

# **Preventing Type 2 Diabetes: High Fiber Recipes**

### **Slow Cooker Chipotle Lentil Stew**

Let your slow cooker do the heavy lifting to cook dry lentils in this recipe full of fiber and flavor!

### Ingredients:

- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 large carrot, chopped
- 2 ribs celery, chopped
- 10 oz can diced tomato with chilies (such as Rotel)
- 28 oz peeled, whole San Marzano tomatoes
- 2 chopped chipotle peppers in adobo
- 1 cup uncooked brown lentils, rinsed and sorted
- 1 cup vegetable or chicken broth
- 1 Tbsp salt
- 1 Tbsp garlic powder
- 1 Tbsp cumin
- 1 Tbsp balsamic vinegar
- · Lime juice for serving

#### Instructions:

- 1. Add the whole peeled San Marzano Tomatoes to a large crockpot. Mash with a mixing spoon to break up.
- 2. Add all remaining ingredients to the crockpot, stir to combine.
- 3. Cook on low for 6-8 hours or on high for 3-4 hours ensuring the lentils are cooked through and soft
- 4. When finished cooking, stir in the juice from one lime.
- 5. Serve with additional toppings such as scallions, cilantro,

Nutrition facts per serving (yields 4 servings):						
Calories: 217	<b>Fat:</b> 1.5 g	<b>Carb.:</b> 39 g	Protein: 12 g	Fiber: 15 g	Sugar: 10 g	Sodium: 313 mg

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### **3Bean Antipasto Salad**

Canned beans are a convenient way to add fiber and protein to dishes when in a pinch. Swap for low-sodium options to reduce sodium content further.

### **Ingredients:**

- 1 15-oz can garbanzo beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 15-oz can kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- 115-oz can cannellini beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 15-oz can artichoke hearts, drained and roughly chopped
- 1 12-oz jar roasted red peppers, drained and roughly chopped
- 1 cup hot pepperoncini rings, roughly chopped
- ½ pint cherry tomatoes, quartered
- ½ red onion, diced
- ½ large bunch parsley, chopped
- 4 oz low-moisture part-skim mozzarella, cubed
- 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese, shredded

### For the dressing:

- ¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 Tbsp red wine vinegar
- 2 Tbsp freshly squeezed lemon juice
- Optional squeeze of honey or agave nectar
- 1 Tbsp dried oregano
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- Salt and pepper to taste

### **Instructions:**

- 1. Combine all salad ingredients in a large bowl.
- 2. Combine all dressing ingredients in a jar and shake until combined.
- 3. Pour dressing over salad and toss to combine.

Nutrition facts per serving (yields 10 servings):						
Calories: 250	Fat: 4 g	<b>Carb.:</b> 38 g	Protein: 12 g	Fiber: 11 g	Sugar: 10 g	Sodium: 557 mg

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### Zucchini Lasagna

Switching zucchini slices for pasta noodles creates a dish packed with fiber and lower in carbohydrates.

#### **Ingredients:**

- 1 lb 93% lean ground beef
- 1 ¼ teaspoons kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- ½ large onion, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1, 28 oz can crushed tomatoes
- 2 tbsp chopped fresh basil
- black pepper, to taste
- 3 medium, 8 ounces each zucchini, sliced 1/8" thick
- 1 ½ cups part-skim ricotta
- ¼ cup Parmigiano Reggiano
- 1 large egg
- 16 oz (4 cups) shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese



#### **Instructions:**

- 1. In a medium saucepan, brown meat and season with salt. When cooked drain in colander to remove any fat.
- 2. Add olive oil to the pan and sauté garlic and onions, about 2 minutes. Return the meat to the pan, add tomatoes, basil, salt and pepper. Simmer on low for at least 30-40 minutes, covered. Do not add extra water, the sauce should be thick.
- 3. Meanwhile, slice zucchini into 1/8" thick slices, add lightly salt, and set aside for 10 minutes. Zucchini has a lot of water when cooked, salting it takes out a lot of moisture. After 10 minutes, blot excess moisture with a paper towel.
- 4. Preheat a gas grill or grill pan to medium-high, and grill for 2 to 3 minutes per side, until slightly browned. Place on paper towels to soak any excess moisture.
- 5. Preheat oven to 375F.
- 6. In a medium bowl mix ricotta cheese, parmesan cheese, and egg. Stir well.
- 7. In a 9x12 casserole spread 1/2 cup of sauce on the bottom and layer the zucchini to cover. Spread 1/2 cup of the ricotta cheese mixture, then top with 1 cup of the mozzarella cheese and repeat the process until all your ingredients are used up. The last layer top with remaining zucchini and sauce, cover with foil, and bake for 30 minutes. Uncover the foil and bake for 20 minutes (to dry up the sauce), then place the remaining 1 cup mozzarella and bake until melted, about 10 minutes.
- 8. Let stand about 5 10 minutes before serving.

Nutrition facts per serving (yields 8 servings):						
Calories: 275	<b>Fat:</b> 13 g	<b>Carb.:</b> 13 g	Protein: 26 g	<b>Fiber:</b> 2.5 g	Sugar: 5 g	Sodium: 648 mg

Recipe and photo adapted from <a href="https://www.skinnytaste.com/zucchini-lasagna/">https://www.skinnytaste.com/zucchini-lasagna/</a>



### **Spaghetti Squash Boats**

This dish is full of fiber and protein to help you feel full and regulate blood sugar levels.

### Ingredients:

Roast Squash

- 2 medium spaghetti squash (about 2 pounds each)
- 3 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper

#### Stuffing

- 4 strips thick-sliced center-cut bacon, roughly chopped
- 1 pound boneless skinless chicken breast, cut into bitesized pieces
- ¼ teaspoon kosher salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- 2 cups baby spinach, torn into pieces
- ½ cup nonfat plain Greek yogurt
- 1 cup part-skim mozzarella cheese, divided
- 2 Tbsp chopped fresh basil plus additional for serving

