# CARBOHYDRATE COUNTING: MEAL IDEAS 

## 45-60 GRAMS OF CARBOHYDRATE PER MEAL

Three carb servings/choices $=45$ grams $\mid$ 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 |
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| 3-4 CARBOHYDRATES (STARCH, FRUIT, MILK) Protein: 1-2 oz. Fat: 1-2 servings | 3-4 CARBOHYDRATES <br> (STARCH, FRUIT, MILK) <br> Protein: 3-4 oz. <br> Vegetables: 1-2 servings <br> Fat: 1-2 servings | 3-4 CARBOHYDRATES <br> (STARCH, FRUIT, MILK) <br> Protein: 3-4 oz. <br> Vegetables: 1-2 servings <br> Fat: 1-2 servings |
| 1 poached egg 2 slices wheat toast** $1 / 2$ banana $^{*}$ 8oz. 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 <br> 1 cup corn** <br> 2 small rolls* with 1-2 tsp. tub margarine 1 cup green beans Sugar-free drink or water |
| 1 hard boiled egg $\mathbf{1}$ cup oatmeal** $1-2$ tsp. tub margarine $\mathbf{8} \mathbf{~ o z . ~ s k i m ~ m i l k * ~}$ | Tuna salad sandwich with <br> 2 slices of bread** lettuce and tomato 15-20 baked chips* Small orange* <br> Sugar-free drink or water | 3 oz. sirloin steak, grilled <br> 1 cup mashed potatoes** <br> 1 cup asparagus, steamed <br> 2 inch square of corn bread* <br> $1 / 2$ cup canned fruit, light* <br> Sugar-free drink or water |
| $1 / 2$ cup cream of wheat** <br> 1-2 tsp. tub margarine <br> 1 cup cantaloupe, cubed* <br> 8 oz. skim milk* <br> 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*** <br> $1 / 2$ cup lean ground beef/tomato sauce <br> 2 tbsp. parmesan cheese <br> 1 slice of bread* <br> 1 cup tossed salad with 1 tbsp. dressing Sugar-free drink or water |
| 1 scrambled egg $1 / 2$ cup grits* <br> 2 slices toast** <br> 1-2 tsp. tub margarine and sugar-free jelly <br> Small orange* <br> Coffee or tea with artificial sweetener | Turkey sandwich with <br> 2 slices of bread ${ }^{* *}$ lettuce and tomato 15-20 baked chips* <br> Tomato and cucumber salad 1 tbsp. dressing $1 / 2$ banana $^{*}$ Sugar-free drink or water | 3 oz. center-cut pork chop, broiled <br> 1 cup black-eyed peas** $1 / 3$ cup rice* <br> 1 cup fruit salad, unsweetened* Sugar-free drink or water |
| 1 scrambled egg <br> 2 strips turkey bacon <br> 1 cup cubed melon* <br> 1 whole wheat English muffin** <br> 8 oz. skim milk* <br> Coffee or tea with artificial sweetener | 3 oz. hamburger (lean ground meat) Small hamburger bun** <br> Lettuce, tomato, 1-2 tsp. mayonnaise 15-20 baked chips* Small orange* Sugar-free drink or water | 3 oz. grilled fish <br> Medium baked potato** 6 inch corn on the cob* <br> 1 cup steamed broccoli <br> $1 / 2$ cup sugar-free pudding* <br> Sugar-free drink or water |
| 1 $1 / 2$ cup Cheerios** <br> $1 / 2$ banana* $^{*}$ <br> 8 oz. skim milk* <br> 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 <br> 1 cup mashed potatoes** <br> 1 cup green peas** <br> Green salad with 1 tbsp. dressing <br> Sugar-free drink or water |

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