

PARTICIPANT WORKBOOK

Your Healthy
Habit Blueprint



Congratulations on deciding to adopt a new healthy habit!

Forming healthy habits matters because small, consistent actions build the foundation for long term well-being. When positive behaviors become automatic, like moving your body, or eating nourishing foods, they reduce stress, boost energy, and support both physical and mental health.

Each week for four weeks we encourage you to:

- 1. Watch the weekly <u>American Heart Association Habit Coach</u> videos andread the weekly content to learn science based tips to help build lasting habits for better health.
- 2. Then complete that week's worksheets and practice your healthy habit during weeks 2-4.

At the end of the workbook take time to **complete the reflection survey** to think about how things went and what you will commit to moving forward. **You've got this!**

WEEK #1: FIND YOUR WHY & SET YOUR GOAL Clarity & Commitment - Start with Purpose

Welcome to Everyday Wins: Your Healthy Habit Blueprint

This week we start strong by identifying your "why," the personal motivation behind your healthy habit goal. When your goal connects to something that matters deeply (energy, stress relief, family, long term health), it becomes far easier to stick with.

STEP 1: WATCH the two American Heart Association's (AHA) Healthy Habit Coach Videos:

Episode: <u>Habit Myths</u>Episode: <u>Habit Loops</u>

STEP 2: READ AHA's articles below:

Discover How to Translate Goals to Habits

· Learn More on the Power of Change

STEP 3: Complete the "**Find Your Why**" worksheets on the following pages and uncover your "why" — it's your foundation for lasting change.





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ENTRY 1:

My Why: What matters most to me about improving my health/wellbeing?

ENTRY 2: My Goal: Write a SMART goal (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound). S: M: A: R: T:

ENTRY 3:



My Motivation Meter: Rate your motivation (1-10). What would make it higher?

ENTRY 4:

My Commitment Statement: "I will take the first step toward my goal by..."

WEEK#2: BUILD YOUR BLUEPRINT Small Steps → Big Wins

Now that you've set your goal, it's time to break it into **small, repeatable actions.** Sustainable change doesn't come from huge leaps — it's the small wins you repeat every day that create results.

This week we'll use the **habit loop**:

Cue → Routine → Reward

STEP 1: WATCH the two Healthy Habit Coach videos:

- Episode 3: Choosing the Right Routine
- Episode 4: Finding Your Cue

STEP 2: READ AHA's articles below:

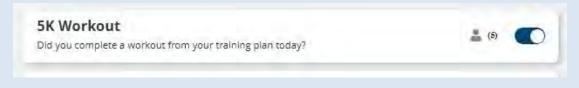
- Learn How to Make a Goal Setting Plan
- Set Up For Success

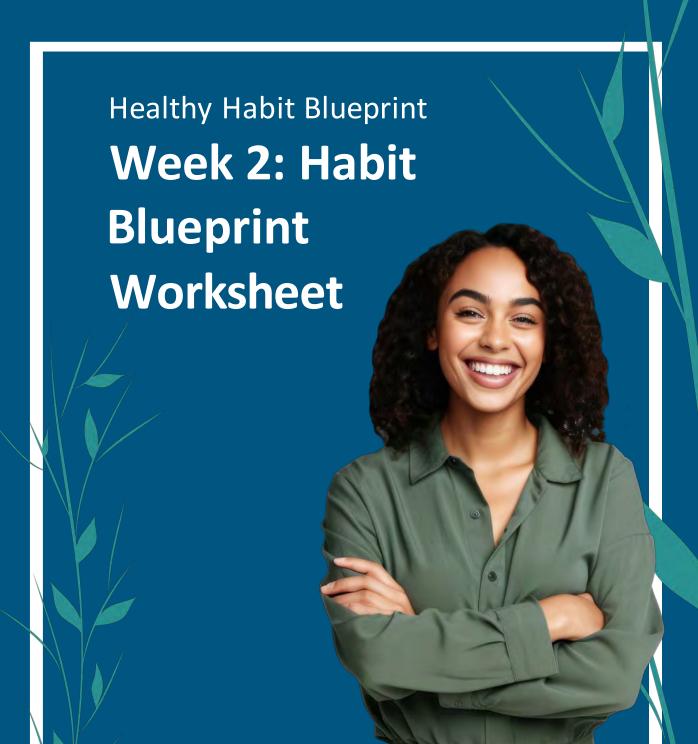
STEP 3: Complete the "**Healthy Habit Blueprint**" worksheets on the following pages and track your healthy habit each day. Start small, stay consistent, and focus on one key habit that moves you closer to your goal.

If you have a **Be Well Vermont** account, you can track your healthy habits online to earn points and monitor your progress. Choose from 300+ habits and earn 10 points each time you click "**Yes**" after completing your habit of choice.

To find habits:

- Hover over the Home icon and select Healthy Habits from the dropdown menu.
- Then click **view all** to see the full list.
- You can filter by focus area (such as getting active, eating healthy, managing stress, learning new things, financial wellbeing etc.)
- Select a habit to track by clicking the white button.



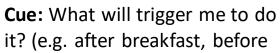




Target Habit: One daily/weekly habit supporting my goal.



ENTRY 2:









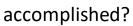
Routine: Describe the small action.





ENTRY 4:

Reward: How will I celebrate or feel





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ENTRY 5:	
My Habit Tracker: Track your habit each day this week (✓ boxes)	
DAY 1: Habit Completed	
DAY 2: Habit Completed	
DAY 3: Habit Completed	
DAY 4: Habit Completed	
DAY 5: Habit Completed	
DAY 7: Habit Completed	
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WEEK 3: OVERCOMING OBSTACLES & STAYING MOTIVATED Resilience & Progress

You are over halfway there! This week is about staying on track when life happens. Setbacks are normal — what matters most is how you respond.