#### Instructions:

- 1. Place a rack in the center of your oven and preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Half spaghetti squash and remove seeds. Drizzle ½ teaspoon olive oil in each half and season with salt and pepper, rub lightly to evenly coat the squash. Roast cut side down in parchment paper lined baking dish for 35-40 minutes (until fork tender). Remove from the oven and set aside to cool. Reduce the oven temperature to 350 degrees F.
- 2. Meanwhile, heat a large saucepan over medium and add the bacon. Cook until the bacon is crisp and the fat has rendered; about 8 minutes. With a slotted spoon, remove the bacon to a paper towel-lined plate and pat dry.
- 3. Discard all but 1 tablespoon bacon fat from the pan and increase the heat to medium-high. Add the chicken pieces to the pan and season with garlic powder, 1/4 teaspoon salt, and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Sauté until the chicken is cooked through, about 5 minutes.
- 4. Remove from the heat, then add the spinach. Stir the chicken and spinach together until the spinach wilts, then stir in the Greek yogurt, half of the mozzarella cheese, and basil.
- 5. Once the squash is cool enough to handle, use a fork to shred and fluff the inside flesh so it's no longer attached to the walls and makes a "nest."
- 6. Divide the chicken filling evenly among the boats, using a fork to lightly mix it with the spaghetti squash. Arrange the stuffed squash on a baking sheet and sprinkle with the reserved bacon and remaining mozzarella cheese.
- 7. Bake until the cheesy is bubbly, about 10 minutes. Let cool for a few minutes, then serve hot, sprinkled with additional fresh basil.

Nutrition facts per serving (yields 4 servings):					
Calories: 538	<b>Fat:</b> 27 g	<b>Carb.:</b> 37 g	Protein: 42 g	Fiber: 8 g	Sugar: 15 g

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### **Vegan Potato Salad**

Cooking and cooling potatoes creates a resistant starch that helps feed healthy gut bacteria and regulate blood sugar levels.

### **Ingredients:**

- 1 pound small red potatoes (may substitute yellow or cubed sweet potatoes)
- 2 ½ cups diced vegetables (i.e. bell pepper, celery, red onion, etc.)
- 1 cup raw cashews
- 1/3 cup water
- 1 Tbsp grape seed, olive, or avocado oil
- 2 Tbsp apple cider vinegar
- 1 Tbsp spicy mustard
- 1-2 Tbsp agave nectar or maple syrup
- 2 Tbsp dried dill (or 1/4 cup fresh chopped dill)
- ¼ teaspoon each sea salt and black pepper (plus more to taste)
- 3-4 cloves garlic (minced)
- 1 teaspoon hot sauce (optional)

#### **Instructions:**

- 1. Add cashews to a small bowl and cover with boiling hot water. Let sit uncovered for 1 hour.
- In the meantime, add potatoes to a large saucepan and cover with room-temperature water.
   Bring to a boil over high heat. Then reduce to medium-high heat so the water is at a low boil.
   Cook for 15-20 minutes or until tender and a knife easily slides in and out. Then drain and set on a cutting board or counter to cool slightly.
- 3. Once the cashews have soaked, drain well and add to a blender with an additional 1/3 cup water. Add oil, vinegar, mustard, agave or maple syrup, dill, salt, pepper, and garlic. Blend on high, scraping down sides as needed, until the texture is creamy and thick but pourable. Add more water if it has trouble blending.
- 4. Taste and adjust flavor as needed, adding more dill for herby flavor, garlic for zing/bite, salt and pepper for overall flavor, maple syrup for sweetness, or vinegar for acidity. At this time, you can also add some hot sauce for added spice (optional).
- 5. Chop cooked potatoes into bite-size pieces and add to a large mixing bowl along with chopped vegetables. Top with all of the sauce and stir to coat. Garnish with parsley (optional) and serve as is slightly warm / room temperature or cover, transfer to the refrigerator, and chill until cold 4-6 hours or overnight.
- 6. Leftovers keep in the refrigerator for up to 1 week (best in the first 72 hours).

Nutrition facts per serving (yields 6 servings):						
Calories: 233	<b>Fat:</b> 13 g	<b>Carb.:</b> 26 g	Protein: 6 g	Fiber: 4 g	Sugar: 6 g	Sodium: 133 mg

Recipe and photo adapted from <a href="https://minimalistbaker.com/simple-vegan-potato-salad/">https://minimalistbaker.com/simple-vegan-potato-salad/</a>





### **Overnight Museli**

Uncooked oats are an excellent source of fiber and resistant starch.

### **Ingredients:**

- 1 ½ cup whole rolled oats
- ¼ cup chopped nuts (hazelnuts, almonds, walnuts)
- ½ cup pepitas (shelled pumpkin seeds)
- ¼ c dried apricots, chopped (may substitute raisins)
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- 2 ½ cups unsweetened almond milk, divided
- ½ cup cherries, pitted and chopped (may use frozen)
- 1 teaspoon local honey or pure maple syrup



#### **Instructions:**

- 1. Place the oats, nuts, seeds, dried fruit, and cinnamon in a large bowl, mix to combine.
- 2. Pour in 1 ½ cup of almond milk. The oat mixture should be well covered in liquid. Stir and place in the fridge overnight.
- 3. In the morning, drizzle over honey or maple syrup over the cherries and mash using the back of a fork to form a compote.
- 4. Remove the muesli from the fridge, and divide into 4 bowls or jars. Top with 1/4 cup of almond milk in each, stir to combine (this helps to make the muesli extra creamy)
- 5. Spoon cherry compote on top of the muesli and add additional nuts as a garnish.

Nutrition facts per serving (yields 4 servings):						
Calories: 312	<b>Fat:</b> 14 g	<b>Carb.:</b> 41 g	Protein: 10 g	Fiber: 6 g	Sugar: 10 g	Sodium: 84 mg

Recipe and photo adapted from <a href="https://www.happyheartedkitchen.com/breakfast/bircher-muesli">https://www.happyheartedkitchen.com/breakfast/bircher-muesli</a>

