7-Day South Asian Meal Plan

These delicious and healthy meals represent dishes from various South Asian kitchens. The carbohydrates are balanced throughout each day, with each meal containing 40-60 grams of net carbohydrates. Snack options contain around 15 grams of carbohydrate each. Depending on your goals and lifestyle, your calories and carbohydrates may need to be higher; adjust the number of snacks or portion sizes accordingly.



Recipes are hyperlinked throughout the meal plan and are also listed at the end.

| | Day 1 | Day 2 | Day 3 | Day 4 | Day 5 | Day 6 | Day 7 |
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| Breakfast | 2 slices whole-wheat bread Grandma's Indian-Style Omelette 1 cup (250 mL) plain 2% yogurt | 2 small idlis (2 inch/5 cm) 1 cup (250 mL) sambhar 1 cup (250 mL) papaya Filter coffee with ½ cup (125 mL) milk and Splenda | 1 cup (250 mL) oatmeal 2 tbsp (30 mL) chopped walnuts or almonds 1 cup (250 mL) skim milk 1 cup (250 mL) blueberries | 2 whole-wheat roti's (6 inch/15 cm) Methi Anda Bhurji 1 medium-sized orange 1 cup (250 mL) 2% milk | 1½ cups (375 mL) upma with nuts, and carrots and peas 1 small peach Chai with ½ cup (125 mL) milk and Splenda | 2 chickpea- flour savoury pancakes (6 inch/15 cm) with veggies 1 cup (250 mL) Greek yogurt and ½ cup (125 mL) mixed berries Tea/Coffee | Bombay Egg Breakfast Sandwich 1 cup (250 mL) cantaloupe Tea/Coffee |
| Calories Carbs (g) Fibre (g) Net carb (g) | 498 52 6 46 | 305 56 10 46 | 524 62 11 51 | 491 63 8 55 | 385 43 6 37 | 648 64 18 46 | 457 43 2 41 |

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| Lunch | 1 cup (250 mL) khichdi Tossed salad with lettuce, cucumbers, tomatoes and radishes ½ cup (125 mL) plain 2% yogurt 1 cup (250 mL) blueberries | 1 cup (250 mL) Home-Style Chicken Curry ½ cup (125 ml) okra sabji 2 whole wheat rotis (6 inch/15 cm) 1 cup (250 mL) 2% raita | 2 whole-wheat roti's (6 inch/15 cm) 1 cup Zucchini Curry ½ cup (125 mL) plain 2% yogurt 1 clementine | 1 cup (250 mL) brown basmatirice 1 cup (250 mL) saag with tofu Tomato, cucumber and radish salad | 1 Egg Kati Roll 2 cups (500 mL) tomato, cucumber and lettuce salad 1 small guava | 2 whole-wheat chapatis (6 inch/15 cm) 1 cup (250 mL) gobi sabzi (cauliflower and vegetables, no potato) 1 cup (250 mL) dhal 1 cup (250 mL) green salad | 1½ cups (375 mL) vegetable pulao 1 cup (250 mL) Palak with tofu 1 cup (250 mL) chaas |
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| Calories Carbs (g) Fibre (g) Net carb (g) | 326 61 7 54 | 561 55 5 50 | 451 64 8 56 | 355 56 8 48 | 555 61 8 53 | 340 56 12 44 | 545 65 13 52 |
| Dinner | 2 whole-wheat roti's (6 inch/15 cm) 1 cup Chana Masala 1 cup (250 mL) eggplant curry | 1 cup (250 mL) Chicken Biryani ½ cup (125 mL) raita Salad with lettuce, red onion, tomato, and cucumbers | 1 cup (250 mL) brown basmati rice ½ cup (125 mL) dhal Masala Egg Kachumber Salad | 2 whole-wheat roti's (6 inch/15 cm) 1 cup Indian Spiced Potatoes and Cauliflower ½ cup (125 mL) plain 2% yogurt | ½ cup (250 mL) parboiled rice 1 cup (250 mL) rajma 1 cup (250 mL) cooked eggplant Half mango | 1½ cups (375 mL) khichdi with lentils and vegetables 1 cup (250 mL) tomato rasam 1 cup (250 mL) spinach raita | 2 whole-wheat roti's (6 inch/15 cm) Kerala Coconut Egg Curry Green salad with berries |

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| Calories | 383 | 440 | 497 | 339 | 409 | 497 | 538 |
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| Carbs (g) | 53 | 47 | 70 | 58 | 75 | 56 | 51 |
| Fibre (g) | 9 | 4 | 9 | 5 | 12 | 7 | 2 |
| Fibre (g) Net carb (g) | 44 | 43 | 61 | 53 | 63 | 49 | 49 |

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Snack options: Each of the following options provides approximately 15 g carbohydrate and 100-150 calories. **Include 1 of these snacks per day.**

- 1 serving (3 small 2-inch squares) khaman dhokla (made from black gram flour, yogurts, and fat, then steamed and topped with a mixture of oil and spices for a steamed cake.)
- 1 cup (250 mL) sprouted moon salad (with onion, tomato, lemon and chaat masala)
- Sattu drink
- ½ cup (125 mL) roasted chickpeas
- 1 cup (250 mL) moong beans sprout
- ¼ cup (60 mL) soy nuts with 1 clementine
- 1 medium-sized fruit
- ½ cup (125 mL) plain yogurt with seasonal fruits
- 5 whole-grain crackers with unsalted nuts
- 1 slice whole-grain bread with cheese or nut butter

Recipes for this week:

- Grandma's Indian-Style Omelette
- Methi Anda Bhurji
- Bombay Egg Breakfast Sandwich
- Home-Style Chicken Curry
- Zucchini Curry
- Egg Kati Roll
- Chana Masala
- Chicken Biryani
- Masala Egg Kachumber Salad
- Indian Spiced Potatoes and Cauliflower
- Kerala Coconut Egg Curry