# **QUICK-START BUDGET**

Your first budget! It's also the simplest, so you can relax now.

#### It's time to get your feet wet with budgeting.

This form is only one page, but it will show you how much money you need every month to cover necessities. While your mortgage or rent is listed here, we won't get into the details of your credit card bills, student loans, car payments, and any other debt yet. The Quick-Start Budget is just your starting point.

#### Step 1

Write down what you're spending for the month in each of the categories listed (A). If you don't know exactly, just make your best guess. We're keeping it simple for now.



### Step 2

Write the total for each category in the Total box (**B**) and move on to the next category. See? Easy!



## Step 3

Add up all eight of your total boxes and enter that number at the bottom in the Category Totals box (**C**). This shows you how much you're spending in a month for your basic necessities, not including any kind of debt. We'll get to all that later.





Add up budgeted column & enter here

**CHARITY** ▲ Budgeted Tithes/ Charity **SAVING** Budgeted **Emergency Fund** Other \_\_\_\_ **HOUSING** Budgeted First Mortgage/Rent Second Mortgage Real Estate Taxes Repairs/Maint. Homeowner/Renter Ins. **☆**。UTILITIES Budgeted Electricity Gas Water Trash Phone/Mobile Internet Cable

These icons represent good options for cash envelopes

Ú	FOOD	Budgeted
M S	Groceries	
		TOTAL
*	CLOTHING	Budgeted
	Adults	
Ø	Children	
		TOTAL
<b>♣</b>	TRANSPORTATION	Budgeted
	Car Payment	
	Car Payment	
_	Gas & Oil	
	Repairs & Tires Auto Insurance	
		TOTAL
÷	PERSONAL	Budgeted
	Life Insurance	
	Health Insurance	
	Disability Insurance	
M	Child Care/Sitter	
M	Entertainment	
	Other	
	Other	
		TOTAL

Add up totals from all categories

