiberMend (optional)

1cup Coconut milk

1 Peeled orange or 2 peeled tangerines

Dash Cinnamon



### Dark Chocolate Blueberry Spinach Power Shake

### Ingredients

**1 scoop** Whey Protein chocolate or 2 scoops MediClear-SGS™

chocolate

2 Handfuls raw baby spinach or baby kale or 1 scoop of Daily

Greens Plus

Handful frozen blueberries

1-2 tbsp Dark cocoa powder (optional - but recommended)

8-10 oz Water, unsweetened almond milk, or unsweetened coconut milk

### **Nutty Vanilla**

### Ingredients

I scoop Whey Protein vanilla or 2 scoops MediClear-SGS vanilla

1/4 cup Cashews blended with 4 oz of water until creamy

12-14 oz Water

1/8 tsp Organic vanilla powder or vanilla extract

1tbsp Chia seeds

For a strawberry twist, add ½ cup organic strawberries

### **Greek Honey Yogurt**

### Ingredients

1scoop Whey Protein vanilla or 2 scoops MediClear-SGS vanilla

12-14 oz Spring water

2 tbsp Greek honey yogurt (or a non-dairy yogurt substitute)

### **Orange Creamsicle**

### Ingredients

2 scoops MediClear-SGS vanilla

1 Peeled seedless orange

8-10 oz Water, unsweetened almond milk, or unsweetened coconut milk

4-6 Ice cubes

(Use chocolate MediClear-SGS for a chocolate-orange shake)

### **Lemon Zip**

### Ingredients

1scoop MediClear-SGS vanilla

1scoop FiberMend® (optional)

1 cup Coconut milk

1/3 bunch Organic parsley

3/4 cup Blueberries (or other low-glycemic fruit)

1/2" Ginger root, sliced thin

1/4" Lemon slice, seeded, with the peel

**Mix well** in a high speed blender. If you do not have a high-speed blender, omit the lemon peel.

### **Orange Standby**

### Ingredients

2 scoops MediClear® (Plus or SGS vanilla)

6 oz Orange juice (fresh squeezed)

2-4 oz Cold water

For a thicker smoothie, add ice and eliminate water.

### **Nutter Butter**

### Ingredients

**1 scoop** Whey Protein vanilla or 2 scoops MediClear-SGS vanilla

1scoop FiberMend (optional)

1cup Coconut milk1tbsp Almond butter

Desired los

### **Orange Passion Fruit**

### Ingredients

**1scoop** MediClear-SGS™ vanilla or ½ scoop of Whey Protein vanilla

1/2 scoop Collagen Plus

2 oz Orange juice (fresh squeezed)

2-4 oz Cold water

½ Banana and/or ½ cup fresh or frozen fruit

For a thicker smoothie, add ice and eliminate water.

### **Peach Almond Berry**

### Ingredients

1scoop Whey Protein vanilla or 2 scoops MediClear-SGS vanilla

1scoop FiberMend (optional)

1 cup Unsweetened almond milk

½ cup Frozen peaches½ cup Frozen berries¼ tsp Pure vanilla extract

### **Pecan Coconut**

### Ingredients

1 scoop Whey Protein vanilla or 2 scoops MediClear-SGS vanilla

1tbsp Finely ground pecans

12-14 oz Coconut milk2 Ice cubes

### **Peaches and Cream**

### Ingredients

1scoop Whey Protein vanilla or 2 scoops MediClear-SGS vanilla

1 Fresh peach (small)

10 oz Water, unsweetened almond milk, or unsweetened coconut milk

4-6 Ice cubes

Dash Vanilla or almond extract (if desired)

### **Peach Cooler**

### Ingredients

2 scoops MediClear® (Plus or SGS vanilla)

6 oz Pear juice2 oz Cold water

½ cup Peaches (fresh or frozen)

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### **Peanut Butter Chocolate**

### Ingredients

1scoop Whey Protein chocolate or 2 scoops MediClear-SGS chocolate

2 tbsp Peanut butter

10 oz Water, unsweetened almond milk, or unsweetened coconut milk

4-6 Ice cubes



### **Pumpkin**

### Ingredients

1 scoop Whey Protein vanilla or 2 scoops MediClear-SGS vanilla12-14 oz Coconut milk (another type of milk can be substituted)

3-4 tbsp Canned organic pumpkin

1/8 tsp Pumpkin pie spice

For extra richness, two tbsp of yogurt can be added (plain, vanilla, or honey yogurt, or a non-dairy "yogurt" such as yogurt made from coconut milk can be substituted).

