PORTION CONTROL GUIDE

FORGET CALORIE COUNTING. TRY THIS METHOD INSTEAD.

Most people think controlling portions means counting calories, but we think there’s a better way. Try our (much easier) Hand Measure system instead.

YOUR HAND IS ALL YOU NEED

Your hand is proportionate to your body, its size never changes, and it's always with you, making it the perfect tool for measuring food and nutrients - minimal counting required.

A serving of protein = 1 PALM

A serving of vegetables = 1 FIST

A serving of carbs = 1 CUPPED HAND

A serving of fats = 1 THUMB

HERE’S HOW TO USE THIS METHOD TO BUILD A PLATE

**STEP 1**
**PROTEIN**
Meat, fish, eggs, cottage cheese, and Greek yogurt

**Women:** One palm-sized portion (~ 20-30 g protein)

**Men:** Two palm-sized portions (~ 40-60 g protein)

**STEP 2**
**VEGETABLES**
Broccoli, spinach, salad, carrots, etc.

**Women:** One fist-sized portion

**Men:** Two fist-sized portions

**STEP 3**
**CARBOHYDRATES**
Grains, starches, beans, and fruits

**Women:** One cupped-hand sized portion (~ 20-30 g carbs)

**Men:** Two cupped-hand sized portions (~ 40-60 g carbs)

**STEP 4**
**FATS**
Oils, butters, nut butters, nuts, and seeds

**Women:** One thumb-sized portion (~ 7-12 g fat)

**Men:** Two thumb-sized portions (~ 15-25 g fat)

Men eating 3-4 meals as outlined would get around 2,300 - 3,000 calories each day.

Women eating 3-4 meals as outlined would get around 1,200 - 1,500 calories each day.

NOW, CUSTOMIZE THE PLAN FOR YOU

Active **men** do best with 6-8 servings of each food group per day (~2,300-3,000 kcal).

Active **women** do best with 4-6 servings of each food group per day (~1,500 - 2,100 kcal).

From there, adjust the number of portions to meet your personal needs and goals.

**IF YOU NEED MORE FOOD BECAUSE YOU...**
- Are larger in stature
- Aren’t getting muscle-gain results
- Eat less frequently throughout the day

**THEN START BY ADDING...**
Men: 1 cupped handful of carbs and/or 1 thumb of fats to a few meals each day.
Women: 1/2 cupped handful of carbs and/or 1/2 thumb of fats to a few meals each day.

**IF YOU NEED LESS FOOD BECAUSE YOU...**
- Are smaller in stature
- Aren’t getting weight-loss results
- Eat more frequently throughout the day

**THEN START BY REMOVING...**
Men: 1 cupped handful of carbs and/or 1 thumb of fats from a few meals each day.
Women: 1/2 cupped handful of carbs and/or 1/2 thumb of fats from a few meals each day.

This system is easier than counting calories and nearly as accurate. Just like with counting, though, pay attention to results and adjust as needed.

For the full article explaining this infographic:
http://www.precisionnutrition.com/calorie-control-guide