# **EASY GO-TO MEALS BY CALORIE CONTENT**

# **Breakfast**

200 calorie	300 calorie	400 calorie
1 frozen whole-wheat waffle (85 calories)	2 frozen whole-wheat waffles (170 calories)	1 bagel thin (110 calories)
5.3 oz light Greek yogurt (80 calories)	2 TBs PB2 (45 calories)	2 large eggs (140 calories)
1 clementine (35 calories)	1 small banana (90 calories)	3 strips turkey bacon (90 calories)
		1 clementine (35 calories)
1 cup of Cheerios (105 calories)	1 cup Honey Bunches of Oats (160 calories)	½ cup plain oatmeal (150 calories)
½ cup skim milk (40 calories)	½ cup skim milk (40 calories)	½ cup skim milk (40 calories)
½ banana (55 calories)	½ cup blueberries (45 calories)	1 medium banana (110 calories)
	4 oz orange juice (55 calories)	1 hard-boiled egg (70 calories)
1 whole-wheat light English muffin (100 calories)	2 slices light whole-wheat bread (140 calories)	2 4-inch home-style pancakes (250 calories)
2 slices Canadian bacon (90 calories)	1 slice reduced-fat cheese (70 calories)	5.3 oz light Greek yogurt (80 calories)
2 egg whites (30 calories)	2 egg whites (30 calories)	Fruit salad: ½ cup berries (40 calories) and ½ banana (55
	1 cup grapes (60 calories)	calories)
½ cup low-fat cottage cheese (90 calories)	½ cup low-fat cottage cheese (90 calories)	1 whole-wheat bagel (250 calories)
1 slice light whole-wheat bread toast (70 calories)	1 light whole-wheat English muffin (100 calories)	2 light Laughing Cow cheese wedges (50 calories)
½ cup pineapple (40 calories)	1 orange (100 calories)	2 slices tomato (10 calories)
		1 small apple (80 calories)
¼ cup quick oats cooked with water (75 calories)	Smoothie (blend together):	1 medium Mission whole-wheat tortilla (130 calories)
¾ cup frozen blueberries (60 calories)	1 cup plain non-fat yogurt (110 calories)	2 large scrambled eggs (160 calories)
Sprinkle of cinnamon	1 small banana (90 calories)	2 TBs salsa (10 calories)
1 hard-boiled egg (75 calories)	1 ½ cups frozen mixed berries (100 calories)	1 small banana (90 calories)
	1 cup ice	
5.3 oz plain fat-free Greek yogurt (100 calories)	5.3 oz plain fat-free Greek yogurt (100 calories)	½ cup dry oats prepared with 1 cup skim milk (230 calories)
1 cup strawberries (45 calories)	1 cup Special K cereal (120 calories)	2 TBs PB2 (45 calories)
1 TB low-fat granola (45 calories)	1 cup raspberries (60 calories)	1 medium banana (110 calories)
1 serving Overnight Oats (198 calories)	1 Microwave Egg Sandwich (200 calories)	Mini breakfast pizza (370 calories)
1/3 cup plain oats	1/3 cup egg substitute (microwave in small bowl or	1 whole-wheat English muffin, split and toasted
1/3 cup skim milk	coffee mug until set, about 1 minute)	2 TBs marinara sauce
1/3 cup Greek yogurt	1 sandwich thin	¼ cup low-fat shredded cheese
½ cup frozen berries	1 slice low-fat cheese	2 eggs scrambled
(Mix all ingredients together and chill overnight)	1 medium orange (70 calories)	½ cup veggies of choice: peppers, spinach, tomato
2 scrambled eggs (140)	Omelette (230 calories)	2 eggs (140 calories)
1 slice light whole-wheat bread toast (70 calories)	2 eggs	1 cup spinach (40 calories)
	1 slice low-fat cheese	2 TBs reduced-fat shredded cheese (40 calories)
	½ cup veggies of choice: peppers, spinach, mushrooms	2 pieces of turkey bacon (60 calories)
	1 slice light whole-wheat bread toast (70 calories)	1 slice light whole-wheat bread toast (70 calories)
Veggie egg white scramble (120 calories)	Breakfast tacos (270 calories)	
	2 corn tortillas	
, ••	½ cup egg whites or egg substitute	·
2 clementines (70 calories)	¼ cup low fat shredded cheese	
, ,	2 TBs salsa	
Veggie egg white scramble (120 calories) ½ cup egg whites 1 cup veggies of choice: peppers, spinach, mushrooms 2 clementines (70 calories)	Breakfast tacos (270 calories) 2 corn tortillas ½ cup egg whites or egg substitute ¼ cup low fat shredded cheese	1 slice light whole-wheat bread toast (70 calories) 1 cup of melon (60 calories) 1 whole-wheat bagel (250 calories) 2 TBs PB2 (45 calories) 1 medium apple, sliced (95 calories)

### **Lunch**

300 calorie	400 calorie	500 calorie
1 original Boca burger (70 calories)	3 oz deli turkey meat (80 calories)	Pasta Salad:
1 sandwich thin (100 calories)	2 slices light whole-wheat bread (140 calories)	¾ cup whole-wheat pasta (150 calories)
Lettuce, tomato, onion (10 calories)	Lettuce, tomato, onion, mustard (10 calories)	¼ cup low-fat shredded cheese (90 calories)
1 medium apple (95 calories)	11 pretzels (110 calories)	½ cup diced chicken breast (120 calories)
	1 cup grapes (60 calories)	1 cup lettuce (10 calories)
		1 cup mixed vegetables (30 calories)
		2 TBs balsamic vinegar (20 calories)
		2 clementines (70 calories)
3 oz chicken breast without skin (120 calories)	1 pouch of tuna (80 calories)	3 oz chicken breast without skin (120 calories)
2 cups lettuce (20 calories)	Lettuce & tomato (10 calories)	2 cups lettuce (20 calories)
1 cup cucumbers (30 calories)	6 saltine crackers (80 calories)	½ cup peppers (15 calories)
10 grape tomatoes (15 calories)	½ cup raw broccoli (35 calories)	½ cup corn (65 calories)
2 TBs balsamic vinegar (20 calories)	1 oz low-fat string cheese (50 calories)	½ cup black beans (110 calories)
2 flavored rice cakes (100 calories)	½ cup canned pineapple (75 calories)	2 TBs low-fat shredded cheese (40 calories)
	1 clementine (35 calories)	2 TBs salsa (10 calories)
		1 apple (95 calories)
1 cup Progresso Chicken Noodle Soup (100 calories)	1 cup Progresso Vegetable Minestrone (100 calories)	1 cup Campbell's Chunky Chicken and Sausage Gumbo (150
11 pretzels (110 calories)	1 whole-wheat light English muffin (100 calories)	calories)
1 cup melon (60 calories)	3 oz fat-free turkey (80 calories)	5 Triscuit crackers (100 calories)
	½ cup canned peaches (70 calories)	1 oz low-fat cheese (70 calories)
	½ cup raw carrots (35 calories)	2 cups garden salad (60 calories) with balsamic vinegar
		1 medium banana (110 calories)
6-inch Subway Veggie Delight (no added fats) (230 calories)	6-inch Subway Black Forest Ham (no cheese/added fats) (290	6-inch Subway Chicken Teriyaki with spinach (no added fats)
1 medium orange (70 calories)	calories)	(380 calories)
	2 kiwis (100 calories)	½ cup raw carrots (35 calories)
		2 packages apple slices (70 calories)
1 Flat Out Wrap (90 calories)	Cracker Stackers:	11 pretzels (110 calories)
Pouch of tuna (80 calories)	5 Triscuit crackers (100 calories)	½ cup baby carrots (35 calories)
Lettuce, tomato, cucumber, mustard (30 calories)	1 oz low-fat cheese cubes (80 calories)	2 TB hummus (60 calories)
1 medium apple (95 calories)	2 oz deli meat (60 calories)	2 hard-boiled eggs (140 calories)
	1 cup of grapes (60 calories)	1 cup of grapes (60 calories)
	5.3 oz non-fat flavored Greek yogurt (100 calories)	1 oz low-fat cheese cubes (80 calories)
2 TBs PB2 (45 calories)	3 oz baked chicken breast (120 calories)	4 oz baked chicken breast (160 calories)
1 sandwich thin (100 calories)	1 cup frozen mixed vegetables (60 calories)	2 TB BBQ sauce (50 calories)
1 medium banana (110 calories)	4 oz baked sweet or Idaho potato (120 calories)	1 cup frozen mixed vegetables (60 calories)
½ cup applesauce (50 calories)		4 oz baked sweet or Idaho potato (120 calories)
		1 apple (95 calories)