### **Super Green Smoothie**

### Ingredients

1 scoop Whey Protein vanilla or 2 scoops MediClear-SGS vanilla
 1 Handful of baby spinach or 1 scoop Daily Greens Plus

½ Banana (fresh or frozen)

1tbsp Almond butter

10 oz Water or coconut water

### Piña Colada

### Ingredients

**1scoop** Whey Protein vanilla or 2 scoops MediClear-SGS™ vanilla

2 oz Coconut milk6 oz Pineapple juice4 oz Cold water

### **Tart & Tasty**

### Ingredients

2 scoops MediClear® (Plus or SGS Vanilla)

2 oz Pomegranate juice

2 oz Pear juice

1/2 cup Raspberries (fresh or frozen)

4 oz Cold water

### Plum Ice

### Ingredients

1scoop Whey Protein vanilla or 2 scoops MediClear-SGS vanilla

1 Ripe plum (pitted)

10 oz Water (you may like more in this recipe)

4-6 Ice cubesJuice 1lemon

### **Tropical Smoothie**

### Ingredients

1scoop Collagen Plus

4 cup Mango (in cubes)

½ cup Pineapple chunks (frozen is great)

10 oz Water or coconut water

4-6 Ice cubes

### Non-smoothie recipes

### **Basic Overnight Protein Oats**

### Ingredients

½ cup Rolled or steel-cut oats

1/2 - 1 tbsp Sweetener of choice

34-1 cup Milk of choice (dairy, oat, nut, soy, etc.)

Pinch salt

1 scoop Whey Protein Isolate Vanilla

Add-ins Berries, bananas, honey, cinnamon, vanilla, cinnamon, nuts or

seeds, chocolate bits

### **Directions**

**Combine** dry ingredients in a bowl or container (I use a mason jar) and mix to incorporate.

Add your milk of choice.

**Refrigerate** overnight (or until liquid is absorbed if you're eating later in the day).

**Add** extra liquid (milk of choice, honey, syrup, yogurt, etc.) and stir to desired consistency.

Top with the add-ins you like and serve.

### **Collagen Scrambled Eggs**

### Ingredients

1tbsp Olive oil

1/4 Red bell pepper

1 handful Kale or baby spinach

3 Eggs34 cup Milk

1scoop Collagen Fit

### **Directions**

**Grease** a pan with olive oil.

Chop up bell pepper and kale (or baby spinach) into small pieces.

Add chopped ingredients into a bowl with eggs, milk, and Collagen Fit.

Whisk until all ingredients are evenly mixed.

Pour into pan. Cook on low heat and flip with spatula as eggs cook.

Serve onto plate.

### Gluten Free, No-Bake Chocolate Protein Bars

### Ingredients

½ cup Any milk you prefer – we used unflavored/unsweetened

almond milk

1cup Unsalted, raw almond butter

1tbsp Honey

1% cup Whey Protein Isolate Chocolate

2 cups Uncooked oats

½ cup Unsweetened coconut flakes

1/2 cup Dried chopped cherries

This classic coconut and cherry combo is delicious and adds great texture – but you could use anything you like – and don't forget to try our Whey Protein Isolate Vanilla as the base to open up a host of new flavor combinations. We've also made these bars with dried hemp seeds, cranberries, and mini dark chocolate chips, which were a hit. Be brave and mix and match your add-ins to create new tasty versions.

### **Directions**

Make sure all ingredients are at room temperature.

Lightly oil a 9 x 11-inch pan or baking sheet.

In a large mixing bowl, **combine** almond butter, honey, and milk.

**Add** protein powder and mix well. It's going to start to get hard to mix, so be ready to put some muscle into it.

Add the oats. If it's way too thick/dry to mix, then add a little more milk – start with a tablespoon. If you add too much liquid the bars will be very sticky and might not hold up very well. We usually give up on the spoon at this point and knead with our hands like a dough – messy, but fun and honestly more effective.

Add coconut and cherries and combine well.

**Press** bars into the pan until they are flat and even and cover the whole bottom of the pan. Use a sharp knife to score them into your preferred size/shape.

We recommend **keeping them in the fridge**, or they get pretty soft. Keep the bars in the fridge in an airtight container – they usually last 7-10 days.

Yield - 12-16 bars



### Non-smoothie recipes

### **Gelatin Shots**

### Ingredients

Adapted from the UC Davis original recipe and makes eight servings

80 grams Gelatin (1/2 cup or 10 packets of most brands)

1cup Water

2 cups Other liquid (choice of juice/liquid for flavoring,

or additional water and use a natural sweetener to taste)

500 mg Vitamin C

1/2 capsule Thorne's Ascorbic Acid

14 scoop Thorne's Buffered C Powder (for additional calcium, magnesium,

and potassium)

### **Directions**

Bring the two cups of other liquid to a boil.

Mix the gelatin and vitamin C into one cup of room temperature water.

Add the boiling liquid to the gelatin/vitamin C mixture.

Pour into a flat tray or a silicone ice cube tray in eight equal parts.

Place in the refrigerator.

If using a flat tray, divide into eight equal pieces.

 $\begin{tabular}{l} \textbf{Options} - \textbf{M} \textbf{aximize} \ this fun \ delivery \ system \ by \ experimenting \ with \ different \ liquids - such \ as \ vegetable \ or \ fruit \ juice - \ and \ by \ adding \ other \ nutrients. \end{tabular}$ 

We've seen Thorne's Catalyte® used as the "other liquid" to support hydration, while others have added other foundational supplements such as magnesium, iron, or vitamin D.

