

# Daily Food Requirements for Twin Pregnancy Your Guide to Healthy Eating for You and Your Babies

# **Daily Nutrition Checklist**

| Grains (10 Serves)             | • 1 slice bread, ½ cup cooked rice/pasta, or 2/3 cup cereal flakes |  |  |
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| Vegetables & Fruits (9 Serves) | • ½ cup cooked vegetables, 1 medium fruit, or 1 cup salad          |  |  |
| Dairy (3–4 Serves)             | • •1 glass milk, 1 tub yoghurt, or 1–2 slices cheese               |  |  |
| Protein (4–5 Serves)           | • 65g cooked meat, 2 eggs, 1 cup lentils, or 30g nuts              |  |  |
| Fluids                         | Drink 2+ glasses of water above your usual daily intake            |  |  |
| Extras                         | Small amounts of fats, oils, and sweets occasionally               |  |  |



### ESSENTIAL NUTRIENTS

<u>PROTEIN</u>: FOR MUSCLE AND ORGAN DEVELOPMENT (MEAT, FISH, EGGS, DAIRY, TOFU, LEGUMES, NUTS)

IRON: FOR RED BLOOD CELLS (MEAT, CHICKEN, FISH, LEGUMES, NUTS, LEAFY
GREENS + VITAMIN C)

<u>CALCIUM</u>: FOR STRONG BONES AND TEETH (DAIRY, FORTIFIED SOY MILK, ALMONDS, TOFU, LEAFY GREENS)

<u>IODINE</u>: FOR BRAIN AND NERVE DEVELOPMENT (SEAFOOD, DAIRY, IODINE-ENRICHED BREAD + 150 MG SUPPLEMENT DAILY)

FOLIC ACID: PREVENTS BIRTH DEFECTS (GREEN VEGETABLES, LEGUMES, CEREALS, BREADS + 300-500 MG SUPPLEMENT DAILY)

<u>VITAMIN D</u>: HELPS ABSORB CALCIUM (SUNLIGHT, FISH, EGG YOLK, MARGARINE + SUPPLEMENTS IF NEEDED)

OMEGA-3 FATTY ACIDS: FOR BRAIN AND EYE DEVELOPMENT (FISH 2-3 TIMES WEEKLY, LEAFY GREENS, NUTS, SEEDS)

#### WEIGHT GAIN GUIDELINES

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## MANAGING COMMON SYMPTOMS

NAUSEA/VOMITING: EAT AND DRINK AS TOLERATED CONSTIPATION: DRINK WATER, EAT HIGH-FIBER FOODS, AND EXERCISE INDIGESTION/HEARTBURN: EAT SMALLER MEALS, AVOID LYING DOWN AFTER EATING, AND WEAR LOOSE CLOTHING

#### QUICK TIPS

TAKE FOLIC ACID AND IODINE SUPPLEMENTS DAILY EAT NUTRIENT-RICH FOODS DRINK EXTRA WATER STAY ACTIVE WITH LIGHT EXERCISE

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