

My Menu Planner



Healthy eating just got easier.

Type 2 Diabetes Menu Plan-Female

This menu is designed to help you prevent and manage type 2 diabetes.

How to use this meal plan

This meal plan is for general informational purposes only and is not meant to replace personalized advice given to you by your healthcare team. To find out about the amount of carbohydrate that's right for you, ask your doctor for a referral to a Registered Dietitian at a Diabetes Education Centre. In the meantime, this meal plan can help you get started on planning healthy meals to help prevent or manage diabetes.

Why is the amount of carbohydrate listed on the menu?

Carbohydrate is one key source of the energy we get from food. It is found in cereals, breads, fruit, juices, starchy vegetables (potatoes, yams, corn), legumes, milk, yogurt and sweets. When you eat carbohydrate, it becomes glucose in the blood. For people with diabetes, glucose stays in the blood and raises blood glucose levels. This can cause health problems over time.

It is important to know how much carbohydrate is in each meal or snack that you eat. This information can help you stay within your blood glucose target ranges. The amount of carbohydrate listed on the menu plan is the amount that will directly affect your blood glucose levels.

How much carbohydrate should I have?

A Registered Dietitian will help you plan the right amount of carbohydrate for you. Try to have a consistent amount of carbohydrate at each meal and snack. A safe starting point for most **women** is **45 to 60 g** of carbohydrate and for most **men** is **60 to 75 g** of carbohydrate per meal. Snacks during the day or before bedtime will usually have **15 to 30 g** of carbohydrate.

Some notes about the information in this menu plan:

Each meal and snack includes the amount of <u>available carbohydrate grams</u>, carbohydrate choices, fibre, calories and food groups. Work with your healthcare team to decide on your healthy eating goals. All information has been taken from the **Diabetes Canada** resource, Beyond the Basics (2007), and the Canadian Nutrient File (2015). At the end of the menu plan you will find a table that can help you make changes to the menu plan to suit your needs.

Legend:

GS: Grains and starches Milk: Milk and alternatives

F: Fruits

Meat: Meat and alternatives

Fat: Fats

V: Vegetables

Sunday

Sunday				
Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Snack 1	Snack 2
Whole-Grain French Toast	Black Bean & Cheese	Tandoori Haddock,	Cereal & Milk	Apple & Almonds
with Spinach Salad	Quesadillas	Basmati Rice & Broccoli		
French Toast:			125 mL (1/2 cup)	1 medium apple
2 slices French toast, whole-	Quesadillas:	1 serving <u>Tandoori Haddock</u>	mixed whole-grain	60 mL (1/4 cup)
grain bread	• 125 mL (1/2 cup) black	250 mL (1 cup) broccoli,	cereals	almonds
	beans	steamed	250 mL (1 cup)	umonas
Spinach Salad:	• 30 mL (2 tbsp) salsa	150 mL (2/3 cup) basmati	skim milk	Water
• 250 mL (1 cup) spinach	• 125 mL (½ cup) peppers	rice		77 41001
• 250 mL (1 cup)	and onions, sliced		Water	Carbohydrate:
mushrooms, onions,	• 15 mL (1 tbsp) grated	1 serving <u>Rhubarb Apple</u>		15g (1 choice)
peppers and tomatoes,	lower-fat cheese (20%	Loaf with Brown Sugar-	Carbohydrate:	
sliced	M.F)	<u>Cinnamon Topping</u>	30g (2 choices)	Fibre: 3 g
• 15 mL (1 tbsp) fat-free	• 1 small whole-wheat			Calories: 72
salad dressing	tortilla	Tea	Fiber: 3 g	GS:0 Milk:0 F:1
			Calories: 165	Meat:0 Fat:3 V:0
125 mL (½ cup) canned	1 orange	Carbohydrate: 60 g	GS:1 Milk:1 F:0	
peaches, (packed in light		(4 choices)	Meat:0 Fat:0 V:0	Total calories for
syrup)	250 mL (1 cup) skim milk			the day: 1794
_		Fibre: 6 g Calories: 461		-
Теа	Carbohydrate: 60 g	GS:3 Milk:0 F:1 Meat:3 Fat:1		
	(4 choices)	V:1		
Carbohydrate: 45 g	F:1 40 0 1 : 440			
(3 choices)	Fibre: 12 g Calories: 448			
F:1 F C 1 : 252	GS:2 Milk:1 F:1 Meat:1.5			
Fibre: 5 g Calories: 373	Fat:0 V:0.5			
GS:2 Milk:0 F:1 Meat:0				
Fat:0 V:2				