In a hurry? Athletes can mix 15 grams of gelatin powder into a vitamin C-containing liquid and consume the liquid without waiting for it to set.

### **Passion Berry Yogurt**

### Ingredients

1scoop Collagen Plus

3/4 cup Plain Greek yogurt

11/2 tbsp Gluten-free rolled oats

Optional: Add a few raspberries or blueberries

### **No-Bake Nutrition Bar**

### Ingredients

While we have tried many protein bar recipes, this one has a mix of protein, carbohydrates, and fats, with minimal ingredients and endless options to customize, and kids can easily make them because they don't require baking.

11/2 cup Rolled or quick oats

1/2 cup Nut butter of choice

½ cup Honey or agave

3-4 Scoops Whey Protein Isolate Vanilla

(you can adjust the amount of protein for desired consistency)

Add-ins Berries, bananas, honey, cinnamon, vanilla, cinnamon,

nuts or seeds, chocolate bits

### **Directions**

Stir all ingredients together until well mixed.

**Transfer** to an 8x8-inch pan with wax paper - you can use different size pans for different thickness (we used a square silicone muffin pan)

**Line** the top of the mixture with another sheet of wax paper and press down to create uniform height (if you have another 8x8 pan, then place it on top and press down)

Freeze until hard, then cut into bars of the desired size

These bars can keep in the freezer for up to a month.

Yield — 10-12 bars

### RecoveryPro® Hot Chocolate Recipe

### Ingredients

This simple recipe uses RecoveryPro – a chocolate-flavored whey protein blend with additional supplements to promote restful sleep.\* A delicious bedtime treat.

**1scoop** RecoveryPro

8 oz Either hot or cold water around bedtime



### Non-smoothie recipes

### **Protein-Infused Cold Brew**

### Ingredients

1/2 cup Coffee beans

4 cups Water

1scoop Whey Protein Isolate

(Chocolate or Vanilla depending on preference)

Optional: 1/2 cup of your favorite milk

### **Directions**

Measure and grind coffee beans.

Pour the coffee grounds into a mason jar.

Pour water and stir until evenly mixed.

Steep for 16 hours unrefrigerated or for 24 hours refrigerated.

Tip: For fullest flavor, steep for 36 to 48 hours.

**Strain** cold brew: **Place** coffee filter holder and filter over top (a flour sack cloth also works) and **pour** into large bowl.

**Transfer** into a cup for drinking. Put the remainder in a clean jar and store in the refrigerator for **up to one week**.

Add protein powder to cup and stir.

Optional: Dilute cup with as much water or milk as you prefer and stir.

### **Thorneberry Punch**

### Ingredients

Prepare the Amino Complex Berry by mixing one scoop in 6 ounces of water; shake thoroughly.

2 oz Amino Complex Berry mixture

2 oz Coconut water2 oz Cranberry juice

Serve over ice with a squeeze of lime.

Delicious way to support lean muscle.



### Whey Ice Cream

### Ingredients

### Whey Protein Ice Cream Base

14 oz Whole milk/coconut milk/almond milk

2 oz Whipping cream

4 oz Half-and-half (or substitute a flavored creamer for variety; but if you go this route, be sure to look for products that meet

your dietary preferences)

1/4 cup Sour cream

2 scoops Whey Protein Isolate Chocolate or Vanilla

½ tsp Xanthan gum

1tsp Gelatin

**To taste** — Up to one cup of sugar – or its equivalent of your preferred sugar substitute/sugar-free flavoring syrup. (Note: Thorne's Whey Protein Isolate, available in chocolate or vanilla flavor, is already naturally sweetened)

 ${f Note}$  — If you use lower fat milk/non-dairy options, then double the amount of gelatin and xanthan gum.

**Flavor options** — coffee, nuts, frozen fruits, flavored syrups, or additional vanilla extract or cocoa powder.

### **Directions**

**Mix** all ingredients together except the xanthan gum, gelatin, and optional flavorings (especially if solid). If ingredients are not chilled, then place in the freezer or refrigerator to chill.

**Tip** — Mix the ingredients in a blender or use an immersion blender.

In a blender or using an immersion blender, **slowly add** the gelatin and xanthan gum, incorporating as best as possible on very low speed.

**Alternate** — very slowly whisk in the xanthan gum and gelatin, being mindful to break up any clumps of the powder.

Follow the directions on your ice cream maker, adding solid ingredients (fruit, nuts, cookie pieces, or whatever you choose) toward the second half of your machine's recommended mixing time.

Alternate — Although the outcome won't be quite the same, we have a hack for those without access to an ice cream maker. After the xanthan gum and gelatin are incorporated (we highly suggest blending) pour the mixture into ice cube trays and let the cubes partially freeze before blending to achieve an ice cream like texture.

Yield — 1.5-2 quarts

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