### **Dinner**

300 calorie	400 calorie	500 calorie
1 turkey hot dog (100 calories)	3 oz rotisserie chicken breast without skin (120 calories)	3 oz shredded chicken breast without skin (120 calories)
1 whole-wheat hot dog bun (100 calories)	2 cups spinach (30 calories)	2 TB BBQ sauce (60 calories)
½ cup peas (60 calories)	¼ cup shredded carrot (10 calories)	1 sandwich thin (100 calories)
½ cup carrots (30 calories)	¼ cup cherry tomatoes and ¼ cup chopped broccoli (15 calories)	½ cup green beans (30 calories)
1 TB Ketchup and mustard (10 calories)	1 hard-boiled egg (70 calories)	1 medium baked potato (120 calories)
	1 cup sliced strawberries (60 calories)	2 TBs reduced-fat shredded cheddar cheese (45 calories)
	2 TBs reduced-fat dressing (60 calories)	2 TBs plain non-fat Greek yogurt (15 calories)
3 oz chicken breast without skin (120 calories)	1 cup chicken noodle soup (128 calories)	3 oz 93% lean ground turkey burger (160 calories)
1 TB Frank's Red Hot Sauce ( 0 calories)	1 oz hard pretzels (108)	1 slice reduced-fat cheese (70 calories)
Ranch Dip: ¼ cup plain nonfat Greek yogurt + ½ packet ranch	1 wedge garlic and herb Laughing cow cheese (35 calories)	1 TB ketchup (10 calories)
seasoning mix (30 calories)	1 pear (100 calories)	1 teaspoon mustard and 2 pickle slices (5 calories)
10 baby carrots (30 calories)		2 romaine lettuce leaves and 1 slice tomato (10 calories)
2 stalks of celery (10 calories)		1 whole-wheat burger bun (130 calories)
½ cup brown rice (110 calories)		1 cup cooked zucchini and squash (33 calories)
		½ cup cantaloupe and ¼ cup grapes (80 calories)
3 oz shrimp (90 calories)	1 low-fat wrap (100 calories)	2 slices light whole-wheat bread (140 calories)
2 TBs low-sodium soy sauce (15 calories)	3 oz tuna packed in water (90 calories)	1 sliced reduced-fat cheddar cheese (70 calories)
1 teaspoon sriracha (5 calories)	2 TBs plain non-fat Greek yogurt (15 calories)	1 cup low-sodium tomato soup (130 calories)
1 cup frozen Asian vegetable medley (60 calories)	1 teaspoon pickle relish and 1 TB sliced red onion (10 calories)	1 stalk celery and ¼ cup sliced bell peppers (20 calories)
½ cup pineapple (40 calories)	¼ cup sliced cherry tomatoes (10 calories)	½ cup sugar snap peas (30 calories)
½ cup brown rice (110 calories)	2 kiwi (80 calories)	2 TBs hummus (50 calories)
	½ cup cucumber sticks and ½ cup carrot sticks (40 calories)	½ medium apple (50 calories)
2 thin corn tortillas (70 calories)	1 6-inch whole-wheat flour tortilla (110 calories)	3 oz pork tenderloin (140 calories)
3 oz extra lean ground beef (140 calories)	2 TBs chopped tomato and green bell pepper (15 calories)	2 TBs steak sauce (32 calories)
1 cup lettuce and ½ chopped tomatoes (20 calories)	½ cup frozen corn (60 calories)	1 cup whole-wheat pasta (220 calories)
2 TBs reduced-fat shredded cheddar cheese (45 calories)	½ cup black beans (120 calories)	½ cup no sugar added tomato sauce (50 calories)
2 TBs salsa (10 calories)	¼ cup shredded reduced-fat cheese (80 calories)	1 cup spinach (40 calories)
½ cup peppers and onions (20 calories)		1 cup green beans (31 calories)
3 oz rotisserie chicken breast without skin (120 calories)	3 oz boneless skinless breast dipped in egg whites, coated in corn	1 Pizzadilla (350 calories)
1 cup frozen mixed vegetables (50 calories)	flakes (155 calories)	2 8-inch whole-wheat flour tortillas
Butter spray	½ cup baked sweet potato fries (60 calories)	½ cup fresh or frozen spinach
3 oz baby potatoes (60 calories)	2 TBs ketchup (20 calories)	¼ cup nonfat mozzarella cheese, shredded
1 medium orange (60 calories)	2 cup tossed salad (60 calories)	½ cup marinara sauce
	2 TBs reduced-fat Ranch dressing (60 calories)	2 cup tossed salad and ¼ cup sliced cucumber (65 calories)
	½ cup grapes (50 calories)	1 TB reduced-fat dressing (30 calories)
		½ cup frozen peaches (50 calories)

