A Meal plan & Menu for the "Woman on the GO"

PLEASE NOTE

Disclaimer: *THIS MEALPLAN HAS BEEN COMPILED BY REGISTERED DIETITIAN. SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY PRE-EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU ALWAYS SEEK MEDICAL APPROVAL BEFORE EMBARKING ON A WEIGHT LOSS AND EXERCISE PROGRAM.

General Tips

- Eat frequent meals. Research shows that if you eat regularly and distribute your food over 5-6 smaller meals throughout
 the day you are able to lose more fat, stay leaner and maintain a healthy metabolic rate.
- Choose to sit at a table and eat your meals and snacks with minimal or no distractions.
- Aim to drink sufficient* water a day. Tip: Keep a water bottle in the car. Aim to start drinking at least 2 glasses of water/day (use a water bottle) add a slice of lemon. Increase your intake of water by one glass every 5th day, till 8 glasses/day.
- Plan a day in advance for greater success.

Tip:

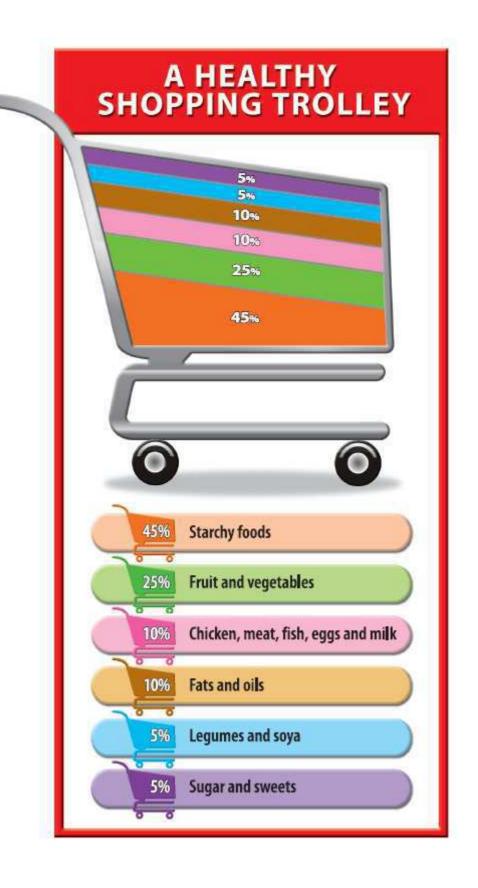
- Shop with a shopping list.
- Pack your daily snacks into 7 zip-lock bags, once a week and store in your fridge, ready to grab and run!

Exercise:

Use a pedometer – wear it all day, to count your steps. Aim for 10 000 steps/day. (increase by 500 steps/day each week).
 Monitor your daily steps.

Relaxation:

Take 15 minutes each day to relax.



What a shopping trolley should look like?

Remember it's what comes into the home that matters.

(use together with trolley visual)

Have you ever wondered about the contents of other shoppers' trolleys and just what a 'healthy' trolley should like?

The chances are that you have and have also cringed inwardly at the check -out counter when comparing the contents of your trolley to that of others.

All it takes to develop sound 'trolley habits' is to recreate your shopping list under six key groups of **food** rather than randomly listing foodstuffs by item name. This will ensure that you quickly develop an awareness of what constitutes a balanced diet for your family.

The optimum trolley should contain a wide variety of foods and incorporate items from each of the groups listed below;

Group 1 - Starchy foods (High in carbohydrates):

These foods should be part of every meal and snack and therefore should make up a large proportion of your trolley.

- Whole grain bread
- Whole wheat pasta (durum wheat)
- Whole grain biscuits
- Long grain rice (e.g. Basmati, white and brown)
- Potatoes
- Pumpkin or butternut
- Peas
- Mealies / corn on the cob
- Maize meal

Group 2 - Fruits and vegetables:

Five servings of fresh or frozen fruit and vegetables should be eaten every day, so these should also make up a large proportion of your trolley

- Fresh fruit
- Dried fruit (Any, but in smaller portions)
- Fresh or frozen vegetables
- Fresh fruit juice (100% pure/unsweetened)

Preferably select fresh fruits and vegetables that are grown locally and in season. One fruit serving can be replaced with one serving of 100% pure unsweetened fruit juice (200 ml).

