GROCERY LIST

BREAD & GRAINS

100% whole wheat bread Sprouted grain breads Light or whole wheat english muffins Sandwich or bagel thins Corn or low-carb whole wheat tortillas High-fiber wraps Plain oats: 1 minute or old fashioned

Whole grains: brown rice, bulgar, barley, quinoa, couscous

TIPS: Look for 100% whole wheat as the first ingredient. Look for 4g of fiber per slice or 5g per 2 slices of light or diet bread. Aim for bread with less than 100 calories per slice.

DAIRY & DAIRY ALTERNATIVES

Plain non-fat greek yogurt Kefir (yogurt like drink) Organic low-fat milk Enriched almond or soy milk Cheese: feta, parmesan, mozzarella, light havarti, provolone, swiss, string cheese, or single serving packages

MEAT, FISH, POULTRY & PROTEIN

Wild game
Salmon, halibut, tuna, tilapia, shrimp,
catfish, scallops, or crab
Pork loin, pork chops, or pork roast
Chicken or turkey breast or thighs (no skin)
Eggs and 100% egg whites
Lean beef: sirloin, chuck, round, tenderloin,
93% lean (organic and grass fed is best)
Canned salmon or tuna (in water)
Nitrate-free, reduced sodium ham, turkey,
chicken, or roast beef lunch-meat
Any type of bean, dry or canned
low-sodium varieties
Tofu and tempeh

TIPS: Look for "Choice" or "Select" cuts of meat rather than "Prime". Prime cuts are fattier. Eat highly processed meat and imitation meat products like sausage, bacon, pepperoni, and hot dogs less than 1x/week.

FROZEN FOODS

All vegetables without sauce All fruit Grains and grain medleys

CRACKERS, SNACKS & ENERGY BARS

Any unsalted nuts or seeds Energy bars
Air-popped or light popcorn Crackers
Edamame in the pod Hummus

TIPS: Limit crackers, pretzels, and chips to 2-3 servings per week. Always pair with protein such as hummus, cheese, or nuts. Look for energy bars with less than 200 calories and 20g of sugar and at least 3g of protein and 3g of fiber. Look for crackers with less than 130 calories and 4g or less of fat per serving.

FATS & OILS

Avocado

Olive, grapeseed, walnut, sesame, or flaxseed oil Butter/spreads: look for products free of trans fats and partially hydrogenated oils on the ingredient list.

TIPS: Light olive oil refers to the flavor, not the calorie content. Always measure oil and butter. Even if a fat is considered healthy it's still very high in calories and portions need to be controlled.

DRESSINGS, CONDIMENTS & SAUCES

Vinegars: rice, wine, balsamic
All fresh or dried herbs and spices
Mustard
Salsa and chili sauce
Marinara sauce with no high-fructose corn syrup
Lemon and lime juice
Bottled minced garlic and ginger
Low-sodium soy sauce

TIPS: Look for products free of MSG, added colors, and high fructose corn syrup. Look for sauces under 50 calories per serving. Avoid cream based sauces and dressings like ranch, bleu cheese, and alfredo.

ALL FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, fresh and frozen, are great choices and since every meal has one or both, you're shopping cart should reflect this.