# **Snacks**

50-150 calories	150-200 calories
Kashi Granola Bar (140 calories)	Kashi Granola Bar (140 calories) & ½ cup skim milk (40 calories)
1 medium apple (95 calories)	1 small corn tortilla (50 calories), 1 slice reduced-fat cheddar cheese (70 calories),
15 baby carrots (50 calories) & 1 Light Laughing Cow cheese wedge (30 calories)	2 TBs salsa (10 calories), & ¼ cup refried beans (60 calories)
2 clementines (70 calories) & 1 light string cheese (50 calories)	1 grande nonfat latte (130 calories) & 2 medium plums (70 calories)
1 mini Babybel Light Cheese rounds (50 calories) & ½ cup strawberries (30 calories)	½ cup cottage cheese (70 calories) & 1 cup fruit cocktail in juice (110 calories)
2 flavored rice cakes (100 calories) & 2 TBs PB2 (45 calories)	1 medium apple (95 calories) & 2 light Laughing Cow cheese wedges (60 calories)
3 cups popcorn (no added fat) (92 calories)	6 saltine crackers (80 calories), 3 oz low-fat deli turkey (80 calories), & 1 light Laughing Cow cheese
	wedge (30 calories)
1 cup raw veggies for dipping (like carrots, cucumbers, cherry tomatoes, bell peppers)	1 medium apple, cut into slices (95 calories)
Greek Yogurt Ranch Dip:	Peanut Butter Yogurt Dip:
½ cup plain non-fat Greek yogurt (60 calories) & 1 tsp ranch powder (0 calories)	¼ cup low-fat vanilla yogurt (80 calories) & 2 TBs PB2 powder (45 calories)
½ cup low-fat cottage cheese (80 calories) with ½ cup cucumber slices (16 calories)	½ cup roasted chickpeas (120 calories) & 1 cup of grapes (60 calories)
2 TBs low-fat hummus (70 calories) & 15 baby carrots (50 calories)	2 TBs low-fat hummus (70 calories) & 6 Triscuit crackers (120 calories)
½ cup melon (27 calories) & ½ cup low-fat vanilla yogurt (100 calories)	1 cup plain non-fat Greek yogurt (130 calories) & 1 cup berries (60 calories)
1 light string cheese (50 calories) & 1 medium apple (95 calories)	½ cup low-fat cottage cheese (80 calories) & 1 pear (110 calories)
2 TBs PB2 (45 calories) & 8 stalks raw celery (50 calories)	1 hard-boiled egg (70 calories) & 11 pretzels (110 calories)
1 cup pepper slices (30 calories) & 2 TB hummus (70 calories)	5 Triscuit crackers (100 calories), 2 TBs PB2 (45 calories), & ½ sliced banana (55 calories)
5.3 oz non-fat flavored Greek yogurt (100 calories) & ½ cup Cheerios (50 calories)	2 graham crackers (120 calories) & 1 cup of skim milk (80 calories)
½ cup applesauce (50 calories) & 1 graham cracker (60 calories)	8 stalks of raw celery (50 calories) & 2 Light Laughing Cow cheese wedge (60 calories)
2 oz low-fat deli turkey (60 calories) & 1 light string cheese (50 calories)	11 pretzels (110 calories), 2 TBs PB2 (45 calories), and 1 TB raisins (30 calories)

# Sample Days

<u>DAY 1</u>	<u>DAY 2</u>	DAY 3	DAY 4
Breakfast (300 calories)	Breakfast (425 calories)	Breakfast (270 calories)	Breakfast (300 calories)
1 omelet (230 calories) 2 eggs 1 slice low-fat cheese ½ cup spinach & mushrooms 1 slice light whole-wheat bread toast (70 calories)	2 4-inch home-style pancakes (250 calories) 5.3 oz light Greek yogurt (80 calories) Fruit salad: ½ cup berries (40 calories) and ½ banana (55 calories)	1 microwave egg sandwich (200 calories) 1/3 cup egg substitute 1 sandwich thin 1 slice low-fat cheese 1 medium orange (70 calories)	1 cup Honey Bunches of Oats (160 calories) ½ cup skim milk (40 calories) ½ cup blueberries (45 calories) 4 oz orange juice (55 calories)
Lunch (365 calories)	Lunch (385 calories)	Lunch (485 calories)	Lunch (455 calories)
1 pouch of tuna (80 calories) Lettuce & tomato (10 calories) 6 saltine crackers (80 calories) ½ cup raw broccoli (35 calories) 1 oz low-fat string cheese (50 calories) ½ cup canned pineapple (75 calories) 1 clementine (35 calories)	1 cup Progresso Vegetable Minestrone (100 calories) 1 whole-wheat light English muffin (100 calories) 3 oz fat-free turkey (80 calories) ½ cup canned peaches (70 calories) ½ cup raw carrots (35 calories)	6-inch Subway Chicken Teriyaki with spinach (no added fats) (380 calories) ½ cup raw carrots (35 calories) 2 packages apple slices (70 calories)	Pasta Salad:  3/4 cup whole-wheat pasta (150 calories)  ½ cup low-fat shredded cheese (90 calories)  ½ cup diced chicken breast (120 calories)  1 cup lettuce (10 calories)  1 cup mixed vegetables (30 calories)  2 TB balsamic vinegar (20 calories)  1 clementine (35 calories)
Dinner (385 calories)	Dinner (411 calories)	Dinner (320 calories)	Dinner (498 calories)
1 6-inch whole-wheat flour tortilla (110 calories) 2 TBs chopped tomato and green bell pepper (15 calories) ½ cup frozen corn (60 calories) ½ cup black beans (120 calories) ¾ cup shredded reduced-fat cheese (80 calories)	3 oz boneless skinless breast dipped in egg whites, coated in corn flakes (155 calories) ½ cup baked sweet potato fries (60 calories) 2 TBs ketchup (20 calories) 2 cup tossed salad (60 calories) 2 TBs reduced-fat Ranch dressing (60 calories) ½ cup grapes (50 calories)	3 oz shrimp (90 calories) 2 TB low-sodium soy sauce (15 calories) 1 teaspoon sriracha (5 calories) 1 cup frozen Asian vegetable medley (60 calories) ½ cup pineapple (40 calories) ½ cup brown rice (110 calories)	3 oz 93-99% lean ground turkey (160 calories) 1 slice reduced-fat cheese (70 calories) 1 TB ketchup (10 calories) 1 teaspoon mustard and 2 pickle slices (5 calories) 2 romaine lettuce leaves and 1 slice tomato (10 calories) 1 whole-wheat burger bun (130 calories) 1 cup zucchini and squash (33 calories) ½ cup cantaloupe and ¼ cup grapes (80 calories)
Snack (335 calories)	Snack (100 calories)	Snack (220 calories)	Snack (127 calories)
<ul><li>½ cup low-fat cottage cheese (80 calories) &amp; 1 pear (110 calories)</li><li>2 flavored rice cakes (100 calories) &amp; 2 TBs PB2 (45 calories)</li></ul>	1 cup pepper slices (30 calories) & 2 TBs hummus (70 calories)	1 mini Babybel Light Cheese rounds (50 calories) & ½ cup strawberries (30 calories) Kashi Granola Bar (140 calories)	½ cup melon (27 calories) & ½ cup low-fat vanilla yogurt (100 calories)
Daily Calorie Total	Daily Calorie Total	Daily Calorie Total	Daily Calorie Total
1,385	1,321	1,295	1,380



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# **High-Fiber Nutrition Therapy (2022)**

Fiber and fluid may help you feel less constipated and bloated and can also help ease diarrhea. Increase fiber slowly over the course of a few weeks. This will keep your symptoms from getting worse.

