

# 3-3-3 **METHOD**

A great tip for beginners to macro tracking can be to keep things simple in your first few weeks. Try the 3-3-3 Method. Choose 3 different protein sources, 3 fat sources, and 3 carb sources only (All veggies and fruit can count as 1 each). This may feel like too little variety but with endless options of spices and cooking techniques, you can make thousands of combinations. There is no such thing as boring food, only boring chefs, right?

# Real life application

Select 3 of your favorite protein, fat and carb sources and then use them to build a full day. You can use the Stronger U Macro Selector if you need some ideas for primarily protein, carb, and fat food sources.

Here's an example of a day planned out using the 3-3-3 Method with the following 3 foods choices for each macro.

# Main take away + Resources

Eating using the 3-3-3 Method provides a simplified option for planning your meals and hitting your macronutrients. While many people do choose to eat similar to this forever, others use this option as an introduction to the process of macro counting and then transition to more variety and complex meals once they feel ready.

Here's a blog describing the 3-3-3 Method and how you can benefit from using it.

Further information about the 3-3-3 Method can also be found in the Stronger U Getting Started Guide and the Stronger U Meal Planning Guide.

MEAL 1   BREAKFAST	SNACK 1	MEAL 2   LUNCH	MEAL 3   DINNER	SNACK 2
EGG WHITES VEGGIES BUTTER	CHEESE FRUIT	CHICKEN BREAST VEGGIE OLIVE OIL	CHICKEN BREAST  VEGGIE  RICE  OLIVE OIL	PLAIN GREEK YOGURT FRUIT



# **MACRO SELECTOR**

#### **PROTEIN**

**DELI MEAT** 

SOY / TOFU

TURKEY BACON

CHICKEN BREAST
TURKEY BREAST
SHRIMP
PORK TENDERLOIN
TOP SIRLOIN / LEAN RED MEAT
EGG WHITES
COD / FLOUNDER / TILAPIA
LEAN GROUND MEAT
NON-FAT GREEK YOGURT
WHEY PROTEIN
CANNED TUNA IN WATER
TURKEY JERKEY
NON-FAT COTTAGE CHEESE
NON-FAT RICOTTA

#### **FAT**

OLIVE OIL
COCONUT OIL
AVOCADO
OLIVES
NUTS
FISH OIL
FLAX SEEDS
SALAD DRESSINGS
BUTTER / GHEE
MAYONNAISE

#### CARBS

**VEGETABLES** FRUIT RICE **POTATOES** OATMEAL DRIED FRUIT POPCORN (PLAIN) RICE CAKES BREADS CORN / FLOUR TORITLLAS PASTA CEREAL JUICE / SPORTS BEVERAGES SUNDRIED TOMATOES CANDY JAM / JELLY **BBQ SAUCE** HONEY WAFFLES / PANCAKES GRANOLA KOMBUCHA

### PROTEIN + FAT

**COLLAGEN PEPTIDES** 

VEGAN PROTEIN POWDER

LEAN TURKEY / CHICKEN SAUSAGE

EGGS
CHICKEN THIGHS
SALMON
STEAK / BEEF
COTTAGE CHEESE
CHEESE
CANNED OYSTERS / SARDINES
FULL-FAT SOUR CREAM
HUMMUS
BACON / PORK BELLY
NUT BUTTER
FULL-FAT YOGURT
TUNA SALAD / CHICKEN SALAD
SAUSAGE

## **PROTEIN + CARBS**

PROTEIN SHAKE & FRUIT
EGG WHITES & POTATOES
WHOLE GRAIN BREAD
BLACK BEAN PASTA
BEANS / LENTILS
QUINOA
CEREAL & SKIM MILK
NON-FAT FROZEN YOGURT
FLAVORED YOGURT
CRACKERS AND DELI MEAT
LOW-FAT CHOCOLATE MILK
FAT-FREE YOGURT WITH HONEY
#MIKENUGGETS

# FAT + CARBS

NUTS
NUT BUTTERS
TORTILLA CHIPS
AVOCADO TOAST
POPCORN & BUTTER
CHIA SEEDS
BREAD & OLIVE OIL / BUTTER
POTATO CHIPS
DRIED COCONUT
BAGEL & CREAM CHEESE
MUFFINS
DONUTS / PASTRIES

## LOW / NO-MACRO FOODS

CUCUMBERS
CELERY
ZUCCHINI
CAULIFLOWER
LETTUCE / SPINACH
DIET SODA

MIXED GREENS
BERRIES
SPROUTS
PICKLES
PLAIN POPCORN

SUGAR FREE JELLO RICE CAKES SELTZER WATER SALSA MUSTARD SAUERKRAUT KIMCHI TEA COFFEE ALMOND MILK