The Plate Method is a simple way to plan meals for you and your family. You don’t have to count anything or read long lists of foods. All you need is a 9-inch plate.
Let’s Plan Your Meal

**Breakfast**

- Whole grain has more fiber and more nutrients.
- Low-fat proteins are better for your heart and waistline.
- Add a small piece of fruit or leave empty.

**Lunch/Dinner**

- Some vegetables are higher in starch (corn, peas, yams) and belong on this part of the plate.
- Fill half your plate with more than one vegetable, so you won’t get tired of your favorites.
- Bake, broil, boil or steam your protein instead of frying.

### Starch
- Corn
- Peas
- Yams
- Potatoes
- Brown Rice
- Cold Cereal

### Protein
- Beef
- Chicken
- Fish
- Egg
- Low-fat or Natural Peanut Butter
- cottage Cheese
- Oatmeal

### Vegetables
- Broccoli
- Lettuce
- Carrots
- Okra
- Green Beans

### Note: Only use 1/2 of your plate — 1/4 protein and 1/4 starch

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