Monday

Monday				
Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Snack 1	Snack 2
Tasty Oatmeal & Kiwi	Minestrone Soup &	Asparagus and Red	Homemade	Whole Wheat
	Roasted Turkey Sandwich	Pepper Omelet, Spinach	Muffin	Crackers with
Tasty Oatmeal:		Salad, Yogurt Parfait		Cheese
175 mL (¾ cup) plain large	375mL (1½ cup)	Asparagus & Red Pepper	1 (45g) small	
flake oatmeal, cooked	Minestrone Soup	Omelet:	homemade muffin	6 whole wheat
topped with:	125mL (½ cup) grapes	• 2 egg whites		crackers
 30 mL (2 tbsp) raisins 		• 30 mL (2 tbsp) water	Water	30 g (1 oz) lower-
 Pinch of cinnamon 	Roasted Turkey Sandwich:	• 125 mL (½ cup)		fat cheddar cheese
• 60 mL (¼ cup) sunflower	• 60 g (2 oz) turkey, roasted	asparagus spear	Carbohydrate:	(20% M.F or less)
seeds	• 1 slice pumpernickel	• 125 mL (½ cup) red	15g (1 choice)	
	bread	pepper		125 mL (½ cup)
1 small kiwi	Spinach, a few leaves		Fibre: 1 g	skim milk
	• 5 mL (1 tsp) mustard	Spinach Salad:	Calories: 133	
250 mL (1 cup) skim milk		 250 mL (1 cup) spinach 	GS:1 Milk:0 F:0	Carbohydrate:
	Water	• 1 tomato diced	Meat:0 Fat:1 V:0	22g (1.5 choices)
Carbohydrate: 52 g		• 30 mL (2 tbsp) carrot,		
(3.5 choices)	Carbohydrate: 45 g	shredded		Fibre: 3 g
	(3 choices)	• 15 mL (1 tbsp) fat-free		Calories: 207
Fibre:9 g Calories: 461		salad dressing		GS:1 Milk: 0.5 F:0
GS:1 Milk:1 F:1.5 Meat:0	Fibre: 8 g Calories: 416			Meat: 1 Fat:0 V:0
Fat:3 V:0	GS:2 Milk:0 F:1 Meat:2 Fat:0	Yogurt Parfait:		
	V:1	• 175 mL (¾ cup) yogurt		Total calories for
		(artificially sweetened)		the day: 1610
		• 125 mL (½ cup) fruit		
		cocktail		
		• 15 mL (1 tbsp) bran		
		250 mL (1 cup) skim milk		
		Carbohydrate: 45 g		
		(3 choices)		
		Fibre: 8 g Calories: 354		
		GS:0 Milk:2 F:1 Meat:2 Fat:0		
		V:2		

Tuesday

Tuesday	Lunch	Dimmor	Cmo el- 1	Snack 2
Breakfast		Dinner	Snack 1	
Cereal, Fruit & Walnuts	Pita Pizza, Plums, &	Baked Salmon, Baked	Raw Mixed	Protein Bar
	Veggies	Potato, & Veggies	Veggies with	
250 mL (1 cup) high-fibre			Ranch	1 <u>Protein Bar</u>
cereal with at least 4 g of	Pita Pizza	60 g (2 oz.) Baked Salmon		
fibre	$\frac{1}{2}$ small (6") whole wheat	1 medium baked potato	250 mL (1 cup)	Water
60 ml (1/4 cup) walnuts	pita	250mL (1 cup) frozen	raw mixed	
	15 mL (1 tbsp) low sodium	broccoli and cauliflower,	vegetables	Carbohydrate:
1 medium pear	tomato sauce	steamed	(carrots, celery,	30g
	Veggies (tomatoes, peppers,		peppers,	(2 choices)
250 mL (1 cup) skim milk	mushrooms)	125 mL (½ cup) canned	cucumber)	
	60 g (2 oz) partly skimmed	peaches (packed in light	60mL (¼ cup) low-	Fibre: 4 g
Carbohydrate: 60 g	mozzarella cheese	syrup)	fat ranch dressing	Calories: 201
(4 choices)				GS:1 Milk:0 F:1
	2 medium plums	125 mL (½ cup) skim milk	Water	Meat:1 Fat:0 V:0
Fibre 14 g Calories: 536	250 mL (1 cup) carrot and			
GS:2 Milk:1 F:1 Meat:0	celery sticks	Carbohydrate: 52 g	Carbohydrate: 0g	Total calories for
Fat:3 V:0	125 mL (½ cup) milk	(3.5 choices)	(0 choices)	the day: 1750
	pudding, skim, no sugar			
	added	Fibre: 10 g Calories: 459	Fibre: 2 g	
		GS:2 Milk:0.5 F:1 Meat:2	Calories: 176	
	Water	Fat:0 V:1	GS:0 Milk:0 F:0	
			Meat:0	
	Carbohydrate: 45 g		Fat: 2 V:1	
	(3 choices)			
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	Fibre: 7 g Calories: 379			
	GS:1 Milk:1 F:1 Meat:2 Fat:0			
	V:1.5			

