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#### PCOD CRAVING GUIDE KIT

Cravings are normal. The key is to manage them smartly without stress or guilt.

Cravings Begin (Normal & Okay!) Here are the steps to follow to overcome your cravings

# 1. Plan Ahead? (Did I prep a snack?)

Yes: Proceed to Step 2: Portion Smart.

No: Then take action: Prep a healthy snack NOW! (No late-night fridge raids!)

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## 2. Portion Smart (Mindful Eating!)

Plate it well! (No eating from the container!)
Enjoy slowly! (Savor each bite!)
Move On! (No guilt attached!)

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#### 3. 80/20 Balance (Overall Diet Check!)

**80%:** Wholesome, Nutritious Meals (Fuel!) **20%:** Mindful Indulgence (Cravings!)

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## **Cravings Managed Smartly!**

**Key Takeaway:** The entire process is built on managing cravings without stress or guilt.



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Craving Type	Potential Signal	Smart PCOD-Friendly Swaps
Sweet &	Low Magnesium / Iron	<ul> <li>Sesame-jaggery chikki</li> <li>Ragi laddoo</li> <li>Chia-Oat pudding with fruit</li> <li>Dark Chocolate</li> </ul>
Salty □	Stress or low Electrolytes	<ul><li>Spiced puffed amaranth</li><li>Masala corn on the cob</li><li>Cheese Popcorn</li></ul>
Carby 🗀	Low Serotonin or Blood Sugar dips	<ul> <li>Stir-fried konjac noodles with veggies</li> <li>Oats &amp; banana pancakes (jaggery-sweetened)</li> <li>Moong/Besan dal Chilla</li> <li>Paneer Biryani</li> <li>Veg Paratha + Seed based chutney</li> <li>Quinoa &amp; veggie pulao</li> </ul>
Dairy 🗂	Low Calcium / Vitamin D	<ul> <li>Coconut yogurt parfait</li> <li>Mango sorbet with coconut milk</li> <li>Almond-cashew smoothie with cocoa</li> <li>Haldi Milk with pinch of pepper</li> </ul>
Crunchy/Fried 🖤	Fatigue / low Healthy Fats	<ul> <li>Veggie rice-paper rolls</li> <li>Moong dal chilla with paneer</li> <li>Baked smashed potatoes + herb dip</li> <li>Air-fried Rajmah kebabs/cutlet</li> </ul>
Caffeine 🖱	Stress / Adrenal Fatigue	<ul> <li>Coconut cold brew (low sugar)</li> <li>Herbal mint lemonade</li> <li>Green tea with ginger &amp; lemon</li> <li>Hot Chocolate</li> <li>Chamomile Tea + Protein cracker</li> <li>Green Tea + Til Chikki</li> </ul>

PCOD is about balance, not restriction. Plan smart, plate smart and keep cravings in check without guilt.