When cooking these, choose methods that preserve the nutritional value e.g. steaming, baking or microwaving with a little water.

Group 3 - Chicken, meat, milk, fish, and eggs (Rich in protein):

Protein should be included in every meal or snack, in smaller amounts than starchy foods and fruit and vegetables. A serving is usually the size of the palm of your hand and the same thickness as your hand. One should try to include fish twice a week, skinless chicken 2- 3 times per week and lean red meat 2 – 3 times per week.

• Oily fish varieties (eg. salmon, trout, pilchards or sardines)

- Chicken breasts (skinless)
- Lean beef (e.g. beef stroganoff, mince meat, steaks or schnitzel without any visible fat)
- Ostrich meat
- Milk (2%, low fat or fat free varieties)
- Yoghurt (2%, low fat or fat free varieties)
- Cheese, unprocessed vs. processed varieties. (Low and medium fat; soft and hard cheeses like cottage cheese, ricotta, feta, mozzarella, and edam)
- Eggs (if you are free of any cholesterol problems, you can include an egg a day, as a replacement for meat/chicken/fish in a meal).

Group 4 - Legumes and soya:

Try to include either dried or tinned versions of these in dishes at least once or twice a week. They are low in fat, provide fibre, are a source of plant protein and best of all they are economical. Aim for at least one vegetarian main meal per week.

- Dried / split peas
- Chickpeas
- Beans (e.g. Red kidney, sugar and baked beans)
- Lentils
- Soya (e.g. Tofu)

Group 5: - Fats and Oils:

Fats should be used sparingly. Choose soft tub margarine that is either low or medium fat and higher in unsaturated (poly and monounsaturated) fats.

For the most benefit, buy extra virgin olive oil to use sparingly as a salad dressing as opposed to cooking with it. Should you need to 'flash fry' food use cooking spray, or as the Heart and Stroke Foundation suggests, use canola oil. It is always a good idea to invest in a good non-stick frying pan and to use a moderate heat setting to prevent sticking. This way you need very little additional fats and oils when cooking.

Check the fat levels in sauces that you buy for pastas or other dishes. Cream-based sauces tend to be quite high in fat so rather choose tomato based ones.

Good fats to include are;

- Mixed nuts and seeds
- Avocado
- Vegetable oils (grapeseed, olive, canola, sesame and sunflower oils)

Group 6 - Treats (Sugar and Sweets):

Foods such as sugar (table sugar, white or brown or yellow), sweets (jelly sweets, lollipops), sugary fizzy drinks and syrup are high in sugar and should be used sparingly and only with exercise. So, your trolley should not contain too many of these foods.

MFAL PLAN

Use with Exchange list here below to make your own choices Alternatively, just use the 7-day Menu on page 14

Water: aim to drink at least 8 glasses/day(tip: take a water bottle with you)

Optional: 1 cup (250ml) low fat/fat free milk for tea/coffee

MEALTIMES	MEAL PLAN(1)	MENU EXAMPLE
		Use your Exchange list for more choices
Breakfast	1 Starch	½ cup Oats
	1 Milk	250ml milk, low fat
	1 Fruit	1 Seasonal fresh fruit (fist size)
Morning Snack		
J	1 Fruit	1 Seasonal fresh fruit (fist size)
	1 Milk (e.g. yoghurt)	1 container yoghurt
Lunch		
	2 Starch	2 slices low GI bread
	1 Protein	40g Tuna, in brine
	1 Vegetable	1 cup raw, mixed vegetables (for bread & as salad)
	2 Fats	5ml Margarine/Olive oil or Butter and 2 tsp. mayonnaise, lite
Afternoon Snack		
	1 Starch	3 Provitas
	1 Fat	1 tbsp. Peanut butter
	1 Fruit	1 Seasonal fresh fruit (fist size)
Dinner		
	2 Starch	1 cup cooked Basmati Rice
	2 Protein	60g Grilled skinless Chicken with lemon & Black pepper
	2 Vegetables	1 cup medley of vegetables, steamed/roasted
	2 Fats	Drizzle 2 tsp of Canola/Olive Oil into rice or over vegetables(to roast)

EXCHANGE LIST

EXCHANGE LIST OF FOODS FOR MEAL PLANNING

What is an Exchange list?

