Carb Cycling Cheat Sheet

Sample Schedule*

MONDAY Low-carb **TUESDAY**Med-carb

WEDNESDAYHigh-carb

THURSDAYLow-carb-carb

FRIDAYMed-carb

SATURDAY

High-carb

SUNDAY

Low or High (Depending on goals)

LOW-CARB DAY

Sample macros*

10-20% carbs 30-40% protein 40-50% fat

Prioritize

Non-starchy veggies
Protein
Fatty fish
Whole-fat dairy
Healthy fats such as avocado,
nuts & seeds

Be careful about

Fruit
Sugary sauces
Sweetened drinks
Starchy veggies

Easy low-carb meals & snacks

Eggs
Nuts & Nut butters
Cheese
Canned fish
Cottage cheese
Greek yogurt
Protein powder
Salads with lean protein

Instead of grains, eat...

Zoodles Riced cauliflower Spaghetti squash Lettuce wraps

Low-Carb Spices & Sauces

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Salt & pepper Lemon & lime Cumin, thyme, oregano Garlic or garlic powder Onion or onion powder Basil, Mint, Parsley, Rosemary Chili powder Hot sauces! Sesame oil

MEDIUM-CARB DAY

Sample macros*

20-35% carbs 30-40% protein 30-40% fat

Prioritize

Balanced meals Lean protein

Be careful about

Going overboard with fats OR carbs

Easy "balanced" meals

One-pot meals
(Sausage, pasta & veggies)
Taco salad with rice
Wraps
Sandwiches
Soups
smoothies

HIGH-CARB DAY

Sample macros*

35-45% carbs 20-30% protein 20-30% fat

Prioritize

Fruits Grains Lean protein

Be careful about

Fatty proteins Whole-fat dairy Large servings of nuts Nut butters

Easy high-carb meals & snacks

Pasta

Lean protein with rice
Lean protein with sweet
or regular potato
Pizza
Cereal with milk
Oatmeal

Fruit Rice cakes

Sandwiches and wraps

Popcorn

Make Sunday a High-Carb Day IF*:

You're trying to add muscle You've reached your goal weight and are "maintaining"