Wednesday

Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Snack 1	Snack 2
Toast, Apple, & Scrambled	Salmon Salad &	Sweet Chili Tofu Stir-Fry	Trail Mix	Whole Wheat Pita
Eggs	Applesauce	with Brown Rice		& Hummus
			Trail Mix:	
2 slices whole-grain toast	Salmon Salad:	1 serving, 250 mL (1 cup)	60ml (1/4 cup)	75 mL (1/3 cup)
10 mL (2 tsp) non-	375mL (1½ cup) salad	Sweet Chili Tofu Stir-Fry	mixed nuts,	hummus
hydrogenated light	greens	150 mL (2/3 cup) brown	unsalted	½ small (6")
margarine	60 g (2 oz.) leftover baked	rice	30 mL (2 tbsp)	whole-wheat pita
1 small apple	salmon	250 mL (1 cup) cantaloupe	dried fruit	
	125 mL (½ cup) cherry			125 mL (1/2 cup)
Scrambled eggs:	tomatoes	Water	Water	skim milk
1 egg	125 mL (½ cup) red pepper,			
75 mL (1/3 cup) skim milk	sliced	Carbohydrate: 60 g	Carbohydrate:	Carbohydrate:
15 mL (1 tbsp) lower-fat	15 mL (1tbsp) fat-free salad	(4 choices)	15 g (1 choice)	30 g (2 choices)
cheddar cheese (20% M.F),	dressing			
grated		Fibre: 6 g Calories: 309	Fibre: 4 g	Fibre: 7 g
125 mL (½ cup) vegetables,	1 small whole-grain roll	GS:2 Milk:0 F:1 Meat:1 Fat:0	Calories: 262	Calories: 249
diced, (peppers, onions,	125 mL (½ cup)	V:1 Other: 1 (from sauce)	GS:0 Milk:0 F:1	GS:1.5 Milk:0.5 F:0
tomatoes)	unsweetened applesauce		Meat: 0 Fat:3 V:0	Meat:1 Fat:0 V:0
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Tea or coffee	250 mL (1 cup) skim milk			Total calories for
				the day: 1695
Carbohydrate: 45 g	Carbohydrate: 45 g			
(3 choices)	(3 choices)			
Fibre: 6 g Calories: 465	Fibre: 6 g Calories: 410			
GS:2 Milk:0 F:1 Meat:1.5	GS:1 Milk:1 F:1 Meat:2 Fat:0			
Fat:2 V:0.5	V:2.5			