Foods are grouped into food groups. Within each group, these foods can be exchanged for each other. Once you select a specific food item, you will also need to choose the number of portions allowed. "Portion" can be thought of as the *amount* of a specific food you **choose** to eat for dinner, snack, or any other eating occasion. You can use this list to give yourself more variety and choice into your mealplan.

A healthy approach to eating means that you eat the right balance of these groups. They are:

- Starches/Grains, such as cereal, oats, bread and potatoes
- Fruit
- Vegetables
- Protein/Meat
- Milk/Dairy
- Fat

You can use this Exchange list to:

- Determine portion sizes
- Meet your daily goals
- · Make healthy food choices

All portion sizes listed = 1 Food Exchange.

Example of how this works:

2 Grain Exchanges = 2 slices of Low GI Bread OR 1 small bagel OR 1 slice rye bread

1 Fruit Exchange = 1 medium apple (tennis-ball size) OR

1 ½ Dairy Exchanges = 375ml fat free milk

Tsp. = teaspoon = 5 ml

Tbsp. = tablespoon = 15 ml

STARCHES/GRAINS (rich in Carbohydrates)

15g carbohydrates, 2g protein/exchange

Single Portion Size	Food Exchanges		
	Breads		
½ (30g)	Bagel, whole-wheat, small		
1/2	English muffin, whole-wheat		
1/2	Pita, whole-wheat		
1/2	Bread Rolls: whole-wheat, crushed wheat, oatbran, Low GI (Glycemic		
	Index), fruit		
1 slice	Bread: raisin bread, rye or pumpernickel bread, Low GI (Glycemic		
	Index), whole-wheat, crushed wheat, oatbran, oat, seed loaf		
	Cereal / Grains / Pasta		
½ cup	Bran Cereals, e.g. All Bran, Hi-Fibre Bran, Raisin Bran, Shredded wheat		
·	Porridge (e.g. Oats, Oat bran), cooked		
½ cup	Cornmeal (dry)		
1/5 cup	Mealie meal, cooked		
½ cup	Flour (dry)		
1/3 cup	Raw or low GI Muesli		
1/3 cup	Pasta, raw		
20g	All Pasta (cooked, if wheat - preferably durum wheat)		
½ cup	Whole-wheat Pronutro		
1/3 cup	Quinoa, Rice (all types/varieties) , barley, pearl-wheat, couscous –		
½ cup	cooked		
½ cup	Rice, raw		
20g	Rice, cooked		
1 biscuit	Weetbix		
	Crackers / Snacks		
3	Provita		
1 cup	Popcorn (home-made, air-popped with no added fat)		
2	Ryvita		
	Dried Beans / Peas / Lentils		
½ cup (75g)	Baked beans, Bean salad (no oil), Chickpeas, Dried beans (such as		
	kidney, white, split, blackeye) , Lentils - cooked weight		
	Starchy Vegetables		
15cm cob	Corn on the cob, mealie		
2 small	Baby Potato		
½ cup	Corn kernels (whole canned or frozen)		
½ cup	Green Peas		
1 cup	Oven baked chips		
1 medium (90g)	Potato		
1 cup	Pumpkin, butternut or Hubbard squash, cooked		
½ cup	Yam or sweet potato, cooked		