You'll learn to identify your barriers and use quick "reset" strategies to get back on track fast.

STEP 1: WATCH the two Healthy Habit Coach videos:

• Episode 5: Find Your Reward

• Episode 6: Failure

STEP 2: READ AHA's articles below:

- Reinvigorate Your Intent with New Purpose
- Fine Tune Your Approach

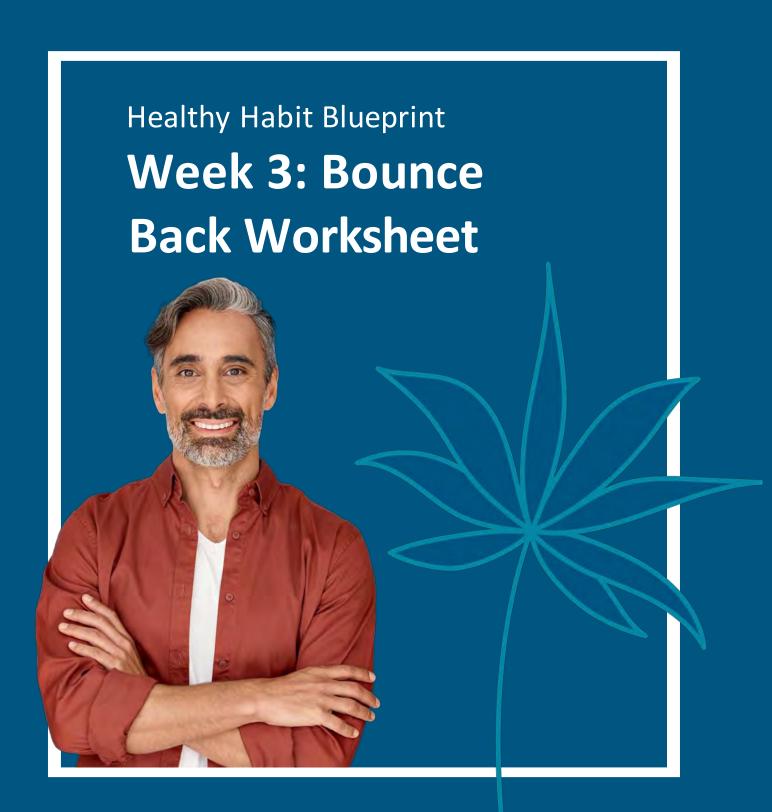
STEP 3: Complete the "Bounce Back" worksheets on the following pages and continue tracking your healthy habit each day.

You're not failing — you're learning. Every time you reset, you build resilience and strengthen your habit.





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My Biggest Challenges: (time, energy, motivation, environment)



How I'll Respond: My reset strategy when I miss a day.





Motivation Boost: Write your "why" again — how is it helping now?





My Small Wins: What went well this week? List at least 3 small wins.



ENTRY 5: My Habit Tracker: Track your habit each day this week (\checkmark boxes). DAY 1: Habit Completed DAY 2: Habit Completed DAY 3: Habit Completed DAY 4: Habit Completed DAY 5: Habit Completed DAY 6: Habit Completed DAY 7: Habit Completed

WEEK 4: MAKE IT STICK & CELEBRATE WINS

SUSTAINABILITY & REFLECTION

You've built your foundation! Now it's time to **cement your progress** and celebrate how far you've come. This final week helps you design a maintenance plan and recognize your success. Celebrate your consistency, no matter how small, because small wins add up.

Use the tip sheet below and this week's worksheets to help create sustainability in your healthy habits as you move beyond the campaign.

YOUR WEEK 4 HEALTHY HABIT SUSTAINABILITY TIPS:

1. Reflect on Your Progress:

- a. Which habit did you make the most progress on?
- b. What helped you stay consistent?
- c. What challenges did you overcome?
- **2. Refresh Your "Why":** Remind yourself why this habit matters. A strong purpose helps habits last beyond the campaign.
- **3. Adjust, Don't Abandon:** If a habit isn't sticking, try modifying it. Make it shorter, easier, or pair it with an existing routine.
- **4. Try Habit Stacking:** Connect your new habit to something you already do. Example: "After I pour my morning coffee, I'll take three mindful breaths."
- **5. Plan for Real-Life Barriers:** List one obstacle that could get in your way this week, and one solution. Example: If your schedule gets busy, commit to a shorter version of your habit.
- **6. Celebrate Small Wins:** Recognition reinforces motivation. Choose a healthy, meaningful reward.
- 7. Choose Your "Next Step" Goal: Write one action you will continue over the next month.
- **8. Build Accountability:** Share your plan with a colleague, friend, or family member to stay on track.

STEP 1: Complete the "Everyday Wins Reflection" worksheets on the following pages and continue tracking your healthy habit each day.

Reflect, celebrate and commit to carrying your new habit into the rest of the year ahead.



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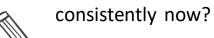
ENTRY 1:

My Wins: List 3 ways I improved my health/wellbeing this month.



ENTRY 2:

My Strongest Habit: What am I doing





ENTRY 3:

What Helped Most: (structure, motivation, environment, support)



ENTRY 4:

Next Step: How will I keep this habit alive next month?





ENTRY 5:

Celebrate You! Write yourself a short "congratulations" message.



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