Thursday

Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Snack 1	Snack 2
Peanut Butter & Banana	Chicken Bulgur Salad	Baked Pork Chop, Mashed	Granola Bar	Cheese & Apple
Wrap		Sweet Potatoes, & Green		Toast
	250 mL (1 cup) <u>Chicken</u>	Beans	1 plain granola bar	
Peanut Butter & Banana	Bulgur Salad			Cheese Apple Toast:
Wrap:		90 g (3 oz.) pork chop,	Water	1 Pumpernickel
1 small (6") whole-wheat	Green salad:	baked		bread, toasted
tortilla	250 mL (1 cup) salad greens	75 mL (1/3 cup)	Carbohydrate:	15 mL (1 tbsp)
30 mL (2 tbsp) peanut	60 mL (¼ cup) carrot,	sweet potato, baked and	15 g (1 choice)	lower- fat cheddar
butter	grated	mashed		cheese melted
1 small banana	15 mL (1 tbsp) fat-free salad	250 mL (1 cup) green beans,	Fibre: 1 g	(20% M.F)
	dressing	steamed	Calories: 124	½ medium Granny
250 mL (1 cup) fortified			GS:1 Milk:0 F:0	Smith apple, sliced
plain soy beverage	1 medium apple	3 gingersnap cookies	Meat:0 Fat:1 V:0	
				Chai tea
Carbohydrate: 45 g	Water	250 mL (1 cup) skim milk		
(3 choices)				Carbohydrate:
Fibre: 6 g Calories: 534	Carbohydrate: 45 g (3 choices)	Carbohydrate: 45 g (3 choices)		22 g (1.5 choice)
GS:1 Milk:1 F:1 Meat:1 Fat:0				Fibre: 4 g
V:0	Fibre: 6 g Calories: 420	Fibre: 5 g Calories: 497		Calories: 136
	GS:2 Milk: 0 F:1 Meat:1	GS:1 Milk:1 F:0 Meat:3 Fat:0		GS:1 Milk:0 F:0.5
	Fat:2 V:1	V:1 Other:1 (from cookies)		Meat:0.5 Fat:0 V:0
				Total calories for the day: 1711

Friday

Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Snack 1	Snack 2
Rise and Shine Breakfast	Black Bean Couscous	Beef Roti & Broccoli	Whole-Wheat	Parmesan
Sandwich with Fruit	Salad		Orange Ginger	Popcorn
Yogurt		Beef Roti:	Scone	
	250 mL (1 cup) Black Bean	1 small (6") whole wheat		750 mL (3 cups)
1 Rise and Shine Breakfast	Couscous Salad	roti	1 Whole-Wheat	plain popcorn
<u>Sandwich</u>	250 mL (1 cup) red and	60g, 2oz beef	Orange Ginger	30 mL (2 tbsp)
125 mL (1/2 cup) baby	yellow bell pepper strips	125 ml (1/2 cup) potato,	<u>Scone</u>	parmesan cheese,
carrots		baked and diced		shredded
175 mL (¾ cup) fruit	250 mL (1 cup) skim milk	125 mL (1/2 cup) onion,	250 mL (1 cup)	
yogurt, artificially		sliced and cooked	skim milk	Water
sweetened	Carbohydrate: 52 g			
	(3.5 choices)	250 mL (1 cup) broccoli,	Carbohydrate:	Carbohydrate:
Tea of coffee		steamed	30 g (2 choices)	15g (1 choice)
	Fibre: 11 g Calories: 384	8 pieces (1/4 cup) dried		
Carbohydrate: 45 g	GS:2.5 Milk:1 F:0 Meat:1	apricots	Fibre: 2 g	Fibre: 4 g
(3 choices)	Fat:0 V:1		Calories: 189	Calories: 150
		Water	GS:1 Milk: 1	GS:1 Milk:0 F:0
Fibre: 6 g Calories: 394			F:0.Meat:0 Fat:1	Meat:1 Fat:0 V:0
GS:2 Milk:1 F:0 Meat:1 Fat:0		Carbohydrate: 45 g	V:0	
V:0.5		(3 choices)		Total calories for
				the day: 1657
		Fibre: 9 g Calories: 540		-
		GS:2 Milk: 0 F:1 Meat:2		
		Fat:0 V:1		

