

# **CREATE HABITS THAT STICK.**

It's as easy as 1-2-3.

The science is in: Your brain can be trained to build habits. Just include these three steps to create habits that stick:

#### CUE

A cue is a reminder to act on your habit. It jogs your memory.

**Example:** If you hope to make a habit of maintaining muscle tone in your arms, leave hand weights on your sofa where you'll see them.

## ROUTINE

Choose a small, achievable version of your habit to start with. Make sure that it's something you like, so that it's easily repeatable.

**Example:** To build a walking habit, start with a short 15-minute route instead of an ambitious hour-long hike. Invite a friend to join you!





#### Build a "habit loop."

Repeating these three steps – **cue, routine and reward** – will help you maintain your habit.



## Missed a day? It's an opportunity!

Give yourself another chance.Change your cue, routine or reward until your habit sticks.



#### **REWARD**

This third step is crucial. Positive emotions make habits stick. So have fun while you do your new activity, or associate it with a reward.

**Example:** If your new habit is core strengthening, try "temptation bundling." Reserve watching your favorite TV show for when you exercise.





Check out these six short **"Habit Coach"** videos. These science-based habit hacks will help you keep those healthy habits!

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