FRUIT

10g carbohydrates/exchange

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Single Portion Size	Food Exchanges			
Fresh Fruit (1 unit = tennis ball size)				
1/2	Grapefruit			
1 Fruit	e.g. apple, medium banana, small mango, naartjie, nectarine, orange, pear,			
	peach			
2 smaller fruit	e.g. kiwi, plums, granadillas, guavas			
2/3 cup	Fruit salad			
1 ½ cup	Strawberries			
1 cup, cubed	Melon, pineapple, pawpaw			
Handful(approx. 6)	Litchis			
12	Grapes			
½ cup	Canned fruit (in fruit juice)			
½ cup	Fruit Juice, (100% — all flavours)			
2 Tbsp.	Raisins /Sultanas			
2	Figs, peach halves, dried			
3	Fresh dates or prunes			
4	Apple rings, dried			
8	Apricot halves, dried			
¾ cup	Blackberries & Blueberries			
1 cup	Raspberries			
12	Cherries (large, raw)			
½ cup	Frozen fruit			

VEGETABLES 5g carbohydrates, 2g protein/exchange **Single Portion Size** Food Exchanges 1 portion equals ½ cup (125 ml) of Artichoke (½ medium) cooked vegetables or vegetable Asparagus juice alternatively, Beans (green) 1 cup of raw vegetables Bean sprouts **Beets** Bell peppers Broccoli Brussels sprouts Cabbage, cooked Carrots Cauliflower Celery Eggplant/Brinjal /Aubergine Mixed vegetables (without corn, peas or potatoes) Mushrooms Onions Peas (mange tout/sugar snap) Radish Salad Greens Sauerkraut Spinach Spring onion Squash, summer, zucchini String beans Tomato (fresh, juice, canned) Turnips Vegetable juice

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Zucchini (cooked)

MILK/DAIRY					
12g carbohydrates, 8g protein, 5-10g fat/exchange					
Single Portion Size	Food Exchanges				
1 cup (250ml)	Full cream, low fat, skim or fat-free milk, soya milk (calcium enriched)				
	Powdered (non-fat dry, before adding liquid)				
¼ cup (25g)	Evaporated milk				
½ cup (125ml)	Custard				
175ml	Fat free Yoghurt, Soya yoghurt				
100ml	Low fat fruit yoghurt, Rooibos Yoghurt				

PROTEIN

7g protein/exchange

Note: Weigh meat after cooking and after removing bones and fat

30g (1 exchange) = size of 1 matchbox, chicken wing or drumstick

60g = 2 matchboxes, 1 chicken thigh, or half a cup of cottage cheese

90g = size of a deck of cards, 1 chicken breast, 1 fish fillet, 1 medium chop

Single Portion Size		Food Exchanges
Beef	30g	Lean beef with all fat trimmed, (e.g. sirloin, silverside)
Biltong	30g	Ostrich or game only
Cheese	¼ cup	Cottage cheese (fat-free and low fat)
Cheese (matchbox-size)	30g	Mozzarella, feta, ricotta, lower fat/reduced fat hard cheese
Dried Beans	½ cup	Dried beans, peas, lentils – all cooked, tofu
Egg	1	Egg, whole
Fish	40g	Fish, fresh, frozen nor canned, in brine or in oil and not fried
Mussels 10 (2	5mmx12mm)	Boiled, canned
Pork	30g	Lean ham, Lean Loin (all cuts tenderloin) chops
Poultry	30g	Chicken, turkey (without skin)
Prawns /Shrimps	20	Boiled, canned
(17mm x 5mm) Wild game	30g	Ostrich, Venison
½ Sausage		Fry's traditional soy sausage (2 protein=1 sausage)
½ Burger		Fry's traditional Burger* sausage (2 protein=1 burger) Fry's Special Chunk strips
2 slices		Pastrami
30g		Cooked ham