Saturday

Saturday				
Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Snack 1	Snack 2
Breakfast Smoothie,	Dahl, Chapatti, & Salad	Spinach and Mushroom	Pear	Lightened-Up
Toast, & Hard-Boiled Egg		Lasagna with Salad		Guacamole with
	1 (6") Chapatti		1 medium pear	Chips & Celery
Breakfast Smoothie:	250 mL (1 cup) dahl or	1 serving, 10 x 7 cm (3 x 4		
1 small banana	lentils	inch) piece <u>Spinach and</u>	Water	1 serving, 75 mL
250 mL (1 cup) frozen		Mushroom Lasagna		(1/3 cup)
strawberries	Salad:		Carbohydrate:	<u>Lightened-up</u>
250 mL (1 cup) skim milk	250 mL (1 cup) salad greens	Salad:	15g (1 choice)	Guacamole with
	15 mL (1 tbsp) fat-free salad	175 mL (¾ cup) salad		<u>Chips</u>
1 whole grain toast	dressing	greens	Fibre: 5 g	125 mL (1/2 cup)
2 tsp (10 mL) non-		½ tomato, diced	Calories: 96	celery
hydrogenated margarine	250 mL (1 cup) plain soy	¼ cucumber, diced	GS:0 Milk:0 F:1	
1 hard-boiled egg	milk	15 mL (1 tbsp) fat-free salad	Meat:0 Fat:0 V:0	Water
		dressing		
Coffee	Carbohydrate: 60 g			Carbohydrate:
	(4 choices)	125 mL (1/2 cup) grapes		22g (1.5 choices)
Carbohydrate: 52 g				
(3.5 choices)	Fibre: 13 g Calories: 499	Water		Fibre: 7 g
	GS:3 Milk:1 F:0 Meat:2 Fat:0			Calories: 236
Fibre: 7 g Calories: 439	V:1	Carbohydrate: 45 g		GS:1.5 Milk:0 F:0
GS:1 Milk :1 F: 1.5 Meat:2		(3 choices)		Meat:0 Fat:2 V:1
Fat:2 V:0				
		Fibre: 8 g Calories: 416 GS:2		Total calories for
		Milk:0 F:1 Meat:2 Fat:0 V:2		the day: 1729

Note: The $\underline{\text{underlined recipes}}$ in this menu can be found on the Type 2 Diabetes Menu Plan Recipes Handout.

Use this table to make changes to the menu plan to suit your tastes Sample Carbohydrate Containing Foods 1 serving = 15 g carbohydrate

Grains and Starches choices

- 1 slice bread, ½ small pita or ¼ naan (6"), 1 small chappati, roti, tortilla (6")
- 175 mL (¾ cup) cooked hot cereal (oatmeal, cornmeal, cream of wheat)
- 125 mL (½ cup) cold cereal, congee, corn, yam or potato
- 125 mL (½ cup) cooked wholegrain pasta, couscous or barley
- 75 mL (1/3 cup) brown, red or wild rice, plantain, sweet potato

TIP: Use whole-grain breads (rye, pumpernickel, stone ground whole wheat) and high fibre cereals (6 g of fibre per serving)

Milk and Alternatives choices

- 175 g (¾ cup) plain yogurt or kefir
- 250 mL (1 cup) low-fat milk or plain soy beverage
- ½ cup low-fat chocolate milk, evaporated milk, no sugar added pudding

TIP: Drink 500 mL (2 cups) of low-fat milk (skim, 1% or 2%) or soy beverage each day.

Fruit choices

- 1 medium (the size of a tennis ball) apple, orange, pear or peach
- 500 mL (2 cups) strawberries, blackberries or raspberries
- 250 mL (1 cup) blueberries
- ½ medium mango, pomegranate
- 125 mL (½ cup) canned fruit, drained or unsweetened applesauce
- 2 tbsp raisins, 3 tbsp cranberries

TIP: For more fibre, choose whole fruit instead of juice.

Meat and Alternatives, fats and oils and most vegetables do not contain carbohydrate

Vegetable choices

Fill up on vegetables, but with some exceptions: 1 cup of peas, parsnips, or winter squash = 15 grams of carbohydrate

TIP: Make sure half your plate includes at least two colourful vegetables.

Fats and Oils

1/6 avocado

1 tbsp (15 mL) nuts (walnuts, peanuts, almonds) or light mayonnaise

½ tbsp (8 mL) tahini

1 tsp (5 mL) oil, salad dressing (regular, low-fat), butter, regular margarine

TIP: Choose healthier fats (canola, olive, sunflower oils, non-hydrogenated margarine). Limit butter, lard, shortening.

Meat and Alternatives choices

- 1 oz. of cooked fish, lean beef, pork, chicken, goat, lamb
- 125 mL (½ cup) dahl or legumes (dried beans, peas and lentils)

Note: 1/2 cup of legumes = 15 g carbohydrate.

- 85 g (1/3 cup) tofu
- 75 mL (1/3 cup) hummus
- 1 egg
- 30 g lower fat cheese (20% or less M.F.)
- 30 mL (2 tbsp) nut butters (peanut, almond etc.)

TIP: Eat two 2 ½ oz servings of fish a week (salmon, sardines, herring, mackerel and trout).