Carbohydrate Quick Reference Guide

Use this chart as a tool to stay on track with your carbohydrate goals and easily count carbohydrates!

Each Option = 15 grams of Carbohydrates or 1 Carbohydrate Choice

Breads	1 slice white or whole grain	2 slices reduced- calorie /light	1/2 English muffin	1/4 large bagel	1 small (6") flour/ corn tortilla	1 waffle (4" across)	Quick Tip: Remember to choose whole grains as much as possible for added fiber and nutrients!	
Cereal & Grains	1/3 cup barley, quinoa, couscous, rice (all types), pasta	1/2 cup hot cereal (oats, grits cooked in water)	1/2 cup bran cere shredded	•	1/2 cup beans, lentils, peas (cooked or canned, drained & rinsed)	3/4 cup unsweetened ready-to-eat cereal	Quick tip: Beans, lentils and peas are great protein sources and high in fiber!	
Starchy Veggies	1/4 large baked potato with skin	1/2 cup corn, peas, mixed veggies, parsnips		1/2 cup yam o sweet potato	or 1/2 cup mashed potato with milk and fat		1 cup winter squash (butternut, acorn)	
Non-Starchy Veggies	*Each serving equals 5 grams carbohydrates	1/2 cup cooked or 1 cup raw	1/2 cup vegetable	e juice be be	Non-starchy veggies include asparagus, beets, broccoli, carrots, cauliflower, green beans, greens, mushrooms, onions, spinach, tomatoes, and zucchini.		Quick tip : Salad Greens are "Free"	

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Fruit & Fruit Juices	17 small grapes	1 extra banan	a-small a (4″)	1 small apple	1 100% fru juice bar		dium orange, pe rine, tangerine	(ra	tbsp. dried fruit aisins, cranberries, ixed)
Dairy & Dairy Substitutes	3/4 cup yogurt (regular or Greek yogurt, plain or sweetened with an artificial sweetener)			1 cup milk (1%, 2%, whole)	1 cup rice drink (plain, fat-free)		1 cup soy milk (regular or low-fat, plain)		
Crackers & Snacks	3 graham cracker (2.5 inch squares)	6 saltine crackers	8 animal crackers	8 baked snack chips (potato, pita)	13 regular snack chips (potato, tortilla)	1 granola or snack bar	2 rice cakes (4" across)	3 cups popcorn	Quick Tip: Remember to choose whole grains!
Sweets & Desserts	chocolate	1 tbsp. honey, jam or jelly, sugar	3 pieces hard candy	2 -inch square unfrosted cak		1/2 cup regular ice cream	1/2 cup sugar-free pudding	special oc Choose da	Reserve these for casional indulgences! ork chocolate for alth benefits!
Portioning	1 hand palm equals 1 slice of bread		1 tennis ball ed 1 medium fruit	•	1 handful or 1/2 baseball equals 1/2 cup serving	bas	st or 1 seball equals up serving		lick tip : Salad eens are "Free"

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