FATS

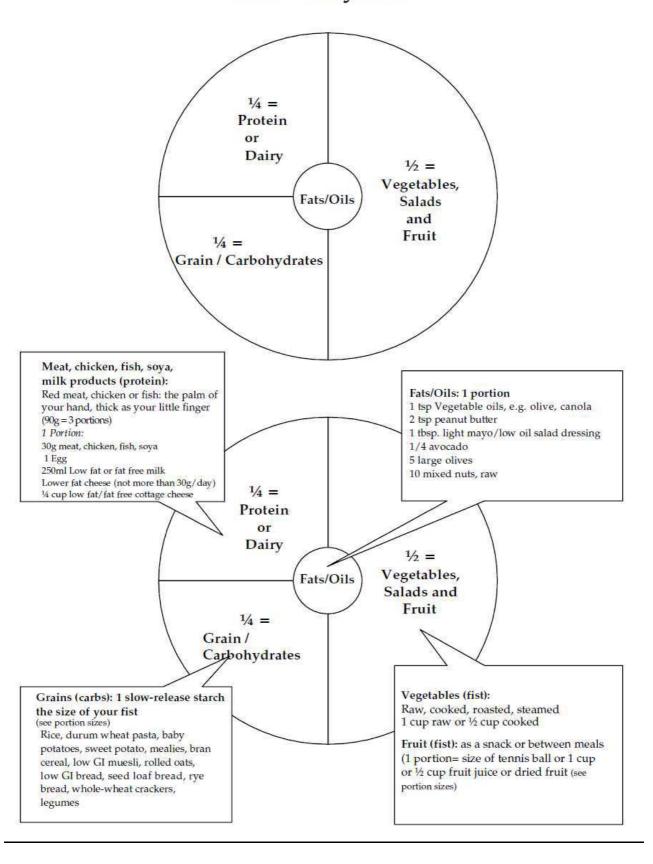
5g fat/exchange

Note: Foods in *italics*, they are high in saturated fat - choose these very infrequently

Single Portion Size	Food Exchanges
1/8 medium	Avocado
1 strip	Bacon, crisp
1 tsp	Butter, margarine
2 tsp	Margarine, lower/reduced fat & salt
100ml	Coconut milk
1 tbsp	Cream, heavy
2 tbsp	Cream, light
2 tbsp	Cream, sour
1 tbsp	Cream cheese
2 tsp	Peanut Butter, no sugar added
	Dressings
2 tsp	All varieties, Mayonnaise type (non-hydrogenated), e.g. Canola
	Lite Mayonnaise
10 small or 5 large	Olives
	Nuts
5	Almonds, whole or cashews, raw
1 tbsp	Other nuts or mixed nuts, raw
2 tsp	Peanut butter
20 small or 10 large	Peanuts, whole, raw
2 whole	Pecans and walnuts
1 tbsp	Seeds (sesame, pine, sunflower, other)
	Oils
1 tsp	Extra Virgin Olive Oil, Avocado, Canola, Extra Virgin Olive Oil,
	Flaxseed(linseed), grapeseed, peanut, soy, sunflower

SEASONINGS	SEASONINGS				
Basil (fresh)	Lemon				
Celery seeds	Lemon juice				
Cinnamon	Lemon pepper				
Chilli powder	Lime				
Chives	Lime juice				
Curry	Mint				
Dill	Onion powder				
Flavouring extracts (vanilla, almond, walnut,	Oregon				
peppermint, butter, lemon, etc.)	Paprika				
Garlic	Pepper				
Garlic powder	Pimento				
Herbs – fresh/dried	Soy sauce, low-sodium (lite)				
	Spices				

