CARBOHYDRATE COUNTING: MEAL IDEAS

45-60 GRAMS OF CARBOHYDRATE PER MEAL

Three carb servings/choices = 45 grams | Four carb servings/choices = 60 grams

Each * designates one serving/choice of a food with carbohydrate = 15 grams = 1 starch/grain or 1 fruit or 1 milk

BREAKFAST	LUNCH	DINNER
3-4 CARBOHYDRATES (STARCH, FRUIT, MILK) Protein: 1-2 oz. Fat: 1-2 servings	3-4 CARBOHYDRATES (STARCH, FRUIT, MILK) Protein: 3-4 oz. Vegetables: 1-2 servings Fat: 1-2 servings	3-4 CARBOHYDRATES (STARCH, FRUIT, MILK) Protein: 3-4 oz. Vegetables: 1-2 servings Fat: 1-2 servings
1 poached egg 2 slices wheat toast** 1/2 banana* 80z. skim milk* Coffee or tea with artificial sweetner	¹ / ₂ cup low-fat cottage cheese 1 cup salad with 1 tbsp. dressing ¹ / ₂ cup canned fruit, light* 12 saltine crackers** Sugar-free drink or water	3 oz. skinless chicken breast 1 cup corn** 2 small rolls* with 1-2 tsp. tub margarine 1 cup green beans Sugar-free drink or water
1 hard boiled egg 1 cup oatmeal** 1-2 tsp. tub margarine 8 oz. skim milk* Coffee or tea with artificial sweetener	Tuna salad sandwich with 2 slices of bread** lettuce and tomato 15-20 baked chips* Small orange* Sugar-free drink or water	3 oz. sirloin steak, grilled 1 cup mashed potatoes** 1 cup asparagus, steamed 2 inch square of corn bread* ¹ / ₂ cup canned fruit, light* Sugar-free drink or water
 ¹/2 cup cream of wheat** 1-2 tsp. tub margarine 1 cup cantaloupe, cubed* 8 oz. skim milk* Coffee or tea with artificial sweetener 	3-4 oz. skinless chicken breast Medium baked potato** 1-2 tsp. tub margarine 6 inch corn on the cob* 1 cup steamed vegetables 3⁄4 cup fresh pineapple* Sugar-free drink or water	 1 cup spaghetti noodles*** ½ cup lean ground beef/tomato sauce 2 tbsp. parmesan cheese 1 slice of bread* 1 cup tossed salad with 1 tbsp. dressing Sugar-free drink or water
1 scrambled egg ¹ /2 cup grits* 2 slices toast** 1-2 tsp. tub margarine and sugar-free jelly Small orange* Coffee or tea with artificial sweetener	Turkey sandwich with 2 slices of bread ** lettuce and tomato 15-20 baked chips * Tomato and cucumber salad 1 tbsp. dressing <u>½ banana</u> * Sugar-free drink or water	3 oz. center-cut pork chop, broiled 1 cup black-eyed peas** ¹ /3 cup rice* 1 cup fruit salad, unsweetened* Sugar-free drink or water
1 scrambled egg 2 strips turkey bacon 1 cup cubed melon* 1 whole wheat English muffin** 8 oz. skim milk* Coffee or tea with artificial sweetener	3 oz. hamburger (lean ground meat) Small hamburger bun** Lettuce, tomato, 1-2 tsp. mayonnaise 15-20 baked chips* Small orange* Sugar-free drink or water	3 oz. grilled fish Medium baked potato** 6 inch corn on the cob* 1 cup steamed broccoli 1/2 cup sugar-free pudding* Sugar-free drink or water
1½ cup Cheerios** ½ banana* 8 oz. skim milk* Coffee or tea with artificial sweetener	Beef and broccoli stir fry 1 cup steamed brown rice *** Sugar-free drink or water	4 oz. meat loaf 1 cup mashed potatoes** 1 cup green peas** Green salad with 1 tbsp. dressing Sugar-free drink or water

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