"My No-Diet Secret"

Sophia Chalmers followed three simple eating rules and shed 52 pounds.

As told to Shaun Chavis

THE DAY AFTER

I delivered my son, Finn, last November,

I weighed 187 pounds. I couldn't believe I was that big! As a former competitive figure skater, I'd actually been too thin in the past: 5 feet 7 inches tall and 110 pounds. Once I got pregnant, I ballooned.

After I had Finn, I knew I had to lose weight, but I didn't want to go back to being underweight, either.
There had to be a happy middle place.

I started pushing Finn in a stroller; we'd walk for hours. And because I can't do diets—when I try them, I'm always thinking about my next meal— I relied on three simple eating rules:

- 1. I ate only when I was hungry.
- 2. I ate only small meals.
- 3. I ate just until I wasn't hungry anymore and didn't get "ugh!" full.

Now, I weigh a healthy 135 pounds. And I love feeling light on my feet!

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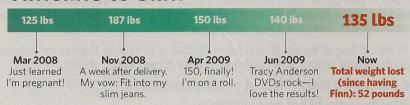
Honey Nut



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Timeline to Slim





HER GIFT: Winter's on the way. And because Sophia likes to walk outdoors even when it's cold, UGG Australia is giving her a pair of **UGG Nadaleen boots** (\$220; UggAustralia.com). They're designed to keep her feet warm and protect her from the elements, plus give her the support she needs for working out. Congrats, Sophia!