A Healthy Plate*



Weight loss Menu (1) FOR LADIES

	BREAKFAST	LUNCH	SUPPER	CHOOSE TWO ITEMS/SNACK
	(choose any Breakfast)	(choose any Lunch)	(choose any Supper)	CHOOSE TWO TIEWS/SWACK
	1 cup low fat/fat free milk	1 cup home-made vegetable soup(only vegetables)	1 cup cooked spaghetti	
	½ cup Oatbran	2 slices low GI / rye bread	60g lean mince	MORNING SNACK
DAY 1	1 medium banana, sliced	30g chicken, skinless	½ cup Tomato based sauce	
		2 tsp low-fat dressing/mayonnaise	Green beans	Choose one:
		1 tsp. mixed nuts	Carrots	
			2 tsp. vegetable oil	1 piece fresh fruit / 1 cup fruit salad / ½
	1 cup low fat/fate free milk	1 cup sweet potato	1 cup brown rice	glass fruit juice/ Trufruco bar
	1/3 cup Low GI Muesli	30g beef, chopped	60g grilled chicken breast (no skin)	
DAY 2	½ cup fruit juice	1 cup Mixed chopped vegetables	½ cup low-fat, tomato-based sauce (made with 2 tsp	+
		2 tsp low-fat mayonnaise	vegetable oil)	
		1 tsp. mixed nuts	Peas, cabbage	100ml low fat fruit yoghurt or 175ml fat
				free/plain yoghurt
	1 cup low fat/fat free milk	2 slices low GI bread	1 medium sweet potato	
	½ cup Oats	2 slices lean cold meat(lean ham)	60g grilled fish	
DAY 3	2 Tbsp raisins	1 cup Sliced tomato and cucumber	1 cup vegetable stir-fry	AFTERNOON SNACK
		1 tsp soft margarine	2 tsp vegetable oil	AFTERNOON SNACK
		1 tsp. mixed nuts		Choose one:
	1 cup fat free/plain yoghurt	4 Ryvitas OR 6 Provitas	1 cup cooked pasta	2/ryevita OR 1 slice low GI / rye bread
	1/3 cup Low GI Muesli	30g lean biltong, shaved	60g ostrich strips	with 2 tsp peanut butter OR 1 muffin
DAY 4	½ grapefruit or 1 seasonal fruit	1 cup Salad (vegetables only)	1 cup roasted vegetables (made with 2 tsp vegetable	(recipe) with 1 tsp. peanut butter
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		1 tsp. mixed nuts	S.1,	OR
	1 tablespoon peanut butter, salt and sugar	1 slice low GI bread	1 cup basmati rice	20g mixed nuts
	free	1 cup baked beans	60g lean chicken cubes	
DAY 5	1 slice low GI / rye bread, toasted	1 cup Grilled tomatoes and mushrooms	2 cups mixed salad	+
	½ cup fruit juice/ 1 fresh fruit	¼ avocado pear	2 tsp low-oil dressing	
	1 cup fat free/plain yoghurt	1 medium baked potato	1 mealie	4
	¼ cup low GI muesli	30g cheese, medium fat, e.g. Mozzarella, grated	60g lean beef fillet	1 piece fresh fruit / 1 cup fruit salad / ½
DAY 6	1 medium banana	1 cup Mixed seasonal vegetable salad	½ cup butternut	glass fruit juice
		¼ avocado pear	1 cup broccoli	
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	1 cup low fat/fat free milk	2 slices low GI bread	1 cup brown rice	1 X 250ml = 1 cup low fat or fat free milk
DAY 7	1 Weetbix	1 egg, boiled	60g baked fish in 1 cup tomato and onion mix	for tea/coffee
DAY 7	1 cup seasonal fruit salad	1 cup Salad (vegetables only) 2 tsp low-fat mayonnaise	2 tsp vegetable oil 1 cup mixed vegetables	
		1 tsp. mixed nuts	I cup mixed vegetables	
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OMEGA 3 & 6 SEED MIX RECIPE

INGREDIENTS (can make smaller quantities or buy ready-made seed mix)

300g Linseeds

100g sesame seeds

100g sunflower seeds

100g Pumpkinseeds

METHOD

- 1. Mix together and use daily.
- 2. Grind (in coffee grinder) enough for one week at a time.
- 3. Store in an airtight container.
- 4. Refrigerate.
- 5. Adults: 1 tablespoon/day.

RAINBOW RICE SALAD

(A great quick lunch, just add your protein portion)

INGREDIENTS

200g uncooked Brown & Wild Rice with s

1 tin (410g) Butter beans, drained

1 tin (400g) Red kidney beans, drained

2 tomatoes, chopped

1 Red Pepper, chopped

1 Yellow Pepper, chopped

1 Onion, chopped

½ Cucumber, chopped

Dressing

1/2 C extra light olive oil

1/4 C balsamic vinegar

1 T lemon juice

1/2 tsp each parsley, oregano & thyme

1 T sesame seeds

Salt & Black Pepper to taste

METHOD

- 1. Cook rice and allow it to cool
- 2. Then add in all the other ingredients and mix through.
- 3. Mix all the dressing ingredients together shake and pour over the salad.
- 4. Chill and serve.

