# Build a Balanced Breakfast

Our rule of thumb for a filling and satisfying breakfast meal is to fill your plate with carbohydrate rich in fiber, a source of fat and protein. Start to identify a source of each of these nutrients on your breakfast plate, and this will help you feel full and energized until your next meal or snack.

## PROTEIN

- Aim for **20-25g** at breakfast
- Fullness, muscle synthesis
- Get it from:
  - 1 egg (6g)
  - 1/4 cup black beans (4g)
  - 2 tbsp peanut butter (7g)
  - 3 tbsp hemp hearts (10g)
  - Greek yogurt, 100g (8g)
  - Smooth cottage cheese, 100g (10g)



### FIBER

- Aim for **10g** at breakfast
- Promotes regularity
- Get it from:
  - Fruit & Veg
    - 1/2 cup raspberries (4g)
    - 1/2 avocado (6g)
  - Whole grains (barley, oats)
    - 1 cup cooked oats (4g)
  - Beans & lentils
    1/2 cup black beans (7g)
  - 1 tbsp chia seeds (5g)
  - 2 tbsp flax seed (4g)

#### **FAT**

- Cell & hormonal health
- Nutrient absorption, fullness
- Get it from:
  - Higher fat dairy (2-3% MF)
  - Nut/seed butters, oils
  - Avocado
  - Eggs



#### If you wake up on time

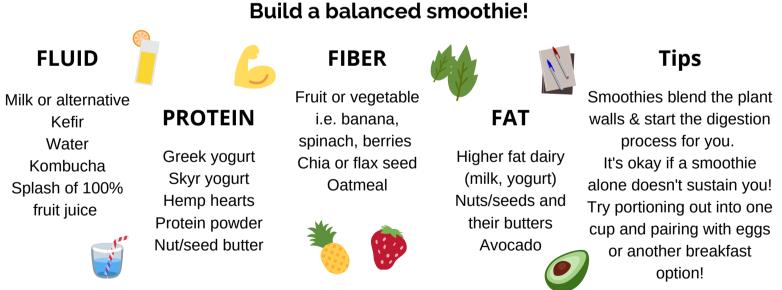
- Egg scramble: Customize based on ingredients you have in the fridge, or the following themes
  - Mediterranean- feta, tomatoes, green onion & pepper
  - Mexican- salsa, black beans, onion, dried herbs
  - Pair with- whole fruit or toast (i.e. peanut butter + frozen raspberries, avocado + hemp hearts)
  - Add to a tortilla and eat as a wrap
- **Egg sandwich:** Place 1-2 fried eggs in a whole wheat English muffin and add toppings (cheese, spinach, avocado and/or hummus)
- Egg-in-a-nest: Pair with whole fruit or Greek yogurt/Skyr
- **Yogurt parfait:** Add-ins include frozen/fresh fruit, seeds (chia, ground flax, hemp or pumpkin), maple syrup (if using plain yogurt)

#### If you press the snooze button one too many times

- Banana wrap: Generously coat a tortilla in nut/seed butter, add sliced banana and other toppings as desired (ground flax seed, hemp hearts)
- Oats: Oatmeal of choice + milk/alternative + nut/seed butter + hemp hearts + fruit of choice
- **One-minute eggs:** Add eggs + splash of milk/alternative in a bowl and microwave for 30 seconds. Remove, stir and return to microwave for another 10 seconds, or until cooked! Enjoy with a piece of fruit or 100g yogurt cup!

#### If you are tight for time in the morning, plan ahead!

- Mini quiche: Ahead of time, prepare mini crustless quiches in muffin tins (or portioned from a baking dish). Filling may consist of mushrooms, peppers, tomatoes, green onions, cheese, etc!
- Sweet potato: Cut a sweet potato lengthwise and bake as meal prep, then microwave/toast/ panfry to reheat. Add nut/seed butter as a topping!
- Oatmeal recipes: Enjoy a versatile baked or overnight oat recipe packed with protein, fat and fibre!
- Waffles & Pancakes: prepare in larger batches and freeze for an easy breakfast idea! Quickly toast in your toaster oven or microwave and top with fruit, + greek yogurt for a balanced meal!



Plan for success! Be prepared with the basics (oats, eggs, milk, cheese, canned beans, bread/tortillas) and you are halfway to a breakfast with staying power!