

IDEAS FOR HEALTHY

SNACKS

Boost overall nutrition with healthy snacks. Keep your energy going all day long!

Popular vegetables that can be served raw with healthy dips, spreads, and salad dressings include:

- Broccoli
- Baby carrots
- Celery sticks – add some nut butter and raisins...*anyone remember ants on a log?*
- Cucumber slices
- Pepper strips – red, green, and yellow
- Snap peas
- Snow peas
- String beans
- Grape or cherry tomatoes
- Zucchini slices

YUM!

Bean dips, guacamole, hummus, salsa, and nut butters are all great for dipping or spreading!

Fruit is a nutritious and naturally sweet option for snacking. Choosing fresh fruit guarantees you're getting no added sugar:

- Apples
- Apricots
- Bananas
- Blackberries
- Blueberries
- Cantaloupe
- Cherries
- Clementines
- Grapefruit
- Grapes – red, green, or purple
- Honeydew melon
- Kiwifruit
- Mandarin Oranges
- Nectarines
- Oranges
- Peaches
- Pears
- Pineapple
- Plums
- Raspberries
- Strawberries
- Tangerines

Mix it up!

Serve fresh fruit as a salad or kabobs!

Some other popular fruit forms include:

- Applesauce (unsweetened)
- Canned fruit (in 100% juice or water)
- Dried fruit – try raisins, apricots, apples, cranberries, and fruit leathers with little or no added sugar
- Frozen fruit (check the label to be sure there is just fruit and no added sugar in the bag)

It's a good idea to balance out snacks by serving foods from different food groups. For your next snack try eating a fruit or vegetable WITH one of these foods:

- Whole wheat English muffins, pitas, or tortillas
- Breakfast cereals – choose whole grain, low-sugar options like Cheerios, Grape-Nuts, Raisin Bran or Mini-Wheats
- Whole grain crackers like Triscuits or Wheat Thins
- Popcorn
- Baked tortilla chips
- Nuts or nut butter
- Unsweetened yogurt
- Cheese cubes
- Cottage cheese



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