

HO 1.1 Menus to Try: 1,600 Calories

Trying to eat a healthy, balanced diet such as the Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension (**DASH**) *diet* can be hard at first. It sometimes helps to have a sample diet as a model to see what a healthy diet looks like.

Day 1: 1,600 Calories	
Breakfast	1/2 cup (120 grams) instant oatmeal, flavored
	1 mini whole-wheat bagel
	1 medium banana
	1 cup (240 milliliters) nonfat milk
	1 tablespoon cream cheese, nonfat
Lunch	Chicken breast sandwich:
	2 slices (3 ounces or 85 grams) chicken breast, skinless
	2 slices whole-wheat bread
	1 large leaf lettuce
	2 slices tomato
	1 tablespoon mayonnaise, low fat
	1 medium peach
	1 cup (240 milliliters) apple juice
Dinner	3/4 cup (190 grams) vegetarian spaghetti sauce
	1 cup (140 grams) spaghetti noodles
	Spinach salad:
	1 cup (30 grams) fresh spinach leaves
	1/4 cup (30 grams) fresh carrots, grated
	1/4 cup (20 grams) fresh mushrooms, sliced
	2 tablespoons light vinaigrette dressing
Snacks	1/4 cup (30 grams) dried apricots
	1 cup (245 grams) fruit yogurt, nonfat, no sugar added
Day 2: 1,600 Calories	
Breakfast	3/4 cup (40 grams) frosted shredded wheat
	2 slices whole-wheat bread
	1 medium banana
	1 cup (240 milliliters) nonfat milk
	1/2 cup (120 milliliters) orange juice

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	1 teaspoon soft margarine
	2 teaspoons jam, no added sugar
Lunch	Salad plate:
	1/2 cup (100 grams) tuna salad with nonfat mayonnaise
	1 large leaf lettuce
	1/2 cup (90 grams) tomato wedges
	9 wheat crackers, nonfat
	1/2 cup (115 grams) cottage cheese, 2%
	1/2 cup (120 grams) canned pineapple, in its own juice
	4 small celery sticks
	2 tablespoons ranch dressing, nonfat
Dinner	3 ounces (85 grams) meatloaf (with ground turkey)
	1 tablespoon ketchup
	1 small baked potato:
	1 teaspoon soft margarine
	1 tablespoon sour cream, low fat
	1 green onion stalk, chopped
	1/2 cup (95 grams) collard greens, cooked from frozen
	1 medium peach
	1 cup (240 milliliters) nonfat milk
Snacks	1 tablespoon peanut butter, reduced fat
	1/2 medium bagel (3 inches or 8 centimeters diameter) Remember that a whole-grain bagel is a better choice, since plain bagels have less nutritional value (i.e., less fiber, other nutrients).
	1/2 cup (125 grams) fruit yogurt, nonfat, no sugar added
Day 3: 1,600 Calories	
Breakfast	1 low-fat fruit or cereal bar
	1 medium banana
	1 cup (245 grams) fruit yogurt, nonfat, no sugar added
	1/2 cup (120 milliliters) orange juice
Lunch	Turkey breast sandwich:
	3 ounces (85 grams) turkey breast
	2 slices whole-wheat bread

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	1 slice (3/4 ounce or 20 grams) cheddar cheese, reduced fat
	2 large leaves romaine lettuce
	2 slices tomato
	2 teaspoons mayonnaise, low fat
	1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
	1/2 cup (90 grams) broccoli, steamed
	1 medium orange
Dinner	3 ounces (85 grams) cod
	1 teaspoon lemon juice
	1/2 cup (100 grams) brown rice, long grain
	1/2 cup (90 grams) spinach, cooked from frozen
	1 small corn bread muffin
	1 teaspoon soft margarine
Snacks	2 rice cakes
	1 cup (240 milliliters) nonfat milk
	1/4 cup (40 grams) dried fruit

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