#### **Tips**

### Tips for Adding Fiber to Your Eating Plan

- Slowly increase the amount of fiber you eat to 25 to 35 grams per day.
- Eat whole grain breads and cereals. Look for choices with 100% whole wheat, rye, oats, or bran as the first or second ingredient.
- Have brown or wild rice instead of white rice or potatoes.
- Enjoy a variety of grains such as barley, oats, farro, kamut, and quinoa.
- Bake with whole wheat flour. You can use it to replace some white or all-purpose flour in recipes.
- Add dried beans and peas to casseroles or soups.
- Eat fruits and vegetables with peels or skins on.
- Choose fresh fruit and vegetables instead of juices.
- Check the Nutrition Facts labels and try to choose products with at least 4 g dietary fiber per serving.
- Drink at least 8 cups of fluid per day. You may need even more fluid as you eat higher amounts of fiber. Fluid helps your body process fiber without discomfort.

#### Foods High in Fiber (4 grams or more)

Food Group	Food	Serving
Grains	Cereal, bran	½ cup
	Cereal, shredded wheat	1 cup
	Oatmeal	1 cup
	Popcorn	1 cup
	Quinoa	½ cup
	Wheat bran	3 tablespoons
Protein Foods	Beans, canned, such as garbanzo	½ cup
	or kidney	
	Flaxseed, ground	2 tablespoons
	Lentils	½ cup
	Peas	½ cup
	Soybeans	½ cup
Vegetables	Potato with skin	1 medium

	Mixed vegetables, frozen	½ cup
Fruit	Blackberries or raspberries	½ cup
	Coconut	1 ounce
	Pear	1 medium

### Foods Moderate in Fiber (1-3 grams)

Food Group	Food	Serving
Grains	Bread: whole wheat, cracked	1 slice
	wheat, pumpernickel, or rye	
	Bun, hot dog or hamburger	1
	Crackers, whole grain	4
	English muffin	1
	Pasta: chickpea, lentil, or whole grain	½ cup
	Rice: brown or wild	½ cup
	Wheat germ	2 tablespoons
	Whole grains: barley, bulgur, farro, freekeh, millet, or spelt	½ cup
Protein Foods	Nuts, all types	1⁄4 cup
Troceiii roous	Nut butters: almond, cashew,	2 tablespoons
	Seeds: pumpkin or sesame	2 tablespoons
	Veggie burger	1
Vegetables	Beets	½ cup
S	Broccoli	½ cup
	Brussels sprouts	½ cup
	Cabbage	½ cup
	Carrots	½ cup
	Cauliflower	½ cup
	Corn	½ cup
	Eggplant	½ cup
	Greens: beet, collard, kale, or	½ cup
	turnip	'
	Green beans	½ cup
	Okra	½ cup
	Spinach	½ cup
	Squash	½ cup
	Tomato sauce	½ cup
	Tomato	1 medium
Fruit	Apple	1 medium
	Applesauce	½ cup
	Avocado	½ cup
	Banana	1 medium
	Blueberries, cranberries, or strawberries	½ cup
	Cherries	10
	Dates	4 small
	Fruit, canned	½ cup
	Grapefruit	1/2
	Kiwi	1

Orange	1 medium
Papaya	1/2
Peach	1 medium
Pineapple	½ cup
Plum	1
Prune juice	½ cup
Prunes	4
Raisins	¼ cup
Tangerine	1 medium

# High Fiber Sample 1-Day Menu

Breakfast	1/2 cup orange juice, with pulp 1/2 cup raisin bran 1 cup fat-free milk 1 cup coffee
Morning Snack	1 cup plain yogurt 2 cups water
Lunch	1 1/2 cups chili 1/2 cup kidney beans 1/2 cup soy crumble 2 tablespoons shredded cheese 8 whole wheat crackers 1 apple (with skin)
Evening Meal	2 ounces sliced chicken 1/4 cup tofu 2 cups mixed fresh vegetables 1 cup brown rice 1/2 cup strawberries 1 cup hot tea
<b>Evening Snack</b>	2 tablespoons almonds 1 cup hot chocolate

### High Fiber Vegan Sample 1-Day Menu

Breakfast	½ cup bran cereal 1 banana ½ cup blueberries 1 cup soymilk fortified with calcium, vitamin B12, and vitamin D
Lunch	½ cup chili with beans with: ½ cup tempeh crumbles ¼ cup crushed whole wheat crackers 1 apple 1 cup soymilk fortified with calcium, vitamin B12, and vitamin D
Evening Meal	1 veggie burger 1 whole wheat bun 1 leaf lettuce 1 slice tomato Salad made with: 1 cup lettuce 1 cup strawberries ¼ cup chickpeas ½ cucumbers 1 tablespoon italian dressing
Evening Snack	¼ cup almonds 1 cup carrot sticks

### High Fiber Vegetarian (Lacto-Ovo) Sample 1-Day Menu

Breakfast	½ cup bran cereal 1 banana ½ cup blueberries 1 cup 1% milk
Lunch	2 slices whole wheat bread 2 tablespoons hummus 1 ounce cheddar cheese 1 leaf lettuce 2 slices tomato ½ cup vegetarian baked beans 1 orange 1 cup 1% milk
Evening Meal	Stir fry made with: ½ cup tempeh ½ cup brown rice 1 cup frozen broccoli 1 tablespoon soy sauce ¼ cup peanuts 1 pear
Evening Snack	6 ounces fruit yogurt 1 cup air popped popcorn

### Notes

# **BLOOD SUGAR ROCKET**

Think of your blood sugars like a rocket. The foods you eat will tell your rocket what direction to travel. The AMOUNT you eat will tell the rocket how far to go!





