# **MY NATIVE PLATE**

# Fruit

#### Use your plate as a guide to help you eat in a healthy way!

- 1. Fill half of your plate with vegetables.
- 2. Fill the other half of your plate with a grain/starch and a protein.
- 3. Add a side of fruit.

# **Pictured here:**

- Mixed berries
- Cooked spinach
- Baked squash with peppers and herbs
- Steamed wild rice
- Baked deer meat with sage
- Water

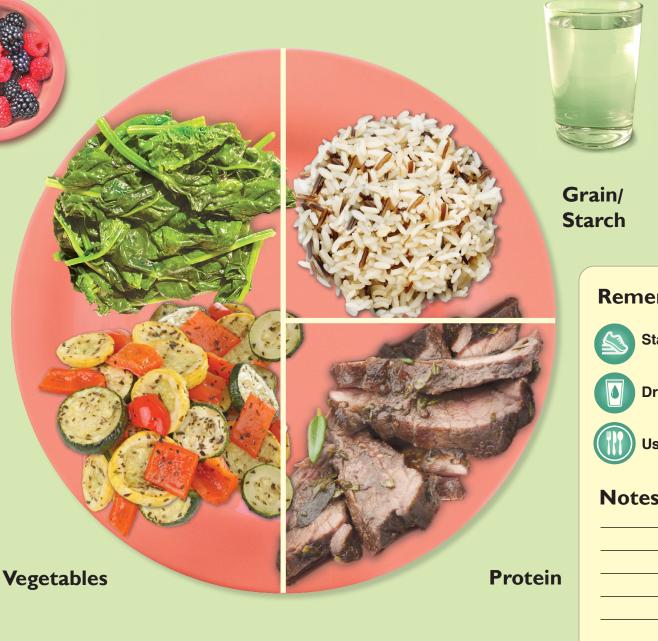
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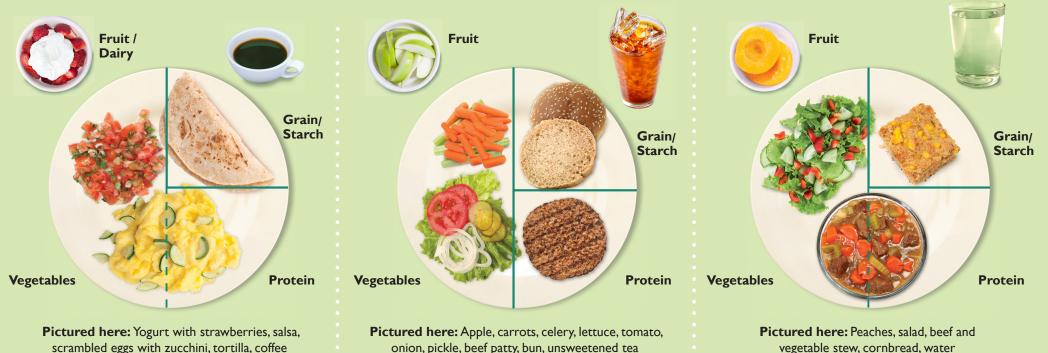


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# More Ideas for MY NATIVE PLATE



Ways to Add Variety to Meals and Snacks

## **Vegetables and Fruits**

#### Tips

- Stock up on fresh, frozen and canned vegetables and fruits.
- Keep fruits and vegetables on hand for snacking.
- Plan some meals around a vegetable main dish, such as a stir fry, stew, or soup.
- Enjoy fruit as a dessert.

#### Examples

**Vegetables:** Wild greens, tomatoes, carrots, leafy greens, zucchini, avocados, broccoli, green beans, cucumbers, onions, peppers, okra

**Fruits:** Berries, melons, apricots, peaches, citrus fruits, bananas, apples, pears

#### **Proteins**

#### Tips

- Choose fish, beans, lentils, eggs and nuts more often to cut down on meat.
- Instead of a beef patty for your burger, try a veggie, black bean, turkey, soy, or bison patty.
- Grill, stew, or bake meat instead of deep frying.
- If milk upsets your stomach, try yogurt, lactose free milk, or soy milk.

#### Examples

**Animal proteins:** Fish, wild game, bison, poultry, mutton, beef, pork, eggs

**Plant proteins:** Beans, lentils, nuts, nut butters, seeds, tofu, soy products

**Dairy proteins:** Milk, lactose free milk, yogurt, cheese, cottage cheese

### **Grains and Starches**

#### Tips

- Choose whole grain foods, such as whole wheat breads, corn tortillas, oatmeal, and wild or brown rice.
- Try whole wheat flour instead of white flour.
- Add wild or brown rice to main dishes, such as a stir fry, stew, or soup.
- Bake or roast potatoes instead of deep frying.

#### Examples

**Grains:** Pastas, breads, crackers, rice, oats, quinoa, barley, cereals, tortillas, flour, cornmeal

**Starchy vegetables:** Potatoes, corn, green peas, winter squash

