JAPANESE · SNACK

Ajitsuke Tamago (Japanese Marinated Ramen Eggs)

30 min · plus 8 hours marinating · Makes 4 × 1 egg · 95 kcal a portion

Video 4:04 · Just One Cookbook

Vegetarian · Dairy-free · Nut-free

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A jammy soft-boiled egg with a savoury soy glaze: about 90 kcal and 7 g of protein each with about 3 g of carbs, and rich in selenium and vitamin B12.

Diet notes: Low carb (3 g net carbs) but not keto: 51% of the energy is from fat, and keto meals get about 60% or more; Gluten-free with a swap: Use tamari instead of soy sauce to keep it gluten-free.

Ingredients

5 · MAKES 4 × 1 EGG

- [ ] 60 ml **soy sauce** (about a quarter soaks into the eggs; the rest is discarded)
- [ ] 60 ml **mirin** (about a quarter is absorbed)
- [ ] 60 ml **sake**, or water (about a quarter is absorbed)
- [ ] 1 tsp **sugar** (about a quarter is absorbed)
- [ ] 4 large **eggs**, straight from the fridge

Amounts in metric units, converted from the cook's and rounded — the video has the originals.

Contains: Gluten, Egg, Soy. Check labels on stock, sauces and spice mixes.

Method

TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Put the soy sauce, mirin, sake (or water) and sugar in a small saucepan, whisk to dissolve the sugar, bring to the boil and simmer for 1 minute to cook off the alcohol. Let it cool completely. 0:20
2. Bring about 1 L of water to a full boil. Lower in the cold eggs one at a time, start a 7-minute timer and keep the water at a gentle simmer, rolling the eggs gently for the first 3 minutes to centre the yolks. 0:17
3. Move the eggs straight into iced water for 15 minutes, then peel them carefully from the wide end, dipping them in the iced water as you go. 1:25
4. Put the eggs in a zip-lock bag with the cooled marinade, squeeze out the air and close the bag just above the eggs so they stay submerged. Refrigerate for 8 hours or overnight, but no more than about a day or they get too salty. 2:06
5. Lift the eggs out, halve them and serve as a snack or on ramen. Use the marinade only once (it can be boiled and used soon as a seasoning sauce). 2:49

> **Tip** Older eggs peel more easily. Lift the eggs out of the marinade and keep them in a sealed container in the fridge; eat within 3–4 days and don't freeze them. Water instead of sake keeps them alcohol-free.

The method is a summary in our words — the video shows every step.

One portion (1 egg) gives you

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ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
95 kcal 400 kJ	6.6 g 13% of a day	3 g 3 g net · 2.8 g sugars 1% of a day	0 g 0% of a day	5.3 g 1.7 g saturated 7% of a day	280 mg 12% of a day

Energy from net carbs 14% · protein 31% · fat 55% — low carb (under 26% of the energy from carbs)

High in (20%+ of a day) Selenium 28% · Vitamin B12 23%

Recipe and video: Just One Cookbook (@justonecookbook) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=bsDqZXoieFU, published 15 September 2021. All credit for the recipe goes to the cook; please watch and support their channel.

By Notbroken: the method summary, the unit conversions, the diet notes and the nutrition estimate — worked out from the ingredient list with USDA FoodData Central values; % of a day compares one serve with the US FDA daily values on food labels (2,000 kcal). Brands, portions and cooking change the real numbers.

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