# SIMPLE

- · Juice, Fruit Drinks
- Soda, Flavored
   Coffee and Tea
- Sugar
- Saltines
- Glucose Tabs
- Pasta, White Rice



# CARBS WITH FIBER

- Beans,
- Edamame
- Brown Rice
- Whole Wheat Bread or Pasta, Crackers
- Whole Fruit, & Berries



# **PROTEIN**

- Cottage Cheese
   & Cheese
- Eggs
- Greek Yogurt
- Tofu, Soy
- Chicken, Turkey
- Beef, Pork,
   Lamb



# PLANT BASED FATS

- Oil: Olive,
   Sunflower,
   Canola
- Margarine,
- · Salad Dressing,
- Nuts, Seeds,
   Peanut butter
- Avocado
- Olives



# LOW CARB VEGETABLES

Broccoli, Carrots,
Cauliflower, Celery,
Cucumbers,
Eggplant, Greens,
Jalapeno's, Onions,
Peppers, Radishes,
Scallions, Tomatoes

# MENU PLANNING

Eating a mix of nutrients can help stabilize your blood sugar rocket. This handout is arranged to help you balance your blood sugar. So pick something from each collumn.





# LOW CARB VEGETABLES

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Cauliflower, Celery,
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Scallions, Tomatoes



# **PROTEIN**

- Eggs
- Greek Yogurt
- Cottage Cheese& Cheese
- Chicken, Turkey
- Beef, Pork, Lamb
- Tofu, Soy



# CARBS WITH FIBER

- Whole Fruit, & Berries
- Whole Wheat Bread or Pasta, Crackers
- Brown Rice
- Beans



# PLANT BASED FATS

- Olive, Sunflower, Canola Oil,
- Margarine,
- · Salad Dressing,
- Nuts, Seeds,
   Peanut butter
- Avocado
- Olives



# SIMPLE

- · Juice, Soda
- Sugar
- Pasta, White
  Rice, Bread,
  Rolls, Instant
  Rice, Potatoes,
  Oatmeal,
  Sweet Cereal

# **EXPLORE CARBS**

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# LOW CARB VEGETABLES

Broccoli, Carrots,
Cauliflower, Celery,
Cucumbers,
Eggplant, Greens,
Jalapeno's, Onions,
Peppers, Radishes,
Scallions, Tomatoes



# CARBS WITH PROTEIN

- Greek Yogurt
- Plain or Sugar
   Free Yogurt
- Milk (All Types)
- Beans, Lentils,
- Smoothies made with Protein



# CARBS WITH HIGH FIBER

- Whole Fruit, & Berries
- Whole Wheat Bread or Pasta, Crackers
- Brown Rice
- Beans



# PROCESSED CARBS WITH LITTLE FIBER

- Instant Rice.
- Instant Potatoes,
- Instant Oatmeal,
- Snack foods, Low Fiber Cereal Bars & Sweet Cereal, Low Fiber Snacks



# SIMPLE CARBS

- · Juice, Soda
- Sugar, Syrup
- Low Fat/Non Fat Ice Cream, Popsicles
- Angle Food Cake
- Low Fat Desserts

# **EXPLORE BREAKFAST**

Use the Eat What You Want, Love What You Eat with Diabetes three question activity -- What Do I Want?/ Need? Have Available? The following formula provides a simple way to imagine how your blood sugar may respond to different breakfast combinations.





Practice Mindful Eating to notice your hunger before choosing. If you are very hungry, add foods that are less likely to make the rocket go straight up. Keep asking questions to learn What Do I Want?/ Need? Have Available?





### SLIGHT TO LOW RISE

Low Carb Vegetable + Protein + High
Fiber Carb (>3 g) =
Spinach/Pepper/Onion + Eggs + Whole
Wheat English Muffin

Carb with Protein + High Fiber Carb (>3 g) + Plant Based Fat = Greek Yogurt + Berries + Nuts

High Fiber Carb (>3 g) + Plant Based Fat = Whole Wheat Bread + Peanut Butter or Avocado



# **LOW TO MODERATE RISE**

High Fiber Carb (>3 g) + High Fiber Carb (>3g) + Carb with Protein = **Steel Cut Oats** + **Frozen Berries + Milk** 

High Fiber Carb (>3 g) + Plant Based Fat +
Simple Carb = Bar with 10+ g of Sugar
[Fiber One Bar Chocolate & Oats] or
Whole Wheat Eggo Waffles + Margarine
+ Sugar-Free Syrup

High Fiber Carb (>3 g) + Carbs with Protein = **High Fiber Cereal + Milk** 



## **HIGH RISE**

- Juice,
- Low fiber fruit such as bananas.
- Danish, Coffee Cake, Muffins, Cereal bars
- Low fiber, sweeten cereal
- Sweet Teas, and Coffee Drinks, Flavorings, Coffee Shots

# **EXPLORE LUNCH**

Use the Eat What You Want, Love What You Eat with Diabetes three question activity -- What Do I Want?/ Need? Have Available? The following formula provides a simple way to imagine how your blood sugar may respond to different lunch combinations.



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Practice Mindful Eating to notice your hunger before choosing. If you are very hungry, add foods that are less likely to make the rocket go straight up. Keep asking questions to learn What Do I Want?/ Need? Have Available?





### SLIGHT TO LOW RISE

Low Carb Vegetable + Carb with Protein + Plant
Based Fat = Green Beans, Peppers, Onions,
and Diced Tomatoes + Black Beans +
Chopped Olives + Dressing

Low Carb Vegetable + Protein + High Fiber Carb (>3 g) = Stuffed Peppers with Brown Rice and Sauteed meat with your favorite seasonings

Low Carb Vegetable + Protein + High Fiber Carb (>3g) + Plant Based Fat = Salad Greens + Grilled meat + Whole Grain Roll + Salad Dressing



# **LOW TO MODERATE RISEE**

High Fiber Carb (>3 g) + High Fiber Carb (>3 g) + Protein, + Fat = Berries + Whole grain bread + Deli meat (Turkey, Ham, Roast beef) + Mayo

High Fiber Carb (>3 g) +Low Carb Vegetable +
Protein + Plant Based Fat + Simple Carb =
Whole Wheat Wrap + Diced Meat (leftovers) +
Shredded vegetables like carrots, cabbage or
broccoli + Salad Dressing

High Fiber Carb (>3 g) + Low Carb Vegetable +
Protein + = Whole Wheat Pasta, Peppers &
Onions + Diced Tomatoes + Meatballs and Dry
Cheese

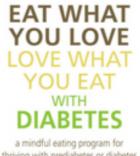


# **HIGH RISE**

- Juice, Soda, Lemonade
- Sweet Teas, and Coffee Drinks, Flavorings, Coffee Shots
- Dried fruit such as banana chips, raisins, cranberries
- Sweet sauces, BBQ, Teriyaki Sauce

# **EXPLORE DINNER**

Use the Eat What You Want, Love What You Eat with Diabetes three question activity -- What Do I Want?/ Need? Have Available? The following formula provides a simple way to imagine how your blood sugar may respond to different dinner combinations.



