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Do You Do Muscle Building Supplements: Creatine

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First if you want to build muscle the only way is through muscle exhausting resistance training where the muscles is brought to momentary failure through a broad range of reps of 5 to 15+ through multiple sets to all the muscle groups through both isolation and compound exercises two to three days per week. Along with quality training a healthy, balanced diet that includes complete proteins (<u>if vegan understand how to make a complete protein</u>) at 3 or more meals a deal is highly warranted. A muscle building supplement is exactly what it is a supplement to training.

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Process: In research studies, the subjects commonly "load" by taking 20 grams of creatine (more precisely, 0.15 g creatine monohydrate/lb [0.3 g/kg], in four doses of 5 g each) for five to seven days (known as the loading phase), and then take a daily maintenance dose of 3 grams per day (Maughan et al. 2018). Taking creatine with a meal is more effective than taking it on an empty stomach. Creatine holds water, so loading the body with creatine results in gaining water weight. This added weight might be counterproductive for weight-conscious athletes, such as sprinters.

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