

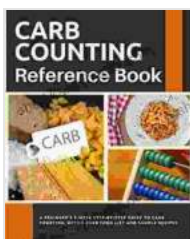
# Beginner's Week: Step-by-Step Guide to Carb Counting with Carb Food List

Carb counting is a valuable tool for managing diabetes and losing weight. By tracking the number of carbohydrates you eat, you can better control your blood sugar levels and achieve your weight loss goals.

This beginner's guide will teach you everything you need to know about carb counting, including:

- What are carbohydrates?
- Why is carb counting important?
- How to count carbohydrates
- A carb food list
- A sample meal plan

Carbohydrates are a type of macronutrient that provides your body with energy. They are found in a variety of foods, including:



## Carb Counting Reference Book: A Beginner's 2-Week Step-by-Step Guide to Carb Counting, With a Carb Food List and Sample Recipes by Mary Golanna

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- Breads
- Cereals
- Pasta
- Rice
- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Dairy products

Carbohydrates are broken down into glucose in your body, which is then used for energy. If you eat more carbohydrates than your body needs, the excess glucose is stored as fat.

Carb counting is important for managing diabetes and losing weight because it helps you to:

- Control your blood sugar levels
- Lose weight
- Improve your overall health

If you have diabetes, carb counting is essential for controlling your blood sugar levels. By tracking the number of carbohydrates you eat, you can

make sure that you are not eating too many carbohydrates, which can cause your blood sugar levels to spike.

Carb counting can also help you to lose weight. When you eat fewer carbohydrates, your body will burn stored fat for energy. This can lead to weight loss and improved body composition.

Carb counting can also improve your overall health. Eating a healthy diet that is low in carbohydrates can help to reduce your risk of heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes, and some types of cancer.

There are two ways to count carbohydrates:

- **By grams:** This is the most accurate way to count carbohydrates. To count carbohydrates by grams, you will need to read the food label and find the number of grams of carbohydrates per serving.
- **By exchanges:** This is a less accurate way to count carbohydrates, but it is easier to do. To count carbohydrates by exchanges, you will need to use a food exchange list. A food exchange list is a list of foods that have similar amounts of carbohydrates.

To count carbohydrates by exchanges, you will need to:

1. Find the food you want to eat on the food exchange list.
2. Find the number of exchanges for that food.
3. Multiply the number of exchanges by the number of carbohydrates per exchange.

For example, if you want to eat one slice of bread, you would find "bread" on the food exchange list. The number of exchanges for one slice of bread is 1. The number of carbohydrates per exchange is 15 grams. Therefore, one slice of bread has 15 grams of carbohydrates.

The following is a list of common foods and their carbohydrate content:

Food	Carbohydrates (grams)
Bread (1 slice)	15
Cereal (1 cup)	25
Pasta (1 cup cooked)	45
Rice (1 cup cooked)	45
Apple (1 medium)	25
Banana (1 medium)	27
Orange (1 medium)	15
Milk (1 cup)	12
Yogurt (1 cup)	15

The following is a sample meal plan that is low in carbohydrates:

### **Breakfast**

- 1 cup oatmeal with 1/4 cup berries and 1/2 cup nuts
- 1 cup yogurt with 1/2 cup fruit

### **Lunch**

- 1 cup salad with 4 ounces grilled chicken or fish
- 1 cup soup and 1/2 sandwich on whole-wheat bread
- 1 cup wrap with grilled chicken or tofu and vegetables

### **Dinner**

- 4 ounces grilled chicken or fish with 1 cup roasted vegetables and 1/2 cup brown rice

- 1 cup vegetarian chili
- 1 cup pasta with meat sauce

## **Snacks**

- 1/2 apple with 1 tablespoon peanut butter
- 1 cup low-fat yogurt
- 1 handful of nuts

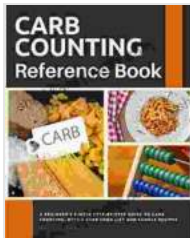
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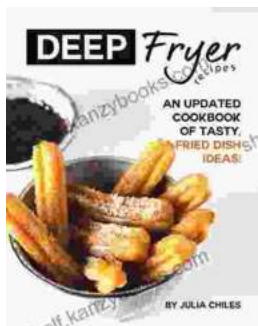
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