





1/2 Non-Starchy Vegetables + 1/4 Grains & Starch + 1/4 Lean Protein





Using The Plate Method

Planning your meals is important when you're living with diabetes. The Plate Method can help you with portion control and making healthy choices.

Divide your 9-inch plate into sections

- 1/2 non-starchy vegetables (spinach, broccoli)
- 1/4 lean, low-fat protein (chicken, fish, eggs, tofu)
- 1/4 carbohydrates (breads, grains)

Add

- Low-calorie drink, such as water, unsweetened tea, or coffee
- Serving of fruit or dairy—refer back to your meal plan to see which works best for you

Work with your healthcare provider to set up a meal plan that's right for you

Healthy Portion Sizes

1 ounce Cheese

4 Dice

3 ounces Meat

A Deck of Cards

1 teaspoon Butter

A Thumb Tip

1 tablespoon Peanut Butter

A Whole Thumb

1 cup Salad Greens

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A Baseball

1/3 cup Cooked Rice

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Half a Baseball

Healthy Food Guide

It's important to have a well-balanced diet with the right portions.

This chart can help you create one. Serving sizes are not exact and do not indicate the carb counts.



Less than 5 grams of carbs:

- 15 almonds
- 3 celery sticks & 1 tablespoon of peanut butter
- 5 baby carrots
- 1 hard-boiled egg
- 1/4 cup fresh blueberries
- 1 cup light popcorn
- 2 saltine crackers
- 1/2 cup sugar-free Jell-O

About 10-20 grams of carbs:

- 1/4 cup of dried fruit & nut mix
- 1 cup chicken noodle soup
- 1 small apple or orange
- 3 cups light popcorn
- 1/3 cup hummus & 1 cup raw fresh-cut veggies

About 30 grams of carbs:

- 6 ounces light vogurt & 3/4 cup of berries
- * 1 English muffin & 1 teaspoon low-fat
- 1 medium banana & 1 tablespoon peanut butter



Check label for servina size:

Monounsaturated

- Avocado
- Canola oil
- Nuts (almonds, cashews)
- Olives
- * Olive oil
- Peanut butter
- * Peanut oil
- Sesame seeds

Polyunsaturated Fats

- Corn oil
- Mayonnaise
- Salad dressing
- Soft margarine
- Sunflower oil
- Walnuts

Omega-3 **Fatty Acids**

- Albacore tuna
- Canola oil
- Flaxseeds Flaxseed oil
- Salmon
- Sardines
- * Soybean products



One serving is 3-4 ounces of meat

- or seafood: Albacore tuna
- Beef
- Chicken
- Fish
- Ham
- * Lamb
- Pork
- Seafood
- Veal

Meat Substitutes (check label for serving size)

- Almond butter
- Black beans
- Cheese
- Cottage cheese
- Edamame
- Eggs
- Egg substitute
- Egg whites
- Hummus
- Lentils
 - Peanut butter
 - Pinto beans
 - Tempeh
 - ∘ Tofu



One serving is 3/4-1 cup:

- * Brown rice
- Buckwheat
- Millet
- Popcorn
- Quinoa
- Sorahum
- Whole farro
- Whole grain barley
- * Whole oats/oatmeal
- * Whole rye
- Whole wheat flour
- Wild rice

Starchy Vegetables

- Acorn squash
- Butternut squash
- Corn
- Green peas
- Parsnips
- Plantains
- Potatoes
- * Pumpkin

Legumes/Beans

- Black beans
- Lentils
- Pinto beans



One serving is 1/2 cup cooked or 1 cup raw:

- Artichoke
- * Asparaaus
- * Beans (green/wax)
- * Beets
- * Broccoli
- Brussel sprouts
- * Cabbage
- Carrots
- * Cauliflower
- Celerv
- * Cucumber
- * Egaplant
- Greens (collard, kale, mustard, spinach)
- Mushrooms
- * Onions
- * Peapods
- * Peppers
- * Salad areens (romaine, arugula)
- Turnips
- * Zucchini



- Apple
- Apricot
- * Banana
- Blackberries
- * Blueberries
- Cherries
- * Fruit cocktail
- Grapefruit
- Grapes
- * Kiwi * Mango
- Melon
- Nectarine
- Orange
- Peach
- * Pear
- * Pineapple
- Plum
- Raspberries
- Strawberries Tomatoes
- Watermelon



One serving is 1 cup:

Milk/Yogurt

- Almond milk
- Fat-free milk
- Low-fat milk
- Nonfat light yogurt
- Plain nonfat yogurt
- Rice milk
- Soy milk

Cheeses

- Cottage cheese (2 cups)
- * Hard cheese (1 1/2 ounces)
- * Processed cheese (2 ounces)
- Ricotta cheese (1/2 cup)
- Shredded cheese (1/3 cup)

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