

Starter Walking Plan

Start out by keeping track of how much you currently walk for a few days. Use a pedometer or a watch to determine how many minutes of walking you already do or how many steps you take. From there, you can use the following 12-week walking plan to add more steps to your routine.

Daily Walk	Start out Slow, increase to a Brisk walk, then cool down with a Slow walk at the end.							
	Slow		Brisk		Slow		Total Per Day	
	MINUTES	STEPS	MINUTES	STEPS	MINUTES	STEPS	MINUTES	STEPS
WEEK 1	5	500	0	0	5	500	10	1,000
WEEK 2	5	500	5–8	500–800	5	500	15–18	1,500–1,800
WEEK 3	5	500	8–11	800–1,100	5	500	18–21	1,800–2,100
WEEK 4	5	500	11–14	1,100–1,400	5	500	21–24	2,100–2,400
WEEK 5	5	500	14–17	1,400–1,700	5	500	24–27	2,400–2,700
WEEK 6	5	500	17–20	1,700–2,000	5	500	27–30	2,700–3,000
WEEK 7	5	500	20–25	2,000–2,500	5	500	30–35	3,000–3,500
WEEK 8	5	500	25–30	2,500–3,000	5	500	35–40	3,500–4,000
WEEK 9	5	500	30–35	3,000–3,500	5	500	40–45	4,000–4,500
WEEK 10	5	500	35–45	3,500–4,500	5	500	45–55	4,500–5,500
WEEK 11	5	500	45–55	4,500–5,500	5	500	55–65	5,500–6,500
WEEK 12+	5	500	Maintain or continue to increase until you reach your goals!		5	500	Maintain or continue to increase.	

Remember that you can add more or less steps and adjust how many steps are at a brisk pace based on your needs.

Take it one day at a time and build up your walking stamina at a pace that's comfortable for you.

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Chart Your Progress

Fill out weekly to keep track of your progress.

WEEK: _____

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