## Meal Categories

Get creative and explore the possibilities of different entrees you can create with just a handful of basic ingredients.

| Sandwiches |  |  |  |
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| Grain <br> *choose whole grains | Meat, meat alternates *moderate fats and salts | Vegetable, Fruit | Condiment |
| Bagel <br> Bread <br> Buns <br> Crackers <br> English muffin <br> Pita <br> Roll <br> Tortilla | Cheese (American, cheddar, etc.) <br> Cold cuts <br> Cottage cheese <br> Chicken <br> Egg <br> Fish (tuna, salmon) <br> Fishcake <br> Ham <br> Hummus <br> Imitation crab <br> Leftover meats <br> Luncheon meat <br> Nut butters <br> Refried beans <br> Shrimp <br> Tofu <br> Turkey bacon | Dried fruits (raisins, cranberries) <br> Fresh fruits (sliced apples, bananas, etc.) <br> Fresh vegetables (tomato, onion, lettuce, spinach, sweet bell peppers, mushrooms) <br> Fresh herbs <br> Tomato sauce <br> Vegetable sticks (cucumber, celery, carrots, zucchini) | BBQ Sauce <br> Ketchup <br> Mayonnaise <br> Mustard <br> Pickles <br> Relish |

## Examples:

Rice crackers
Peanut butter
Apple, banana
Bagel
Cottage cheese
Craisins, peaches

Tortilla
Refried beans, cheese
Lettuce, tomato
Bread
Cold cuts
Alfalfa sprouts, lettuce

Pita
Tuna and cottage cheese
Cucumbers, carrots
Crackers
Cheese and cold cuts
Carrots, raisins

English muffin
Mozzarella cheese
Mushrooms, tomato sauce
Tortilla
Egg and cheese
Spinach and sweet bell peppers

| Noodles |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Grain <br> *choose whole grains | Meat, meat alternates *moderate fats and salts | Vegetable, Fruit | Sauce |
| Buckwheat (soba) <br> Chow fun <br> Chow mein <br> Pancit <br> Pasta (macaroni, spaghetti, <br> fettuccini, etc.) <br> Ramen <br> Rice noodles (vermicelli) <br> Somen <br> Udon <br> Wonton | Beef <br> Cheese (American, cheddar, etc.) <br> Cold cuts <br> Chicken <br> Egg <br> Fish (tuna, salmon) <br> Fishcake <br> Ham <br> Imitation crab <br> Leftover meats <br> Luncheon meat <br> Pork <br> Shrimp <br> Tofu <br> Turkey bacon | Canned vegetables (peas, carrots, etc.) <br> Chop suey mix (bean sprouts, carrots, cabbage, watercress, etc.) <br> Fresh vegetables (tomato, onion, lettuce, spinach, sweet bell peppers, mushrooms) <br> Frozen vegetables (broccoli, spinach, carrots, etc.) <br> Fresh herbs <br> Tomato sauce Vegetable sticks (cucumber, celery, carrots, zucchini) | Bar-b-que <br> Cream of mushroom soup <br> Fish sauce <br> Italian dressing <br> Oyster <br> Packaged mixes <br> Pesto <br> Soba / somen sauce (tsuyu) <br> Soy sauce (shoyu) <br> Spaghetti sauce <br> White sauce |

Examples:

Corkscrew pasta
Cheese chunks
Cucumbers, tomatoes
Italian dressing

Elbow macaroni
Chicken
Broccoli
Spaghetti sauce

Soba noodles
Egg \& fish cake
Cucumbers, green onions
Soba sauce

Vermicelli noodles
Tofu, salmon
Wakame, carrots
Packet sauce

Spaghetti noodles
Tuna
Frozen mixed vegetables
Cream of mushroom soup

Noodles
Left over meat
Green beans, mushrooms
Bar-b-que sauce

Somen
Imitation crab, egg
Cucumbers, carrots
Somen sauce

| Bento - Rice |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Grain <br> *choose whole grains | Meat, meat alternates *moderate fats and salts | Vegetable, Fruit | Sauce |
| Arborio rice <br> Brown rice <br> Hapa rice (half brown \& white) <br> Jasmine rice <br> Sushi rice <br> White enriched rice <br> Wild rice | Beef <br> Chicken <br> Egg <br> Fish (tuna, salmon) <br> Fishcake <br> Imitation crab <br> Leftover meats <br> Luncheon meat <br> Pork <br> Shrimp <br> Soybeans <br> Tofu <br> Turkey bacon | Canned vegetables (peas, carrots, etc.) <br> Fresh vegetables (tomato, onion, lettuce, spinach, sweet bell peppers, mushrooms) <br> Fresh herbs <br> Frozen vegetables (broccoli, spinach, carrots, etc.) | Cream of mushroom soup Oyster <br> Packaged mixes <br> Rice vinegar (sushi seasoning) <br> Seaweed seasoning (furikake) <br> Soy sauce (shoyu) |

Examples:

Rice mixture
Shredded leftover meat
Frozen peas and carrots
Flavored rice vinegar

Rice mixture
Fish cake
Frozen mixed vegetables
Flavored rice vinegar

Rice mixture
Cold cuts
Shredded carrots
Soy sauce

Rice mixture
Egg
Cucumber
Oyster sauce

Rice mixture Luncheon meat
Diced cucumbers
Seaweed seasoning

Rice mixture
Soy beans
Corn
Seaweed seasoning

Rice mixture
Tuna
Corn and mushrooms
Flavored rice vinegar

Rice mixture
Tofu and soy beans
Shredded carrots
Soy sauce

