Use the foods you love to build nutritious meals

Nutrition can be so confusing! But this worksheet keeps it basic for you. Simply put a check mark next to the foods you like. Be sure you check foods in all three categories.

Select your favorite foods

Carbohydrates	Lean Proteins	Healthy Fats	
☐ Any vegetables	☐ Meat, poultry, fish	☐ Avocado	
☐ Any fruits	Low-sodium canned meats	Seeds: sesame, sunflower, and pumpkin	
☐ Whole-grain bread or buns	Low-fat deli meats	Nuts	
☐ Whole-grain pasta	Low-fat or skim cheese	Olives	
☐ Whole-grain pita, tortillas, English muffins, or crackers	Low-fat or skim Greek yogurt	☐ Almond butter	
Quinoa, buckwheat, bulgur, Kashi®, or other whole grains	Low-fat or skim cottage cheese	☐ Natural peanut butter	
☐ Air-popped popcorn	Eggs or egg whites	☐ Cold-water fish	
☐ Oatmeal	☐ Tofu	Oils: olive, canola, and flaxseed	
☐ Brown rice	☐ Tempeh		

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Build a meal plan

Using the foods you checked, fill in a daily meal plan for yourself below. Be sure to choose foods from each category, write in a quantity for each food item, and keep your vegetable intake high. Use the sample plan below as a guide.

Sample 1800 Calorie Meal Plan Create Your Own

Day 1	Qty	Day 1	Qty
Breakfast		Breakfast	
Banana	1 med		
Low-sugar oatmeal	1 pkt		
Plain 0% Greek yogurt	8 oz		
Walnuts	7 halves		
430 calories			
Snack		Snack	
String cheese	1 stick		
Celery stalks	2		
Peanut butter	1 Tbsp		
180 calories			
Lunch		Lunch	
Whole-grain crackers	10		
Tuna in water	1 pkt		
Avocado	½ med		
Baby carrots	15		
2% cottage cheese	1 cup		
510 calories			
Snack		Snack	
Hard-boiled eggs	2		
Grapes	1 cup		
220 calories			
Dinner		Dinner	
Quinoa, cooked	1 cup		
93% ground turkey	3 oz		
Mixed Vegetables	1.5 cups		
Dark chocolate square	2 small		
460 calories			

MEAL PLAN GROCERY LIST
Fill in this list from the food items
in your meal plan.
CARBOHYDRATES
PROTEINS
FATS
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