## Muscle-Centric Three-Compartment Lunch Box Example



Recommendations for a container with two 1-cup compartments + one 2-cup compartment (example container)

- Fill up this compartment with cooked, chilled, and sliced or cubed beef, pork, chicken, turkey, fish, or hard-boiled egg; cooked chilled shrimp; and/or cheese.
- The compartment will hold 5 oz weight.
- With an average of 7 g of protein per oz, you will have about 35 grams of quality protein.*
- Completely fill this compartment with a dark leafy green salad mix (do not pack down).
- Top with about 1 cup of colorful raw or leftover cooked non-starchy veggies, such as shredded carrot, grape tomatoes, or cooked beets.
- Add some fruit (about $1 / 4$ cup), such as sliced apple, pear, or peaches with skin, berries, or citrus sections.

Use this compartment to put one of the following:

- $1 / 2$ cup cooked whole grain, such as brown rice or quinoa; cooked dried beans, peas, or lentils; and/or other starchy veggie(s)
- 2 Wasa multigrain or gluten-free crispbread wafers*
- $3 / 4$ oz whole grain crackers (for example, 11 Wheat Thins* or 5 Triscuit*)

Pack a small cup with 1 tbsp olive oil + 1 tbsp vinegar or pre-portioned oil and vinegar packets OR 2 tbsp of your favorite vinaigrette dressing.

## *If you need a little more protein, consider packing another item(s) ${ }^{1}$

1 cooked \& peeled hard-boiled egg ( 6 g )
1 oz ( $1 / 3$ cup) roasted edamame or soynuts ( 14 g )
1 oz all-natural beef or turkey stick ( 9 g )
1 oz cheese stick (7 g)
1 oz beef or turkey jerky ( 12 g )
2.5 oz seasoned tuna pouch ( 16 g )

4 oz cottage cheese cup ( 12 g )
5.3 oz cup zero sugar Greek yogurt ( 15 g )
5.3 oz cup soymilk yogurt ( 6 g )

8 oz unflavored low-fat dairy milk box ( 8 g )
8 oz unflavored soymilk box ( 8 g )
14 oz lactose-free ultrafiltered dairy milk bottle ( 23 g )
${ }^{1}$ Protein grams are approximate. Check product labels for precise amounts.