Serves 8

	Grain/Starch	Vegetable	Fruit	Meat & meat Alternatives	Dairy	Fat
Per Serve	2	1		1		1
				(add 60g of meat, chicken or fish to		
				give you 3 portions of protein)		

BRAN MUFFINS (LOW GI)

Makes 24 large muffins

NOTE: This batter has to stand overnight.

INGREDIENTS

2 eggs

150 g soft brown sugar (1 cup)

60 ml canola oil

250 ml oatbran, pressed down into the cup

375 ml flour (1 ½ cups), sifted before measuring

500 ml digestive bran (2 cups)

2 ml salt

15 ml bicarbonate of soda

1 large grated apple (optional, can use other fruit, e.g. banana)

250g sultanas

5 ml cinnamon

500 ml low fat milk

5 ml vanilla essence

METHOD

- 1. Beat together eggs, sugar and oil.
- 2. Add all the dry ingredients, grated apple and the sultanas.
- 3. Mix thoroughly.
- 4. Mix the milk and vanilla and add to the flour mixture.
- 5. Stir until well blended.
- 6. Leave overnight in the fridge.
- 7. When ready to bake, stir and drop into muffin pans.
- 8. Bake at 180C for 15 minutes.

This mixture can be kept in the fridge for up to 30 days. Do not freeze the batter.

Baked muffins freeze very well.

NOTE: These muffins are deliciously moist and do not need margarine or butter.

	Starch	Vegetable	Fruit	Protein	Dairy	Fat
Per Serve	1		1/2			1/2

MUESLI RUSKS (LOW GI)

(makes 32 rusks)

INGREDIENTS

310 ml whole wheat flour (1 1/4 c)

250 ml oat bran (1 c)

310 ml whole-wheat Pronutro, original (1 ¼ c)

20 ml baking powder (4 tsp)

5 ml bicarbonate of soda (1 tsp)

2.5 ml salt (½ tsp)

125 ml lower GI oats (½ c)

125 ml dried fruit-cake mix (½ c)

60 ml sunflower seeds or mixed nuts (¼ c)

125 ml soft brown sugar (½ c)

2 extra large eggs

500 ml unflavoured low fat yoghurt (2 c)

90 ml oil, macadamia or walnut (6 tbsp)

5 ml vanilla essence (1 tsp)

2 small apples, grated

METHOD

- 1. Preheat the oven to 180°C and lightly grease two 100 x 200 mm bread pans with non-stick cooking spray or a paper towel dipped in oil.
- 2. In a medium bowl, mix the flour, oat bran, Pronutro, baking powder, bicarbonate of soda, salt, oats, dried fruit and seeds or nuts together.
- 3. In another bowl, beat the sugar, eggs, yoghurt, oil and essence together
- 4. Add the grated apple to the yoghurt-egg mixture
- 5. Mix the dry ingredients into the wet ingredients, making sure that all ingredients are moistened.
- 6. Spoon the batter into the lightly greased bread pans and bake for 60 minutes.
- 7. Take the loaves out of the oven and leave them to cool for 15 minutes before removing and allowing them to cool on a cooling rack.
- 8. Cut the loaves into 32 rusks two rows of eight per pan
- 9. Place the rusks onto baking trays. Dry them out in the oven at 100°C for five to seven hours.

	Starch	Vegetable	Fruit	Protein	Dairy	Fat
Per Serve = 1 Rusk	1					1

HUMMUS

INGREDIENTS

1x 410g can Chickpeas
60ml Lemon Juice
5-10ml Garlic, crushed
60ml (4T) Tahini (Sesame seed paste)
(Salt, pepper, Paprika, Parsley)

METHOD

- 1. Mix all the ingredients in a blender or food processor and season to taste.
- 2. Store in fridge for up to one week.

	Starch	Vegetable	Fruit	Protein	Dairy	Fat
Per Serve = ¼ Cup	1					

OR

	Starch	Vegetable	Fruit	Protein	Dairy	Fat
Per Serve = ¼ Cup				1		