Practice Mindful Eating to notice your hunger before choosing. If you are very hungry, add foods that are less likely to make the rocket go straight up. Keep asking questions to learn What Do I Want?/ Need? Have Available?





### SLIGHT TO LOW RISE

Low Carb Vegetable + Protein + High Fiber Carb (>3 g) Plant Based Fat = Any Low Carb Vegetables raw or cooked + Any meat to grill or broil + Baked Potato with skin + Margarine

Low Carb Vegetable + Protein + High Fiber Carb (>3 q) = Broccoli + Hamburger + Whole Wheat roll + Ketchup\* (check label)

Low Carb Vegetable + Protein + High Fiber Carb (>3g) + optional Fat = Peppers, Onions, Carrots + Spinach, Broccoli + Chunked Chicken + Whole Wheat Pasta + Salad Dressing [or tomato sauce which is a carb vs fat]



### LOW TO MODERATE RISE

Low Carb Vegetable + High Fiber Carb (>3 g) + Protein, + Fat = Any Low Carb Vegetables raw or cooked + Cooked Whole Grain (Quiona, Brown Rice, Farro) + (Chicken, Turkey, Pork, Beef) + Margarine/Butter

High Carb + Low Carb Vegetable + Protein + = Pizza + Vegetable Topping + Meat Topping.

Deepen your mindful eating practice - you have checked in with hunger, and you know what you want, need and have available. Turn off any distractions and enjoy your selection. Let everything else clear your mind and focus on the bite. The taste, texture, the people or conversation at the meal.



## **HIGH RISE**

- Juice, Soda, Lemonade
- Mixed Drinks with carbs, Beer
- · Sweet Teas, and Coffee Drinks, Flavorings, Coffee Shots
- Dried fruit such as banana chips, raisins, cranberries
- Sweet sauces, BBQ, Teriyaki Sauce

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# **Dietary Fiber**

### By Rachel Lustgarten MS RD

Looking for an added boost to your healthy eating plan? Try increasing your fiber intake. If an unappealing vision of cardboard-like crackers comes to mind, don't worry! Fiber is found in many delicious foods, including fruits, vegetables, legumes (like lentils and beans) and whole grains (think quinoa and brown rice). Why fiber? Fiber, found in plant-based foods, is not fully broken down in the body, takes longer to eat, and helps to keep us full for longer...a key component in weight control.



Plus, the health benefits of fiber extend beyond weight control – getting adequate fiber can lower cholesterol to prevent heart disease and help control blood sugar, not to mention preventing constipation.

### **How to Spot Whole Grains & Fiber**

Eat more whole foods, as opposed to processed and refined items. Look for bread and other grain products that are labeled 100% whole wheat or whole grain and contain at least 3 grams of fiber per slice. Watch out – food manufacturers can be tricky! Avoid 100% *grain* or *multigrain* products – these are not the same as whole grain. And, don't judge the bread by its color alone – being brown or speckled with seeds does not guarantee it is full of whole grains and high in fiber.

### **How Much?**

The recommendation for dietary fiber is 25 grams a day for women and 38 grams a day for men, according to the Institute of Medicine's Dietary Reference Intake. Unfortunately, most Americans only eat about half of that amount. Consume a combination of *soluble* (dissolves in water) and *insoluble* (does not dissolve in water) fiber. Soluble fiber is found in oats, beans and fruits, and forms a gel as it is digested to help clear cholesterol and control blood sugar. Insoluble fiber ("roughage") moves matter through the digestive tract and is found in whole wheat, nuts, and vegetables. Getting fiber from whole foods is preferable to supplements, including Metamucil or Citrucel, but may be appropriate if you are unable to meet your fiber requirements via diet alone. Consult your registered dietitian with questions about your fiber intake.

### **Dietary Fiber Tips:**

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• Drink up: Make sure to stay hydrated as you add fiber to your eating plan. This will help keep things moving through your body and prevent constipation.

- Slow and steady: Add fiber slowly to allow your body to adjust. Adding fiber too quickly can result in bloating, diarrhea, and/or constipation.
  - Keep it whole: Instead of fruit juice, opt for the whole fruit to get the fiber. Berries, apples, and pears are especially high in fiber.
  - Snack on raw veggies and hummus, a cup of vegetable or bean-based soup, or a small handful of nuts (limit portion size with the nuts as they are high in fat and calories).

So, is eating fiber the secret to losing and maintaining weight? Sadly, no, but adding more fiber to the diet will make it easier!

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# **Heart-Healthy Eating Fiber Tips**

**Tips** 

### Fiber's Benefits

There are two types of fiber in food: soluble and insoluble. Soluble fiber is especially helpful in lowering LDL (low-density lipoprotein, or "bad") cholesterol.

Try to eat 10 to 25 grams (g) of soluble fiber per day. Work toward this goal gradually, and be sure to drink enough fluids. This will help you avoid problems with gas.

### Ways to Add Fiber to Your Eating Plan

- Add fiber to foods you already eat:
  - Sprinkle oat bran or rice bran on cereal.
  - Add almonds to salad.
  - Include dried beans in soup.
  - Mix ground flaxseed into muffins.
- Eat whole fruit rather than drinking juice.
- Select vegetables with lots of soluble fiber, such as brussels sprouts, acorn squash, lima beans, broccoli, okra, and eggplant.
- Look for whole grain products, especially those with oats and barley.
- Add vegetables to sandwiches, or eat a peanut butter sandwich on whole grain bread.
- Have bean dip or hummus for snacks.

### **Fiber-Rich Foods**

The chart shows how much soluble fiber is in one serving of some foods.

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Food	Soluble Fiber
½ cup kidney beans	2.8 g
½ cup oatmeal, regular, before cooking	2.0 g
1 medium orange	1.8 g
½ cup oat bran	1.7 g
1 packet instant oatmeal	1.4 g
½ cup cooked broccoli	1.4 g
2 tablespoons flaxseed meal	1.1 g
1 medium apple	1.0 g
1 small baked potato with skin	0.9 g
1 medium banana	0.7 g
1 cup raisin bran	0.7 g
Notes	